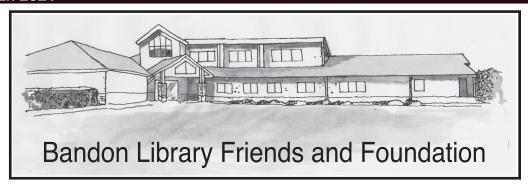
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our big news is that Christine Kingsbury has been hired as the new Bandon Library Director. She will join us January 1, 2022. We're looking forward to working with her.

As of this writing, our library is open for browsing on Wednesdays (noon until 6:00 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.). Other days, library patrons may call (541-347-3221) to schedule a time to pick up their books, DVDs, and CDs, etc.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the BLFF has been busy revising its Strategic Plan, and we need your help! A questionnaire will be available in January. The information you provide will let us know what you want our library to be, how you feel it can best support our community, where you would like resources to go. The questionnaire may be filled out online or on paper, and then returned to the library's circulation desk. Thank you in advance for your input.

We wish you all wonderful holidays and a healthy, happy new year!

Megan Maloney, President Bandon Library Friends & Foundation, Inc. ❖

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BANDON LIBRARY OPEN HOURS

Wednesday 12 (noon) - 6pm Saturday 10am - 4pm









Itty Bitty and Never-Ending Book Sales

There will be more outside Itty Bitty Book Sales next spring through fall 2022.

The big question the BLFF has is when will we have our normal summer and holiday sales? A lot will have to do with the new Library Director's Sprague Room usage rules.

Until then, please know the Never-Ending Book Sale inside the library is fully freshened with new books weekly. There are books for a simple holiday gift and those for rainy day reading. Most books are \$1-\$5. Also, there are music CDs, DVDs, vintage video movies and puzzles available to purchase.

If you have any 2019-2022 hardbound fiction or Oprah-sized paperbacks in good condition to donate, please do so. The staff has been also able to add these to the library's inventory for all to check out! (Please, no romance paperbacks.)

There is a rotating display of books for sale in the gallery's display cases, books that would have appeared at a holiday sale. Our generous staff is happy to help you get the book you want out of the cases.

BLFF Board Membership

There is currently a vacant seat on the Bandon Library Friends & Foundation, Inc. (BLFF) Board of Directors.

We are a working board. Everyone on the Board donates significant time, effort, and resources to the BLFF and for the Bandon Library.

Are you a strong supporter of the Bandon Library? Are you interested in being considered for a place on the BLFF Board? If so, please contact us

- via email at bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org or
- via letter of interest to

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

From the Art Gallery...

Despite these uncertain times, Bandon Library Art Gallery and The Long Wall will be covered with fabulous art for the foreseeable future, in the form of paintings by **Ava Richey** on **The Long Wall**, and the mosaics of **Vera Melnyk** in **The Gallery**. Also inside the library, and after January 1st, in the cases, we'll be featuring the stunning work of the late African-American sculptor **Charles Tatum**. The plan right now is to keep all of this work up indefinitely, allowing for patrons to have plenty of time to see it. It is well worth making the trip!

The project of displaying the posters from past art shows in the gallery is underway, too. I've been framing them so that we can begin hanging them around inside the library. This will be a wonderful way to show the brilliant and varied work we've shown over the last 6 years. I am so pleased that the library continues to be dedicated to the showing art as part of its service to the community.

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.



Do you have a Kindle, an iPad, or another type of e-reader?

Did you know that ebooks (electronic books) that can be read on any of these devices are available to check out of the library? **FREE!** Just like a regular book (yes, audio books as well). For 2 weeks at a time or more. The "library" is online, it is easy and **FREE!**

- Turn on your computer and open the internet.
- Go to Library2go.com
- Choose which county your library is in.
- 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.

In the upper left corner there are listed a number of ways for you to search. You can alter your search by choosing headings in the menu further down on the same side of the window. If something is not available to check out, you may add it to your Hold List, or Wish List.

When you find something you wish to check out, hit the "Borrow" tab. It will automatically be placed on your "Loans" page. You may find your personal Loans, Wish List and Holds on the right side of the page under the "My Account" menu.

You may check out six books at a time. When you are finished, go to your Loans page and click on the "Read now with Kindle" bar in the center of each book, one at a time. You will automatically be transferred to Amazon.com, where the checking out takes place. Sign into Amazon using your email address and password.

- Click on "Get Library Book" in upper right corner of page, near the author's picture.
- Contiue to follow the prompts.

These are general directions only, processes will vary from device to device. *There are additional instructions at the Library2go site.*



Lifetime Members Club

In 2018, the first LTMC was held. Each year, the Library Director and staff make suggestions of projects/supplies/equipment that the library could use but cannot purchase within that year's budget. The Lifetime Members who attended each meeting voted on which projects they wished to fund and wrote checks, a minimum of \$50.

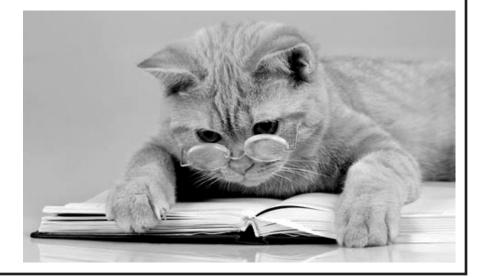
Then came 2021. I compared the Bandon Library to "The Little Engine That Could," and it truly is! With no official Library Director and no projects suggested, the Lifetime Members have still donated \$3,000, beating previous years' contributions. This money will be given to the new Library Director for things her budget won't cover. Our Lifetime Members Club will hopefully continue to grow in members and donations. This project is a simple fundraiser with a real impact.

There was some LTMC money left over from 2020. That money will be used to have the two comfy leather chairs by the magazine racks reupholstered.

Thank you all who've participated and given positive comments and criticism!

Cathy Larcom-Johnston, LTMC Chairperson

A serious reader...



MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE BLFF

One of our very generous Lifetime Members has made a proposal for supporters of the Bandon Library and Bandon Library Friends & Foundation. Effective January 1, 2022, he is offering matching funds of up to \$1,000 to the BLFF for each new and renewing membership. Every time someone signs up or renews, he will match that amount.

If it's time to renew your annual membership, please do so! If you have friends or family who haven't yet joined the Friends, please encourage them to do so. And *Thank you*, anonymous donor!

Donation in Memory of...

We recently received the following letter from a BLFF member: Enclosed please find a contribution made in memory of my brother who died in January after contracting COVID.

Born in Montana in 1929, my brother survived the Great Depression and the limited finances of a large farming family. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he earned his teaching degree. During his career, he touched the lives of many, many students. After retiring, he volunteered as an ESL teacher with Head Start. He helped advocate for the construction of a new library and was elected President of his local Friends of the Library, which to date has raised nearly \$700,000 for the library system and books for schools. He was also instrumental in renovating, equipping and expanding a small satellite library for an underserved population is the community.

We are honored that the BLFF was chosen to pay tribute to this brother's memory.

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. Please send your check to:

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!