



Library Tidings

News about the Siuslaw Public Library By Kevin Mittge

tional truth-seeking detective Ray Schindler; a chilling villain; the ambitious Asbury Park sheriff Clarence Herick; the mysterious “sting artist” Carl Neumeister; the indomitable crusader Ida B. Wells; and the victim, Marie Smith, who represented all the innocent and vulnerable children living in turn-of-the-century America.

Gripping and powerful, “The Rope” is an important piece of history that gives a voice to the voiceless and resurrects a long-forgotten true crime.

The Library in “Extreme” Risk

The library is making a few modifications with the announcement that Lane County has gone to “extreme” COVID risk. Browsing will continue. Even with a conservative estimate, the library is not exceeding the recommended occupancy for extreme risk. Internet computer usage will be suspended at this time.

Due to the very small interior space at the Mapleton branch, that branch library will be reverting to curbside pickup, beginning tomorrow, Thursday, May 6. Curbside in Mapleton will continue with the extended hours — noon to 5 p.m., only on Thursdays — that we’ve had for the past month.

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tion, and library of things (board game, air quality monitor, cultural pass, and more).

2021 Reading Challenge

If you haven’t started the 2021 Reading Challenge, it’s never too late. This year we are trying something new: Around the Library in Twelve Months!

You can read or enjoy things in any order. You only need to complete 12 categories (out of 18 possible) to enter the grand prize drawing at the end of the year. Among the categories this year are: easy picture books, music CDs, large print books, cookbooks, adult fic-

tion, and library of things (board game, air quality monitor, cultural pass, and more).

Visit our website at www.siuslawlibrary.info/reading-challenge for more information and a link to the printable game board which you can use to check-off your “virtual” library visit. You can also visit the library’s YouTube page where we are posting short videos each month highlighting one aspect of the library’s collection. The easiest way to visit our YouTube page is to go to www.siuslawlibrary.info, scroll down and click on the YouTube link.

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Book Review “The Rope” by Alex Tresniowski

In the tranquil seaside town of Asbury Park, New Jersey, schoolgirl Marie Smith is brutally murdered. Small-town officials, unable to find the culprit, call upon the young manager of a New York detective agency for help. It is the detective’s first murder case, and the specifics of the investigation and daring sting operation that caught the killer are captured in all their rich detail for the first time.

Occurring exactly halfway between the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the formal beginning of the civil rights movement in 1954, the ruthless murder and its highly covered investigation sit at the historic intersection of sweeping national forces — religious extremism, class struggle, the infancy of criminal forensics and racial violence of Jim Crow America.

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Rhody Run to take place May 15

The annual Rhody Run 5K/10K Run-Walk will be held Saturday, May 15, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

For those participating, please plan to follow all applicable COVID-19 safety protocols. All ages are welcome. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a start time of 9 a.m.

For those who would like to participate but aren’t ready for public events, like last year there will also be

a virtual option. It doesn’t matter if you’ve been actively training or you need to shake the dust off your shoes, come out and enjoy the beautiful, paved course with gently rolling hills.

Proceeds from this US-ATF-sanctioned race benefits Florence Habitat for Humanity.

To register, visit www.secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=131720 or call 541-902-9227 ext. 101.

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