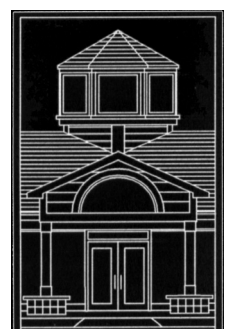


Countdown to Earth Day

The Florence Earth Day on the Boardwalk Committee will present their Kick-Off Party on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Three Rivers Casino Resort's event center. This free event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and will offer entertainment, speakers, Earth Day displays, refreshments and a fundraising raffle. The Kick-Off Party introduces the countdown to the upcoming 50th anniversary of Earth Day with the 2020 Earth Day on the Boardwalk on April 25.

Liat Meller, Kick-Off Organizer, hopes the community will come out and see what the Earth Day on the Boardwalk celebration is all about and how they can help out. People can browse displays from Surfriders, Oregon Dunes Restoration Project, Master Recyclers, Florence Food Share and Precious Plastics. There will also be raffle tickets for sale. For more info on the Earth Day Kick-Off Party, call Meller at 541-305-1193.

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 "Mud and Stars" by Sara Wheeler

With the writers of the Golden Age as her guides — Pushkin, Tolstoy, Gogol and Turgenev, among others — Sara Wheeler searches for a Russia not in the news, traveling from rinsed northwestern beet fields and the Far Eastern Arctic tundra to the cauldron of nationalities, religions and languages in the Caucasus.

Bypassing major cities as much as possible, she goes instead to the places associated with the country's literary masters. With her, we see the fabled Trigorskoye ("three hills") estate that Pushkin frequented during his exile, now preserved in his honor. We look for Dostoevsky along the waters of Lake Ilmen, site of the only house the restless writer ever owned. We pay tribute to the single stone that remains of Tolstoy's birthplace.

Wheeler weaves these writers' lives and works around their historical homes, giving us rich portraits of the many diverse Russians from which these writers spoke.

As she travels, she follows local guides, boards with families in modest homestays, eats roe and pelmeni and cabbage soup, invokes recipes from

"Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking," learns the language and observes the pattern of outcry and silence that characterizes life under Vladimir Putin.

Illustrated with both historical images and contemporary snapshots of the people and places that shaped her journey, "Mud and Stars: Travels in Russia with Pushkin, Tolstoy, and Other Geniuses of the Golden Age" gives us timely, witty and deeply personal insights into Russia, then and now.

Friends of Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will hold its first book sale of 2020 on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Bromley Room at the main branch.

The Friends have over 3,000 good quality donated books, along with DVDs, CDs and custom book bags for sale. All proceeds benefit the Library District.

Last year, the Friends were able to donate \$18,500 directly to the Siuslaw Public Library District and another \$4,000 to the library's Western Lane Community Foundation En-

dowment Fund, with most of those funds coming from book sales. In addition to the big, two-day sales, the Friends have a book "store" in the library that is available whenever the library is open. The "store" features a constantly refreshed collection of very good quality donated hardback and paperback books, as well as DVDs and CDs. Also available are handmade greeting cards made from recycled books.

Living Voices — This Sunday!

Don't forget that this Sunday, at 1 p.m., Living Voices will return with a performance of "Island of Hope."

Re-enactor Rachel McCClinton plays the role of Leah, a 10-year-old Russian Jewish girl growing up at the turn of the 20th century who, with her family, faces a long and risky journey, through Russia to their ship in Germany, and across the Atlantic Ocean to the New York Harbor. But when Leah alone is detained at Ellis Island, she must confront her biggest obstacle yet: what if she is sent back?

This presentation is co-sponsored by the library and the Siuslaw Genealogical Society.

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Florence fights suicide by 'Choosing Life,' holding record sale

The fight against suicide in Florence now includes the launch of an ambitious plan to reduce the number of suicides.

It's called "Choose Life" and the aim is to foster resilience and to also strengthen families to improve mental health, said Dave Masko, a retired Air Force photojournalist and longtime Florence local wanting to "reduce the suicide rate in our community and central Oregon coast region now plagued with suicide and attempted suicides."

"Because if we don't, who will?" he asked.

The "Choose Life" program is getting a boost each Saturday, beginning Feb. 1, when this local not-for-profit suicide prevention effort kicks off with a special vintage record and collectible sales at KXCR Community Radio Station.

KXCR 90.7 FM Radio volunteers ask those wanting to support this non-profit community radio station, and this "Choose Life" suicide prevention effort, to stop by KXCR, 1509 Ninth St., to check out this vintage record and collectible sale with funds helping KXCR Com-

munity Radio and efforts to fight suicide in Florence.

The sale starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, inside the KXCR Radio Station. Additional Saturday sales are also planned for later in February and March.

Organizers are asking for "Florence Solidarity in supporting our not-for-profit free radio station and this noble cause to fight suicide in our town."

The sale includes dozens of new Beatles LPs, old coin and stamp collections, rare bank notes, cool 1960s airplane figures and more.

Estate collections are also included for this true vintage blow-out sale.

Early shoppers might be able to get original Beatles, Dylan and dozens of other vintage rock/pop 1960s and 1970s records at low prices.

"This is a sale of sales, with vintage and rare top collectibles of all types, sizes and shapes going out the door for very little money," Masko said.

For more information about helping KXCR 90.7 Community Radio and the sale, call the station at 541-997-5252.



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