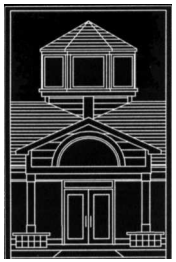


Library Tidings



This regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Book Review "The Night Market"

by Jonathan Moore

It's late Thursday night, and Inspector Ross Carver is at a crime scene in one of the city's last luxury homes. The dead man on the floor is covered by an unknown substance that's eating through his skin. Before Carver can identify it, six FBI agents burst in and remove him from the premises. He's pushed into a decontamination trailer, forced to drink a liquid that sends him into seizures, and then drugged unconscious.

On Sunday he wakes in his bed to find his neighbor, Mia

— who he's barely ever spoken to — reading aloud to him. He can't remember the crime scene or how he got home; he has no idea two days have passed. Mia says she saw him being carried into their building by plainclothes police officers, who told her he'd been poisoned. Carver doesn't really know this woman and has no way of disproving her, but his gut says to keep her close.

A mind-bending, masterfully plotted thriller that will captivate readers of Blake Crouch, China Miéville and Lauren Beukes, "The Night Market" follows Carver as he works to find out

what happened, soon realizing he is entangled in a web of conspiracy that spans the nation—and that Mia may know a lot more than she lets on.

Author Presentation

Andrea Scharf, author of "Saving Big Creek," will be discussing her book at the library on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m.

"Saving Big Creek" is the story of a 40-year-long battle to save 186 acres on the central Oregon coast, between Yachats and Florence. The property provides habitat for elk, Coho salmon and the endangered Oregon Silver-spot Butterfly.

This is a great story of histor-

ical, environmental and political interest — don't miss it!

Best Books Presentation

Librarian Kevin Mittge will be presenting his annual "Best Books" program in Florence on Friday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room. The same presentation will be given at the Mapleton branch library on Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m.

This is a fast-paced program, presenting about 60 book reviews in about 60 minutes. Some of this year's most popular books

are "Educated" by Tara Westover and "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

A list will be provided of all the books discussed, as well as additional bibliographies that might be of interest to readers.

Holiday Closure

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, in honor of President's Day.

Regular hours resume on Tuesday, Feb. 19, in both Florence, 1460 Ninth St., and 88148 Riverview Ave. in Mapleton.

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This relatively small number of rounds is ill considered, according to the NRA, which argues that practicing with a firearm is an essential part of becoming proficient in gun management and accuracy.

"The most egregious aspect of the ammunition limits, however, is that the more you shoot, the safer and more proficient you become," the group's website states. "This legislation, sold as a 'gun-safety' bill, could actually make law-abiding gun owners less safe, as they will undoubtedly practice less. Especially those who do most of their practicing in a lawful, safe manner, but not at a 'target shooting range' sanctioned by the gun control crowd."

The legislation would also ban all magazines with a capacity greater than five rounds, requiring owners to turn into authorities any magazines that exceeded that limit. This insertion of state authorities into the processes governing firearm sales could be problematic and would likely spark numerous legal challenges as more of the specifics of the plan come to light.

There also appear to be issues with the enactment of SB 501, if it passes. The conflict with the Second Amendment of the U.S. Bill of Rights is foremost of these, as the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution gives federal law priority over state law.

This would mean the bill might be found to be unconstitutional.

In addition, there would also be considerable penalties attached to potential violations of the legislation. The receipt of a firearm without a valid permit could face a maximum of 364 days of imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both. It also requires a person who owns or possesses firearms to secure those firearms with trigger or cable lock, or in locked container. It penalizes a failure to secure a firearm by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, a \$1,250 fine, or both.

In its prohibition of possessing a magazine with capacity to

hold more than five rounds of ammunition, the law provides that a person in possession of such magazine must sell or otherwise dispose of those magazines within 180 days of effective date of act. Failure to do so could result in 364 days of imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both.

The reaction to the introduction of SB 501 has been swift, not only from the gun lobby but also from state legislators.

Rep. Lynn Findley (R-Vale) of House District 60 said, "The people in my district have vocalized that they will not tolerate the new gun legislation being proposed, specifically in SB 501. This legislation was introduced at the request of students living in the Portland metro area as a response to the devastating school shootings we have witnessed over the past few years."

"Although I believe that all Oregonians deserve to have their voices heard and we have the responsibility to ensure our students feel safe and protected in their schools, this legislation

will not provide the desired outcome. Instead it would create nonsensical restrictions at the expense of law-abiding gun owners. I will therefore be voting against SB 501."

The bill, which has just be-

gun a long process through the Oregon Legislature, is currently pending discussion and approval in the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee after being referred to the judiciary on Jan. 16.

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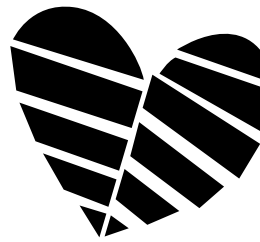
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