

## KXCR Fireside Chat

### contemplates 'Am I Racist?'

KXCR 90.7 FM continues to hold weekly Fireside Chats on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. These are all available to stream afterwards.

The Aug. 11 chat, entitled "Am I a Racist?: Recognizing Unconscious Bias and the Role of Conflict Resolution Practices" was moderated by State Sen. Arnie Roblan, who often participates in KXCR's Fireside Chats.

According to KXCR, "Our objective for this week's Fireside Chat is to educate listeners about how institutional racism manifests itself in our lives and systems — and what we're doing to combat it."

Speakers included:  
• State Sen. Lew Frederick, representing North and Northeast Portland in the Oregon Senate, who offered written testimony

• Professor Erik Girvan, University of Oregon Law, whose academic interests include civil litigation, conflict and dispute resolution, criminal law, appropriate dispute resolution, Oregon Child Advocacy Project and psychology

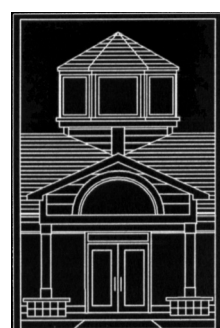
• Damon Isiah Turner, consultant with Know Agenda Consulting and contractor with the National Policy Consensus Center

• Laurel Singer, Executive Director of the National Policy Consensus Center

• Manuel Padilla, Project manager on staff within the National Policy Consensus Center.

The Fireside Chats are streamed live, and available afterward, on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kxcr90.7](http://www.facebook.com/kxcr90.7). For more information, visit [www.kxcr.net](http://www.kxcr.net).

## 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 "Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano

What does it mean not just to survive, but to truly live?

One summer morning, 12-year-old Edward Adler, his beloved older brother, his parents and 183 other passengers board a flight in Newark headed for Los Angeles. Among them are a Wall Street wunderkind, a young woman coming to terms with an unexpected pregnancy, an injured veteran returning from Afghanistan, a business tycoon, and a free-spirited woman running away from her controlling husband. Halfway across the country, the plane crashes.

Edward is the sole survivor. Edward's story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place in the world without his family. He continues to feel that a part of himself has been left in the sky, forever tied to the plane and all of his fellow passengers.

But then he makes an unexpected discovery — one that will lead him to the answers of some of life's most profound questions: When you've lost everything, how do you find the strength to put one foot in front of the other? How do you learn to feel safe again? How do you

find meaning in your life?

"Dear Edward" is at once a transcendent coming-of-age story, a multidimensional portrait of an unforgettable cast of characters and a breathtaking illustration of all the ways a broken heart learns to love again.

### Please — Return Your Books!

If you hadn't heard, the library has been accepting returns of books, DVDs, interlibrary loans and other materials, for several months. If you've been holding on to items that you checked out prior to the pandemic closure, you are encouraged to bring them back and get them checked in off of your account.

The library is accepting returns Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Endowment Books

Librarian Kevin Mittge did a short presentation last Friday about the books purchased this year with Siuslaw Public Library Endowment Fund monies.

There are numerous ways to access Endowment book information. You can find printouts of the list of adult books purchased this year

in the box which holds the BookPage newsletter during curbside takeout hours at the front of the library.

You can also find a copy of the list on the library's webpage: [www.siuslawlibrary.info](http://www.siuslawlibrary.info).

Also on the webpage is a link to a video of the original Zoom program, as well as several videos listing some of the books in general categories (cookbooks, science, literature, etc.). All of these videos are uploaded to the library's YouTube page. You can subscribe to the page and be notified when there is a new video or just go to YouTube and search for Siuslaw Public Library and view a number of videos that library staff have recorded.

### Computer Appointments

Need to check email or print something? You can now make an appointment to use one of our computers! Call the library at 541-997-3132 Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to make your one-hour appointment for the following weekday. There are a limited number of morning and afternoon slots available.

More information will be available over the phone, or go to [www.siuslawlibrary.info](http://www.siuslawlibrary.info) to learn more.

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# A look back at 130 years

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## 1943

**City of Florence Reaches 50th Year of Incorporation**  
— Siuslaw Oar Vol. 53, No. 46  
April 16, 1943

Florence is recorded as having been founded in 1875 and the townsite plotted in 1887 by the late George Melvin Miller.

It received its name from the nameplate of a wrecked British bark, which was picked on the south beach, probably by Dave Morse, first white man in this territory, and for whom the Morse addition was named.

It was Feb. 10, 1893, that Sen. B.F. Alley's bill to incorporate Florence passed the house and was ready for the governor's signature. The senator, known affectionately on the Siuslaw as Col. Alley, was then editor and owner of the newspaper The West. It was with no little difficulty that sufficient signatures had been obtained from among the male populace to provide the necessary petition.

The first city election was held the first Monday in April.



## 1942-1945: THE U.S. JOINS THE WORLD AT WAR

Young people from across the Siuslaw Region joined the U.S. military during World War II, with both young men and women serving.

On the home front, rationing was implemented, along with a city-wide curfew in Florence and nightly black outs. The community went "all in" to support the war effort by sewing surgical dressings, donating wastepaper and promoting the sales of bonds.

Florence also opened a USO Center on Sunday, April 4, 1943. This was a place for local servicemen (sic) from the local Coast Guard and Army units to gather, enjoy refreshments, write letters and even attend entertainment put on by the community.



Cutting of streamers formally opening the USO center by Mrs. Welker, wife of Lt. Col. Bion C. Welker and Mrs. Miller, wife of Chief BM Roland E. Miller. Also shown in the picture is Chief Warrant Officer Walter, band master.

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