

'A Story People Need to Hear' at Jan. 14 PFLAG meeting

PFLAG Florence Board Member Betty Jackson will present a story spanning decades of civil rights and personal challenges on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St. Her presentation will be featured at the PFLAG January meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. in Room 158 of the school.

Jackson, who spent more than 30 years as a social worker in Los Angeles, was a resident of Florence for nearly three years in the 1980s, returning in 2010 to take up permanent residence.

A life-long member of the NAACP, she spent much of

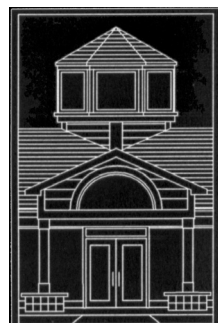
her adult life "pressuring someone for something or other," she modestly admits about her work in civil rights advocacy.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

In addition, there will be a special prize for the person who brings the greatest number of guests.

PFLAG-Florence is an affiliate of a national organization with more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters across the United States. PFLAG is the country's largest organization for parents, families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT).

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a 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 "Hacking Darwin" by Jamie Metzl

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is at play. More than ever, it's critical for everyone to learn how our species will function and recreate itself in the new world.

Passionate, provocative and highly illuminating, "Hacking Darwin" is a guide to a future that has already begun.

Volunteers Needed

The library is looking for some new volunteers to join its dedicated team of shelvers, shelf readers, genealogists and more.

If you have been thinking about volunteering, this is a perfect time to start, as the library has opportunities for all ages and ability levels. Stop by to pick up an application or visit www.siuslawlibrary.info/volunteer for more information.

January Reading Theme:

Armchair Travel

The 2020 Reading Challenge is off and running, with January's theme being "Armchair Travel." Read a library book or read one of your own books, and start the year traveling from your armchair, from distant lands to walks in the woods, from exciting adventures to routine travel guides and more.

Be sure to pick up your 2020 Reading Challenge punch card and a list of this year's themes at the Reference Desk.

2020 Reading Resolutions

Improving one's "book life" can take you in a lot of directions. Participating in the Reading Challenge as described above is one way to expand your reading experience, with reading themes ranging from genre fiction (romance and historical fiction), essays and award winners, poetry and fairy tales.

Other things you can do this year: set a reasonable reading goal (don't stress out about it!), read a book you've always meant to read (that classic or much-talked about contemporary novel perhaps?), join or start a book club, join the Friends of the Library, support your local bookstore, weed your book collection and put down that book you aren't enjoying and read something else!

Holiday Closure

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Methodists, Master Recyclers schedule collection of plastics

Florence United Methodist Church and the Master Recyclers of Florence will be organizing another plastics community collection event to take place on Sunday, Jan. 26, at the church, 333 Kingwood St., from 1 until 3 p.m. Volunteers will be collecting pre-sorted, clean, dry and label-free plastic tubs, jugs, bottles and lids that are No. 2, 4 and 5 only.

Since Lane County Waste Management is facilitating an ongoing collection of plastics — cleaned and sorted No. 2, 4 and 5 only — at the Eugene location, the Master Recyclers of Florence are working in conjunction with the members

of the Methodist Church to make sure the Florence community has an opportunity to be able to participate in this program and continue to recycle plastic all year long.

Future community collection events are being planned for the rest of 2020. More details to come.

There will also be a training session prior to the event to help volunteers and community members recycle their plastics properly. This session will take place on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed for the event so this is a great opportunity to learn the ins and outs of

proper plastics recycling.

"Many thanks to all of the past volunteers and we look forward to seeing you again this month," said recycler Nancy Rhodes.

Contact Rhodes for more information on how you can help or any questions about the upcoming events. Her contact is 415-497-4083 and banjogirl57@gmail.com.

For more information about the ongoing Lane County Special Plastics Collection and how to recycle plastics, visit www.lanecounty.org/plasticscollection.

You can also find Master Recyclers of Florence on Facebook for additional

information at www.facebook.com/FlorenceRecycles.

Lane County Waste Management is a division of the county that oversees the management of the solid waste. Their mission is to provide safe, responsible and economical recycling and disposal services while respecting the environment and communities they serve.

The Lane County Master Recycler program is a free nine-week course that connects citizens directly with professionals and planners in the local recycling industry. More information is available at www.lanecounty.org/masterrecyclers.

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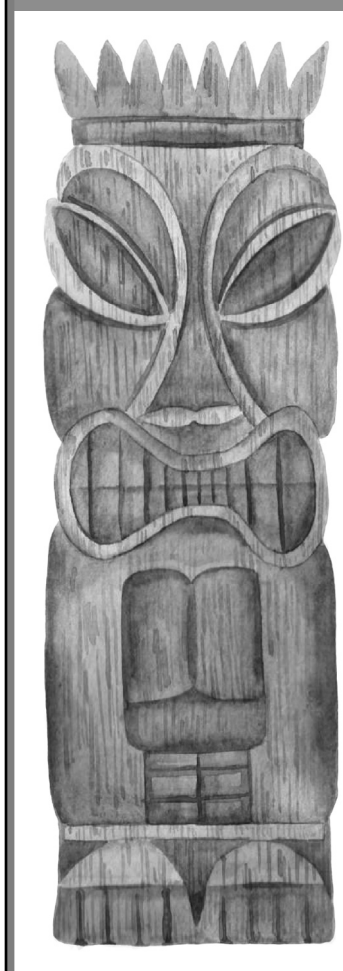
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