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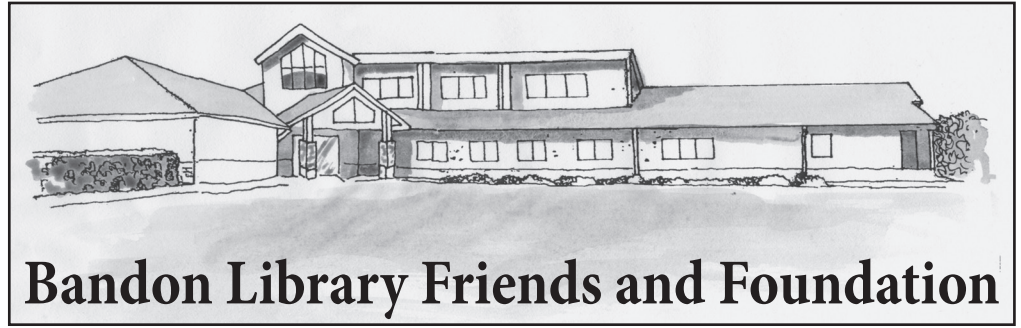
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**Bandon Library Friends and Foundation**

**NOTES**  
**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

“I don’t know *what* our family would do if we couldn’t check out books, movies, and now GAMES from our library!

“Sometimes I don’t know **WHAT** I want to read! Our library staff have such good recommendations, and have helped me find some new favorite authors.”

“Do people know they can check out a laptop or a tablet from our library?”

“I missed stopping in the library to read newspapers and magazines. Then I found out they have online subscriptions!”

In our last newsletter we asked people to share how the library has made life better for you and your family. These are some of the comments that library patrons have made. Even though we’re all going through challenging times due to COVID-19, having our library has made life a little easier.

Megan Maloney, *President* ☺  
 Bandon Library Friends & Foundation, Inc.

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# From the Director's Desk...

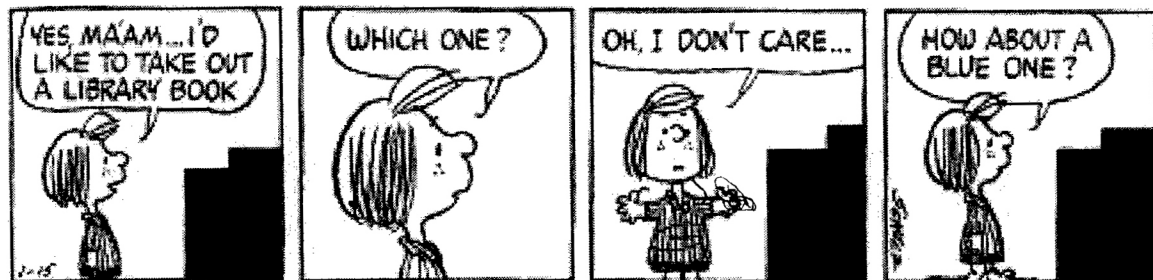


Hello out there, all you wonderful friends of the library! I hope that you are all continuing to weather this pandemic in a safe and healthy way. I have been your director for a year now, and sadly still haven't had the opportunity to meet or visit with many of you. I realize that having your beloved library closed during this time, and an unfamiliar person managing things, can add discomfort and apprehension for many of you. It was expressed to me that I might be able to increase confidence by explaining to all of you what my vision for the library is. That is a difficult task for me because I believe strongly that this shouldn't be about my vision. This library doesn't actually belong to me, it belongs to you. First and foremost, the library needs to be useful to the community which has entrusted me to run it.

It was my intention upon my arrival to spend my first year getting to know our community and its needs, in order to form library policy and practices to be most responsive to those needs. The pandemic we are all living through has made this task much more difficult and less direct, but not impossible. I rely on statistical information, both external and internal, and our staff's expertise to tell me what kinds of programs, services, and library materials our community is interested in, and to show me where our library funds are best invested. I like to try new things all the time and see how they go, but if an item doesn't circulate, or if the programs I plan aren't attended (even virtual ones), I quickly move on to try something else. This means that the best way to tell me you like something is to use it, and the best way to tell me you don't is to ignore it. Of course, I also welcome individual suggestions and input. If you request an item be added to our collection--and I can get it--I almost always will.

Public libraries have certainly evolved, but their core purpose remains intact. Libraries exist to provide access to needed/desired information for their communities. I look to you to make known to me the type of information you want, and what form it should take.

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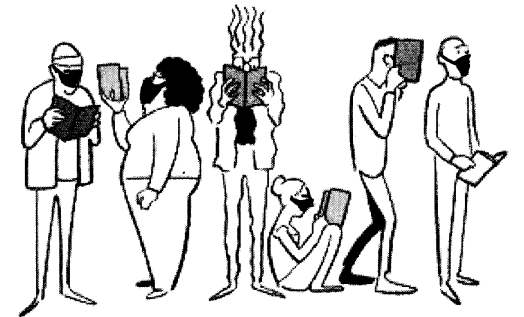
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# Library Readers Book Club

Our Book Club is not forgotten! Somewhere in the depths of my laptop remains the email list and I do have the folders from past years with notes and details of our book choices and meeting attendance, etc. We will rise again in some format, I know.

The last meeting was February 2020 when we discussed "Where The Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. My notes remind me that I was in the minority who didn't think it was deserving of all its hype. Oh well... I try to keep a running list of all the books and authors as I finish each one. I counted up since that February meeting, and I have read 51 as of the end of January 2021. I am so fortunate to have the luxury of time to read so widely, not to mention our Library and its staff to feed my passion! I do realize that one of the best things about chairing the book club was that it encouraged me to read mindfully and take notes as I read. When I look back on all of those 51 books, only a few stand out as memorable. Sharing our club choices together is meaningful!

