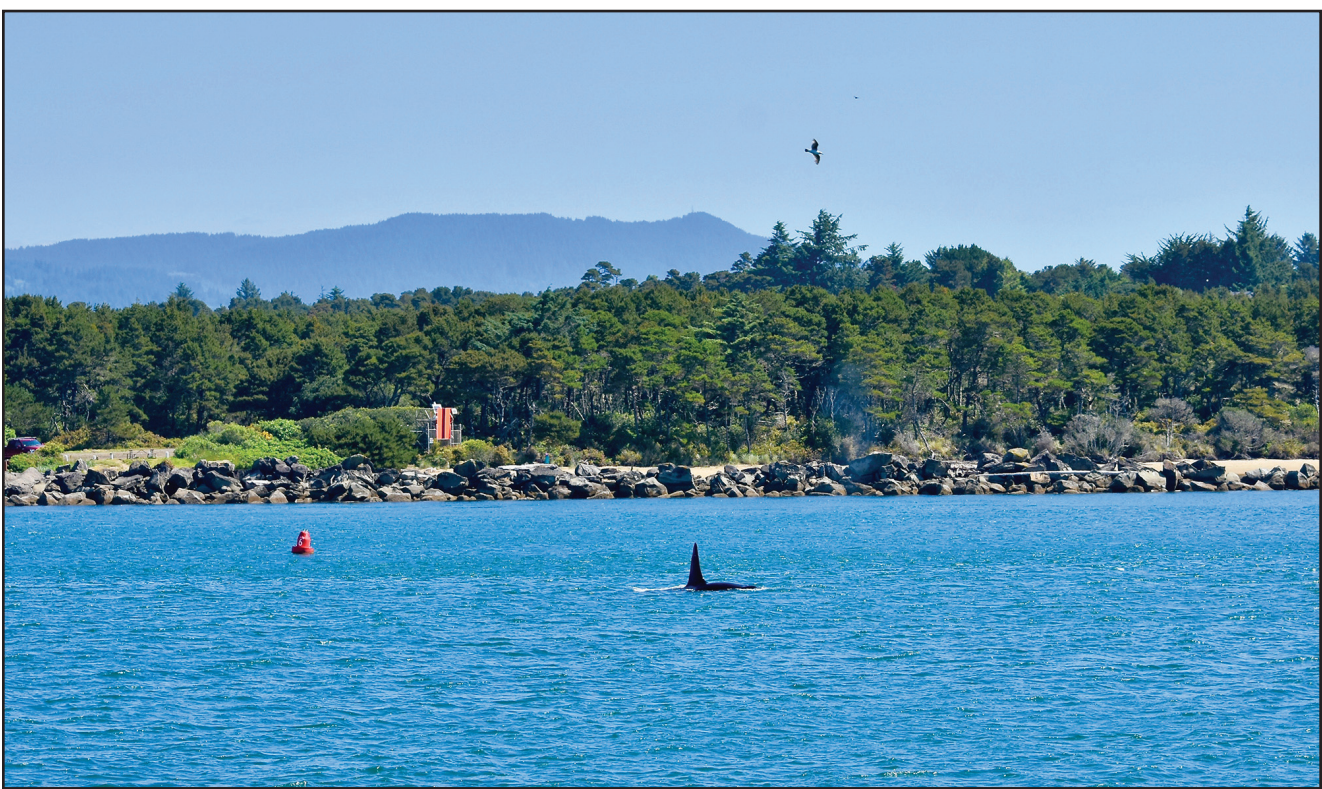


# ORCA OPPORTUNITY

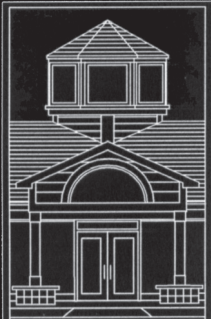
**O**n Monday morning, an orca was spotted traveling south along the Florence coast and into the Siuslaw River. Despite often being referred to as “killer whales,” these marine mammals

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are actually the largest member of the dolphin family. The individual spotted Monday was approximately 30 feet long and moved quickly and easily through the choppy waters of the south jetty heading towards California. A pod of orcas also visited Florence in May, continuing a tradition of stopping by around the Rhododendron Festival.



## 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 “Russians Among Us” by Gordon Corera

Russian espionage against the West has long been a subject of fascination and anxiety in the U.S., from the Cold War to the 2016 election. “Russians Among Us” tells the full story of Putin’s escalating espionage campaign in the West, the Russian “deep-cover” spies who penetrated the U.S., and the years-long FBI hunt to capture them.

Author Gordon Corera has been the BBC’s security correspondent since 2004 and the author of “The Art of Betrayal: The Secret History of MI6.”

“Russians Among Us” also details the recruitment, running and escape of one of the most important spies of modern times — a man who worked inside the heart of Russian intelligence.

In this thrilling account, Corera tracks not only the history, but the astonishing evolution of Russian espionage, including the use of “cyber illegals,” who continue to manipulate us today and pose a significant threat to the 2020 election.

Like a scene from a John le Carré novel or the TV drama “The Americans,” in the summer of 2010 a group of Russian deep-cover sleeper agents were

arrested. It was the culmination of a decade-long investigation, and 10 people, including Anna Chapman, were swapped for four people held in Russia.

At the time, the arrests were seen simply as a throwback to the Cold War. But that would prove to be a costly mistake. It was a sign that the Russian threat had never gone away, and more important, it was shifting into a much more disruptive new phase.

Today, the danger is clearer than ever following the poisoning in the U.K. of one of the spies who were swapped, Sergei Skripal, and the growing evidence of Russian interference in American life. “Russians Among Us” reveals new information about today’s spies — as well as those trying to catch them and those trying to kill them.

### Apply to Join the Library Board

The Siuslaw Public Library District Board of Directors has a vacancy for one board member.

The library board sets policy, approves the annual budget, hires and supervises the library director, and more. Board members serve four-year terms. This is an unpaid position and the applicant must reside in the

district.

Interested? Learn more and get an application packet at [www.siuslawlibrary.info/board](http://www.siuslawlibrary.info/board). Applications are due June 11 by 4 p.m.

### Current Library Services

Beginning this week, the Florence branch of the library is accepting returns of materials Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Return bins can be found on the Maple Street (west) side of the library building.

We have also begun offering curbside take-out of library materials this week. Patrons may call the day before they wish to pick up materials and request up to three items per library card. The materials will be available the following day at the main entrance.

Patrons may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Materials will be available to be picked up, however, Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

People can call the library at 541-997-3132 for more information.

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These scholarships are awarded annually and are designed for students who use permanent home addresses within the Florence/Dunes City/Mapleton/Deadwood geographical areas and have already graduated from high school in 2019 or earlier, have their diploma, GED, or were home schooled and are eligible to enter higher education or a trade school or a graduate program. This includes non-traditional students starting or returning to a program after a career or family change or job loss.

Scholarships are available for traditional four-year universities, colleges, community colleges, and accredited trade schools and special arts programs. While academic achievement is one criteria used in determining recipients, other qualifying characteristics include financial need, outside activities, work history and volunteerism to name a few.

The application lists criteria specific to each scholarship.

Those who meet these minimum qualifications are encouraged to complete an application. Applications can be obtained on the WLCF website, [www.wlcfonline.org](http://www.wlcfonline.org). Application packets may be submitted online, or by mail at PO Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439.

The deadline for post-mark or receipt is June 30, 2020.

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