

Florence Festival of Books canceled for 2020

The annual Florence Festival of Books (FFOB), scheduled for Sept. 18 to 19 in Florence, will not be held this year. The decision was made in accordance with the Oregon Health Authority and Gov. Kate Brown's recommendations to avoid large gatherings such as festivals and concerts through at least September. In addition, the FFOB works with the Florence Events Center (FEC) to put on the event, with the FEC handling all applications that come in

throughout the summer. Currently, the FEC is closed and all employees furloughed except for the center's director, who is working from home. With the FEC closed, the apparatus for coordinating application submissions isn't available. The FFOB planning committee is already working on hosting a special return of the Florence Festival of Books to mark its 10th anniversary in September 2021. Specific dates will be announced in the near future.

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Community News



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YOUTH SPUR ON THE MOVEMENT

The impact of the tragic deaths of people of color in America continues to inspire public gatherings across the nation and in Florence, which call attention to the ongoing racism that many individuals of color feel in their daily lives. On Monday at the corners of Highways 126 and 101, approximately 50 people of all ages gathered, this time at the request of area youth Jacob and Hector. The protesters held signs in support of equality, #BlackLivesMatter, anti-racism and other signs. They also conducted a nine-minute "die in" to show continued solidarity. The protesters were mostly dressed in black, wearing masks and attempting to social distance, while dozens of passing cars honked in support.

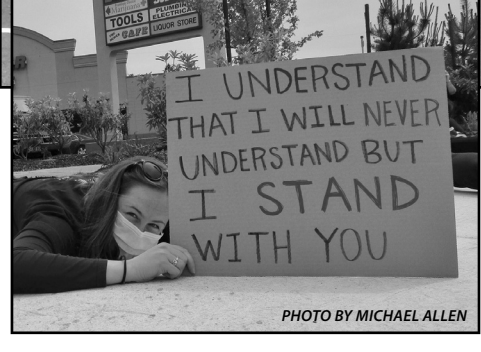


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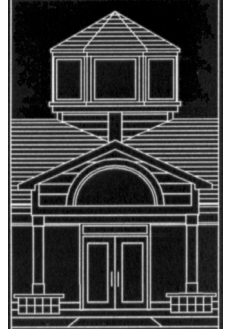
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News about the Siuslaw Public Library
 By Kevin Mitge

Library Tidings

Book Review "Motherhood So White"
 By Nefertiti Austin

In America, Mother = White. That's what Nefertiti Austin, a single African-American woman, discovered when she decided to adopt a black baby boy out of the foster care system. Eager to finally join the motherhood ranks, Nefertiti was shocked when people started asking her why she wanted to adopt a "crack baby" or said that she would never be able to raise a black son on her own. She realized that American society saw motherhood through a white lens and that there would be no easy understanding or acceptance of the kind of family she hoped to build.

in racially charged, modern-day America. Honest, vulnerable and uplifting, "Motherhood So White" reveals what Nefertiti knew all along: That the only requirement for a successful family is one raised with love.

library materials. Patrons can call the li-brary at 541-997-3132 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to request materials.

Initially there will be a limit of three items per patron. Please do not call unless you can pick up the materials the following day. All items will be available for pickup on tables outside the library and will already be checked out to you.

CASH Oregon offering free tax assistance

If you need help filing your taxes and your household makes below \$69,000 a year, CASH Oregon, a program of Metropolitan Family Service, can help. In response to COVID-19, CASH Oregon is taking its free Volunteer Tax Assistance to the phone. IRS certified volunteers can answer your tax question and guide you through filing your own taxes.

Interlibrary Loan Service suspended

With the closure of the majority of libraries across the country, and then their slow process of re-opening, Interlibrary Loan service, with the exception of electronic resources (journal articles, for example), has mostly been suspended.

For more information, go to the CASH Oregon website at <https://cashoregon.org>, or call the free tax help hotline at 503-966-7942. The hotline is available Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Siuslaw Public Library is trying to get out to patrons items that arrived just before — or during — its closure. Libraries are starting to accept returns of borrowed materials but are, in general, not loaning any additional items at this time.

Book Returns

Book returns can now be made Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All materials will be quarantined for 72-hours before being handled by staff.

Libraries within Lane County are currently not loaning materials between themselves. Therefore, new items that our library can purchase will be purchased for our patrons. As for older items which are not available for purchase, keep a list!

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AM Showers	Cloudy	AM Showers	Showers	Showers	Showers	Partly Cloudy
61°F 50°F	62°F 51°F	60°F 49°F	61°F 51°F	60°F 49°F	60°F 49°F	60°F 47°F

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At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

1 Car Sanitation - All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.

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3 Give Customers Options - We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.

4 Employee Illness is Serious - We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.

5 Wipe Down High Touch Points - We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you. We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.

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