By the middle of February, my recent cataract surgery will be to the point of securing new glasses and I should actually be able to see and use that tiny laptop more comfortably. Not to mention more comfortable reading in general. Perhaps we could plan towards a couple (outdoor?) summer book club in-person meeting. Let's get creative.



**Be well and KEEP READING!**  
Karen Thomas, *Chairperson* 🍷


## ... ITTY BITTY BOOK SALES ...

In lieu of our Summer Book Sale and the Never Ending Book Sale in our sadly shuttered Library, Itty Bitty Book Sales will return April 3, weather permitting. Once a month we will bring a choice selection of books and mixed media to the patio outside the Sprague Room to hold you over until we can fully function again.


**Watch for notices, be well, be happy and read!**

# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE BANDON LIBRARY?

The easiest way 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.



## Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Membership Application



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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing or New Member (circle one)

Enclosed is:  \$5 Annual Membership fee Additional donation  \$50 Individual Lifetime Membership fee  \$75 Couples Lifetime Membership fee


Please make checks payable to: BLFF, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon, OR 97411.

I'd like to help BLFF (Check as many as you wish.):

<input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drives
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Digital Editions at [www.bandonlibrary.org](http://www.bandonlibrary.org)

One of the hardest things about this pandemic for the staff and me, is your absence from our library. We were musing the other day about how much we enjoyed it when you would simply come in to read the newspaper, or other magazines. Often you wouldn't even check them out, but just find a nice comfy spot in one of our chairs, or at one of our tables, and read the paper. We thought that you, too, might be missing out on this simple pleasure, so we began to conceptualize a way to bring it back, virtually, during this time.

Using remaining CARES grant funds and what was left in our periodicals budget (we paused subscriptions since there was no one coming in to read), we decided to create a portal on our website at [www.bandonlibrary.org](http://www.bandonlibrary.org), which you can use to access newspapers and magazines from home, using a computer or a mobile device, and so Digital Editions was brought to life.

As I write this, we're still working on set-up, but we should be live by the time this goes to print. Visit us online, and check it out!

Jennifer Croft, *Director* 🐦



## IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR BLFF MEMBERSHIP?

BLFF annual membership is \$5 per person.

IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO RENEW?

If a BLFF newsletter is mailed to you, please check the date on the label.

This is your renewal date.

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**BLFF, c/o Bandon Library, 1204 11th St SW, Bandon, OR 97411.**

Your BLFF membership shows your support for the Bandon Library. Membership dues help buy books, books on CD, DVDs, music, magazines, furniture, and more!

# Lifetime Members Club

Who knew three years ago the BLFF wouldn't be able to hold regular book sales and the Never Ending Book Sale would be unavailable as long as the library had to be closed. This has made our Lifetime Members Club an important fundraiser for the BLFF and the library. In the past two years the LTMC raised close to one regular book sale and shows promise to excel in the future.

Total donations for 2020-2021 are \$2,175.00. The three tier display table won with 14 votes. The free standing waterfall received 7 votes. Both of these were purchased and are in use.

Jennifer Croft, our director will come up with one much needed project for this October's gathering for the Bandon Public Library. The Lifetime Members will have the opportunity to choose to financially support the project. We will meet once again through emails and regular mail. Maybe in 2022 we will be able to meet safely in person again.

Thank you to all who have supported the LTMC. It can't happen without you.

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

## From the Gallery...

Until the library is open regularly again, we won't be showing art in the Gallery, but I am in the middle of a project to keep art a regular part of the library. I've been developing shows now for six years, and for every one of these shows I created a beautiful poster featuring one of the paintings or photographs in the show with the name(s) and dates of the show's run. Director Jennifer Crofts and I decided that we'd like to see all those posters up in the library, so I've been printing and framing them to hang over the bookshelves, and in other locations around the library. Each one is in an 8" x 10" frame, and she and I will hang them once I've got them all printed. We've had such amazing art in the Gallery during these years, and to see the posters up will be a wonderful reminder of them and a testament to how much the library values the artists in our community and throughout Oregon. Art will be back in the Gallery as soon as possible, as well as inside the library on The Long Wall.

Tracy Hodson, *Gallery Director* 🐾  
Bandon Library Friends & Foundation, Inc.

Thank you



Thank you

**The Board of the BLFF and the Bandon Library staff offer their sincerest thanks to MARGERY WILSON.**

Margery was a longtime Bandon resident and a lover of books and art who left her property to the BLFF in support of the Bandon Library. This generous gift will allow us to make major upgrades to Bandon Library's services and more. Already the library has been able to purchase four new computers and a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system to more quickly and accurately check out/in all library media. It will also keep up-to-date media inventory while allowing staff to provide the personal assistance to patrons we all value.

Margery was devoted to the library and was a passionate reader all her life. She loved Italy, and traveled there and elsewhere in Europe frequently. An animal lover, she adopted strays that showed up at her door, and donated to various animal shelters throughout her life. When she was young, she bred horses and dogs, and was especially fond of corgis, best known as the Queen of England's favorite dogs. She was an art lover, and had a small collection of original art. As a supporter of Native American causes and their schools in particular, Margery regularly donated to them as much as she could over the years. She was a warm and generous woman, and the BLFF is extremely pleased and thankful to have been remembered in her will. In addition to those things that will help run the library, we plan to remember her in a more personal way and are looking at ideas for how to do that.

*Thank you, Margery, for your thoughtful, forward-thinking donation.*