

Florence Democratic Campaign Office now open

The Florence Democratic Campaign Office is now open at 309 Laurel St. at the corner of Third and Laurel streets, just west of Highway 101.

The campaign office's current hours are noon to 4

p.m. Monday through Saturday. Information is available on all Democratic candidates for federal, state and local races in the upcoming election.

Contact 541-991-3904 for further information.

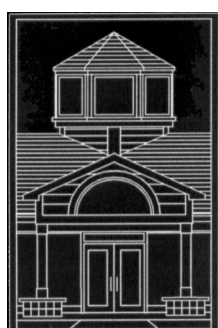


Need to print, check email, or use the internet? You can now make an appointment to use our computers!

One-hour appointments twice daily, Mon-Fri, 11:30 AM & 5 PM. Call 541-997-3132 to reserve a time; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Siuslaw Public Library

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 "The End of October" by Lawrence Wright

Lawrence Wright, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Looming Tower," now gives us an electrifying and prescient thriller about a mysterious killer virus bringing the world to its knees. Wright completed the novel just before the outbreak of COVID-19.

At an internment camp in Indonesia, 47 people are pronounced dead with acute hemorrhagic fever.

When epidemiologist Henry Parsons travels there on behalf of the World Health Organization to investigate, what he finds will have staggering repercussions. At the same time, halfway across the globe, the deputy director of U.S. Homeland Security scrambles to mount a response to the rapidly spreading pandemic leap-frogging around the world, which she believes may be the result of an act of bio-warfare. And a rogue experimenter in man-made diseases is preparing his own terrifying solution.

As already-fraying global relations begin to snap, the virus slashes across the United States, dismantling institutions — scientific,

religious, governmental — and decimating the population.

With his own wife and children facing diminishing odds of survival, Henry travels from Indonesia to Saudi Arabia to his home base at the CDC in Atlanta, searching for a cure and for the origins of this seemingly unknowable disease.

"The End of October" is a one-of-a-kind thriller steeped in real-life political and scientific implications, filled with the insight that has been the hallmark of Wright's acclaimed nonfiction, and the full-tilt narrative suspense that only the best fiction can offer.

Endowment Presentation via Zoom

The public is invited to join a Zoom presentation of this year's Endowment Books program on Friday, Aug. 7, at 3 p.m.

Each year, the library is able to purchase several hundred books, for adults and children, with proceeds received from the Siuslaw Public Library Endowment Fund, managed by the Western Lane Community Foundation. And each year the library has a presentation showing off some of

the books purchased, where patrons can learn a little bit about the Endowment Fund and spend time viewing and checking out the new books.

Due to the library's closure to the public, this year's presentation will be done through Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is 845 8902 5077. People must call the library at 541-997-3132 to obtain the passcode to enter the Zoom program.

People can find a print copy of this year's Endowment books on the library's website, along with PowerPoint videos of selected titles available through the library's YouTube page.

For more information, call the at 541-997-3132 or go to siuslawlibrary.info.

Curbside Takeout

Curbside Takeout is going well at the library. 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. People should not call unless they 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 each patron.

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Census takers to start follow up with households

At the end of July, census takers in 34 counties in Oregon will begin to follow up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.

The current self-response rate in Oregon is 65.0 percent, that is 1.3 million households. The Census Bureau will need to visit the remaining addresses to collect responses in person.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone for English at 844-330-2020, or for Spanish at 844-468-2020. Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more.

Those who respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

The response rate in Florence is a couple of points below the state average. As of

July 30, statewide response is 65.1 percent vs. Florence at 62.9.

What To Expect

Census takers will follow local public health guidelines when they visit. Census takers will be wearing masks. Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.



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Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge.

To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak

the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

About the 2020 Census

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day).

Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

Oregon's top five counties with the highest response rates are Washington with 73.1 percent; Clackamas with 71.6 percent; Polk with 70.1 percent; Benton with 69.2 percent; and Multnomah with 69.2 percent.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

Humane society selects board leaders

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) has announced the results of the 2020 election of officers for its board of directors.

Shauna Robbers will continue as board president, Judy Thibault is the new vice president, Sandy Davidson continues as treasurer and Judy Roth was reelected as secretary.

Laurie Arms and Michael Kello, both of Florence, joined the board as new members this summer.

"The membership added some great talent to our board earlier this month," said Robbers in July. "There was excellent experience and commitment among all who ran for office and we thank each candidate for their interest. We all look forward to working together in the coming year so that our organization continues to grow and prosper for the benefit of our residents."

OCHS membership elects board members to serve staggered three-year terms that allow for continuity of service while keeping the door open to new members each year.

OCHS elections take place annually. Ballots are mailed to OCHS members in good standing late in May and are returned in June. New board members are welcomed to a transitional board meeting soon thereafter and are normally seated in early July. The board then elects its officers to serve from July 1 to June 30.

For more information on the Oregon Coast Humane Society, or how to volunteer or support them financially, contact 541-997-4277 or OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org.

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