



# Library Tidings

News about the Siuslaw Public Library by Kevin Mittge

year-old threads found on the floor of a Georgian cave to the Indian calicoes that sparked the Industrial Revolution, “The Golden Thread” weaves an illuminating story of human ingenuity.

In 13 crisply entertaining episodes, Kassia St. Clair, journalist and best-sell-

ing author of “The Secret Lives of Color,” guides us through the technological advancements and cultural customs that would redefine human civilization — fabrics that allowed mankind to traverse oceans, shatter athletic records and reach the South Pole.

Author Kassia St. Clair takes us behind the scenes to watch the making of spacesuits that allowed us to walk on the moon, meet the people who wrapped Egypt’s mummies (and those who unwrapped them), visit the labs of inventors and scientists who spent their lives trying to make cloth from spiders’ silk, and travel with those daring adventurers whose clothes failed them in the most extreme environments on earth.

St. Clair’s stories reveal a lineage of large-than-life personalities whose im-

pact on human history depended on what they wore, the fabric they spun or the textiles they profited from.

Her motley cast of characters include Xiling, the ancient Chinese empress credited with inventing silk; Richard the Lionheart, whose Crusades were funded by England’s trade in wool; and Bing Crosby, whose dubious contribution to the fashion world was the “Canadian Tuxedo.”

Offering insights into the economic and social dimensions of cloth making — and countering the enduring, often demeaning, association of textiles as merely “women’s work” — “The Golden Thread” is ultimately a book for the curious and a unique guide to our past, present, and future.

## Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

In 1995, Dolly Parton established a free book gifting program, sending each child in her county’s preschools a specially selected book each month. In 2000 this program began to be replicated nationally. Today, parents in Florence, Mapleton, Deadwood, Swisshome and Dunes City can sign their children (from birth to age 5) up for this free program.

The Siuslaw Public Library is the local affiliate and it is funded by United Way of Lane County. To get started visit: [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com) and follow the steps to register. Once registered, your child will receive each month a high quality, age appropriate book at no cost. Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

## Curbside Pickup Moved Indoors

As a new protocol for anticipated inclement weather, especially wind and rain, this autumn and winter, the curbside pickup carts have now been moved into the library’s lobby. The hours remain the same: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We ask that patrons wear a mask when entering the lobby. If you don’t have a mask, then we will hand the books to you at the door.

As usual we have missed everyone and want to catch on everyone’s activities and news, because of the number of people entering the lobby we ask that you enter, get your materials, and then leave the building.

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You may drop off your donated items at The Siuslaw News 148 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence. Donations accepted until October 31st.

Donations will be given to Helping Hands of Florence, that provides meals and assistance for needy and homeless people in Florence, Oregon.

## Lane County adopts first Climate Action Plan

Earlier this week, the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted the first Climate Action Plan for county operations.

“We know that the future of our community, our children and our wellbeing is dependent upon making meaningful changes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Commission Chair Heather Buch. “The goals in this plan will help us safeguard that future at a local level and I am so proud that Lane County is moving in this direction.”

The plan describes six goals and targets that include carbon-neutral operations by 2050.

The plan also describes

specific actions that Lane County can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with day-to-day operations.

Lane County Climate Strategist Mark Nystrom said, “Lane County has several opportunities to take action to reduce carbon emissions while saving money in the long-term. Investments in energy efficiency, replacing sedans with electric vehicles, and improving landfill gas collection are all low-hanging fruit in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”

Lane County began a three-phase approach to developing a Climate Action Plan in 2019 by con-

ducting an internal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and developing internal operations Climate Action Plan.

The county is also beginning the second phase of this work — conducting a countywide greenhouse gas inventory and developing a countywide plan that will outline goals and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The third phase of the project will develop a resiliency plan that will identify strategies that can mitigate the impacts of climate change on Lane County.

Learn more about this project at [www.lanecounty.org/climateplan](http://www.lanecounty.org/climateplan).

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