

Peace Harbor Volunteers seek new volunteers for gift shop, lobby desk

The gift shop at Peace Harbor Hospital is currently managed by an all-volunteer team. Almost all the team members work in the gift shop taking three-hour shifts keeping the shop open Monday through Friday.

Most also help unpack, price and inventory merchandise as it comes into the warehouse. Volunteer team members also stock shelves and design displays. The

group is looking for a volunteer who has some experience selecting and ordering merchandise for the shop.

Applications are available in the gift shop and at the lobby desk.

Sales in the gift shop do make a difference to the community with all proceeds going to the Hospital Foundation. This year, the Hospital Foundation was

able to purchase a much-needed fetal monitor and two laparoscopic cameras with funds earned through gift shop sales and other volunteer fundraising activities.

At the lobby desk, visitors and patients are greeted by friendly volunteers who are ready to answer questions and give directions. Lobby desk volunteers often help when someone wants

wheelchair transport or needs an escort to help them find the right department.

The lobby desk has become one of the most important areas in which to volunteer because it is a hub of the hospital.

Volunteers are needed three shifts a day from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Shifts are three hours long. Volunteer applications are

available at the lobby desk for anyone interested. Find out about the monthly luncheon meetings and the special lunch program offered to volunteers.

The Peace Harbor Volunteers offer 16 areas in which to volunteer, so there is an area that will be of interest and able to accommodate anyone's schedule.

Contact information is included in the Volunteer Application.

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In addition, in 2018, Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey received the award for their reporting on sexual predation in Hollywood, which helped spark the #MeToo movement.

Carol Marbin Miller and Audra D.S. Burch received the Pulitzer in 2018 for their coverage of the Alabama Senate race, which disclosed the past sexual harassment of teenage girls by Senate candidate Roy Moore.

These are just some of the examples of female Pulitzer prize winning authors adding to the nation-

al conversation on a whole host of issues.

The thoughts and observations from Pulitzer Prize winning writers continue with new releases by many past winners.

Many of these new books are available at the Siuslaw Public Library and Erin Gordenier, outreach librarian, is pleased with the increase in acceptance of female writers.

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writers? Like many other industries, publishing is still largely run by men

women writers, poets, historians and playwrights, and it's important

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and, historically, women have had to fight for equal recognition," Gordenier said. "Men's work is often thought of as more serious — Just look at school reading assignments and lists of classic novels. But there have always been

to see them getting accolades alongside their male colleagues."

Some of the new releases from former winners include a new book of poetry and life observations from Alice Walker entitled, "Taking the arrow out

of the heart."

Walker, whose novel "The Color Purple," has become an American classic since its release in 1985, has achieved rarefied status among many avid readers, including most notably Oprah Winfrey.

Walker's new book intersperses recollections from her life with new poetry that speaks from the heart of the author to her readers.

Doris Kearns Goodwin, noted historian and frequent television commentator, has a new non-fiction release titled "Leadership in Turbulent Times" which examines difficult historical situations confronted by past presidents and the manner in which they dealt with those situations.

Kearns is not unfamiliar with controversy regarding her work, as she has been forced in the past to respond to allegations of

plagiarism, which she insists are unfounded.

Fortunately, there are a number of releases by past winners that have not ignited a controversy which are available at the library.

These include:

- Jennifer Egan's "A Visit From the Goon Squad"
- Donna Tartt's "The Goldfinch"
- Annie Proulx's "Barkskins, a novel"
- Marilynne Robinson's "What Are We Doing Here?"
- Toni Morrison's "The Source of Self-Regard"
- Jane Smiley's "Twenty Yawns"
- Elizabeth Strout's "It Occurs To Me That I Am America"

These are just some of the many fiction and non-fiction titles that interested readers can find at the library.

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Strosnider has been arrested before in Los Angeles county for a non-specified felony and was arrested in

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