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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The memories of COVID-19 and all the ways it has affected lives throughout the world will stay with us all for a very long time. We are grateful for our small town and to our library for continuing to provide some of its services, helping to maintain some semblance of normalcy. You can read about these in Jennifer Croft's "Director's Notes." The library is a lifeline, providing vital services to us all.

**Bandon Library Friends and Foundation** 

Can you share with us how the library has made life better for you and your family? Whether it's a book recommendation, a community program where you learned new information, or the gallery where a particular piece of art spoke to you, please let us know. Email us at **bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org**. We'll share what we learn – anonymously, if you prefer – on our website and Facebook page. We could all use some good news or a shout out.

#### We're all in this together.

Megan Maloney, *President* Sandon Library Friends & Foundation, Inc.

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## From the Director's Chair...

Hello again from your friendly neighborhood librarian! Can we take a minute to address how weird things are? Like, things are REALLY weird. Not too long after the last BLFF newsletter went to press, I had to do the most professionally drastic thing I can think of. I had to close the library. Let me say that again so we can let it sink in. I, as your brand-new, super idealistic, free speech advocating, literacy promoting, community loving library director, had to \*gasp\* close the library.

As time went on, we found ways to continue providing services in non-traditional ways. Thanks to this group, we began mailing library items to patrons, then we started offering curbside checkout. We built a website (www.bandonlibrary.org) and started putting out free carts for outdoor browsing. We posted video storytimes, and community conversations, and are continuing to re-envision the way we serve our community with the hope that someday, not too far away, we will be able to welcome the public back into the library. In the meantime, we at the library are keeping on keeping on. We're safe and healthy, and hope you are too.

Jennifer Croft, Director

## THE BLFF MISSION

The Bandon Library Friends and Foundation (BLFF) was established as an independent, nonprofit support organization dedicated to working with the Bandon Public Library and the City of Bandon to build the new library and then enhance the collections and programs of the Bandon Public Library.

Through the generous support of many civic-minded organizations and individuals, BLFF has provided funding for building the new library, providing accessories and furniture, supplementing the book and media acquisition funds, and supporting new programs.

The Foundation also provides on-going funding, through its endowments and annual fundraising for collections, book acquisition and a variety of community-based programs that contribute to the excellence of the Library.

The BLFF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and is governed by a member board.

# How can you support the Bandon Library?

The easiest way to support to support our library is to support the BLFF! Become a member or renew your annual membership. Simply fill out the form below, attach your dues and/or donation and mail them in.

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## Library Reader's Book Club



Even though our successful Library Reader's Book Club has not been able to meet since the Library's closure, our enthusiasm for reading (and eventual sharing) has not diminished!

I know we are all so thankful for the "walk-up window" and mail-out capabilities that have continued to allow us to access the books that enable so many of us to continue to thrive during the pandemic.

Thanks are also due to the volunteers who put together the recent "itty bitty book sales!" I was fortunate to find a pristine copy of Thomas Wolfe's "Look Homeward, Angel" for one dollar! One of those classics so many of us thought surely we must have read ——but probably haven't. Can't wait to see what's to be found at the next one!

Please be encouraged to keep track of what you are reading to make a record to share with other Book Club members whenever we can resume our meetings. We can each compile a list of what you feel will be interesting to discuss and share at future meetings. I refuse to give up on this idea and ask each of you to brainstorm ideas of how we might re-invent the club for these challenging times. Stay strong, stay safe, and KEEP READING!!

Karen Thomas, Coordinator 🤝







## THE Itty Bitty Book Sale

Due to the coronavirus, the Bandon Library has been closed to the public since March. This has left the BLFF's Never Ending Book Sale motionless. The idea of the Itty Bitty Book Sale was born when it became clear there could not be a summer sale or holiday sale in 2020.

There were three successful Itty Bitty sales in July, August, and September, held on the patio just outside the Sprague Room. Media selections came from the Never Ending Book Sale and what had been put aside for the Holiday Book Sale. Books sold for either \$1 or \$3. The sale also included movies on DVD, music CDs, a few books on CD, and puzzles. Volunteers and attendees practiced social distancing and wore masks; antibacterial spray and gloves were also available. Over \$1,000 was earned for our library.

We want to give a special "thank you to all" who ventured out to attend, carrying out the rules set by the state and common sense. Look for more Itty Bitty Book Sales in Spring 2021.



Peanuts by Charles M. Schultz

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### LIFETIME MEMBERS CLUB

Yes there will be a Lifetime Members Club gathering via emails and regular mail. You might ask, is it really needed this year? Yes, more than ever.

Our new director, Jennifer Croft and the library staff have been working through the months as we have been sheltering mostly at home. Curb side pick ups and mailing books to patrons are the new normal. Jennifer has continued to cull the old tired book collection, discarding over 4,000 books in one month. She also has been ordering new 2020 fiction and non fiction books with suggestions from all staff members. The library will open in the future, just in a different safer way.

This year improvements continue for the area just past the main counter, where the music CD holders are. Colorful banners, barrel chairs and colorful pots for the plants have been the Lifetime Members contributions for the last two years. The huge bookcase is next to go, leaving a big empty space. All of the burgundy chairs and the fish have found new homes.

Jennifer Croft has come up with three fresh projects for lifetime members to vote on:

- 1. Two 3-Tier Oval Display Tables 42"H x 60"W x 42"D
- 2. Freestanding Waterfall. Includes a remote to change the waters color. This would replace the sound the fish tank was known for. 73.5"H x 24"W x 15"D
- 3. Surfboard Shape Book Shelf for books on CD. 51"H x 60"W x 24"D

The three projects are all needed, but one with be chosen. Watch for your first email or letter October 1, 2020.

Cathy Larcom-Johnston, *LTMC Chairperson* blifetimemembers@bandonlff.org

"Keep Bandon Reading" program. Your dollars go for postage and packaging to mail media to library patrons unable to pick up items at the library. We also are grateful to library staff for taking phone orders, making great recommendations, and preparing books-CDs-DVDs to go out to the Bandon public.

## Do you have a Kindle, an iPad, or another type of tablet?

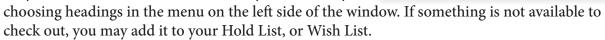
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- Turn on your computer and open the internet.
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- Insert the number on your library card.

#### YOU ARE SIGNED IN!

Now all there is for you to do is choose which books you would like to read. Of course, everything you want may not be available but you should find a pretty wide variety in both Fiction and Non-fiction.

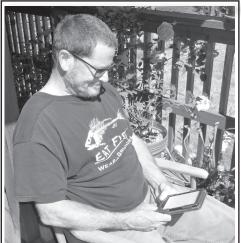
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