



Library Tidings

up black in the South with a family name inherited from a white man from the North, of adopting two babies from Ethiopia, of teaching at a white college and living in New England today.

The storytelling and the mystery of Bernard's storytelling, of getting to the truth, begins with a stabbing in a New England college town. Bernard writes how, when she was a graduate student at Yale, she walked into a coffee shop, and along with six other people, was randomly attacked by a stranger with a knife.

"I was not stabbed because I was black," she writes (the attacker was white),

"but I have always viewed the violence I survived as a metaphor for the violent encounter that has generally characterized American race relations. ... There was no connection between us ...yet we were suddenly and irreparably bound by a knife, an attachment that cost us both: him, his freedom, me, my wholeness."

Bernard explores how that bizarre act of violence set her free and unleashed the storyteller in her. "The equation of writing and regeneration is fundamental to black American experience."

Each essay goes beyond a narrative of black inno-

News about the Siuslaw Public Library by Kevin Mittge

cence and white guilt; each is anchored in a mystery; each sets out to discover a new way of telling the truth as Bernard has lived it. And what most interests Bernard is looking at "blackness at its borders, where it meets whiteness, in fear and hope, in anguish and love."

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 Assis-

tance to the phone. IRS-certified volunteers can answer your tax question and guide you through filing your own taxes.

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

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.

Curbside Takeout

Last week, the Florence branch of the library began offering curbside takeout of library materials. Patrons can call the library, 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.

In the future we hope to offer online requests but at the moment all must be made by phone.

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According to the governor, this one-week pause will give public health officials time to assess what factors are driving the spread of the virus and determine if they need to adjust the state's approach to reopening.

"I will work with doctors and public health experts to determine whether to lift this pause or extend it or make other adjustments," Brown stated.

The increasing number of cases Brown referred to in the governor's press conference included reports from Multnomah, Hood River, Marion and Polk County, all of which show increases,

some as high as 40 percent, over the previous week.

Lane County currently allows outdoor recreation, retail stores, gyms, bars and restaurants for dine-in services, and personal-care businesses such as salons and barbershops with the following limitations:

- Gathering limits of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Indoor and outdoor venues, including theaters and churches, with six feet of physical distancing and other measures in place, can reach a COVID-19 occupancy limit of up to 250.
- Offices can begin reopening and employees can return to workplaces with

physical distancing and other measures in place, though remote work is still strongly recommended whenever possible.

- Increased travel is allowed throughout Oregon, though staying local is still recommended to prevent overloading county health systems.
- Restaurant and bar curfews are extended to midnight where applicable.
- Pools and sports courts are allowed to reopen under new guidance.
- Indoor and outdoor activities such as bowling, batting cages and mini golf are allowed to reopen under new guidance.
- Recreational sports can

resume in a limited form, under strict physical distancing guidance.

The City of Florence is strictly following the guidance provided by State and Lane County Health authorities and are implementing all procedures put in place at the county level.

Lane County has a website page that is completely dedicated to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This page includes specific recommendations for many types of businesses and workplaces recommending the best practices to be utilized, for their individual circumstances at this time.

For more information, go to lanecounty.org.

PeaceHealth allows for limited visitor access

PeaceHealth Oregon is adjusting its visitor policy to allow for limited visitor access until COVID-19 is no longer a public health threat.

Patients who are not COVID-19 suspect or positive are allowed one visitor, with two visitors allowed on a case-by-case basis for:

- Minor patients
- End-of-life patients
- NICU patients (must be parent, legal guardian, or support person over age 18)

"We recognize that having a loved one by your side is important during a hospital stay," said Dr. Jim McGovern, vice president of Medical Affairs. "We believe these changes best balance

families while still effectively safeguarding against the spread of COVID-19 for our patients, caregivers and the broader community."

In addition, visitors will be permitted in those clinical situations where a visitor will be integral to the decision making and information exchange process.

Consistent with current safety measures at Peace-

Health facilities, all visitors will be screened for fever and COVID-19 symptoms before entering the facility. Visitors must also wear a mask during their entire visit, clean hands frequently, practice social distancing and refrain from unnecessary travel within the facility.

Visit [peacehealth.org/coronavirus](https://www.peacehealth.org/coronavirus) for more information.

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Police conduct High Visibility DUII Enforcement

For the upcoming Fourth of July holiday weekend, the Florence Police Department will be conducting extra DUII Enforcement Patrols.

In the month of May, the Florence Police Department participated in extra DUII enforcement patrols for Memorial Day Weekend. Throughout of the month of May, Florence Officers arrested a total of five drivers for driving while impaired. Florence Officers also issued seven citations for driving while suspended, along with multiple warnings for other miscellaneous traffic violations.

For more information or questions, contact the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515.

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