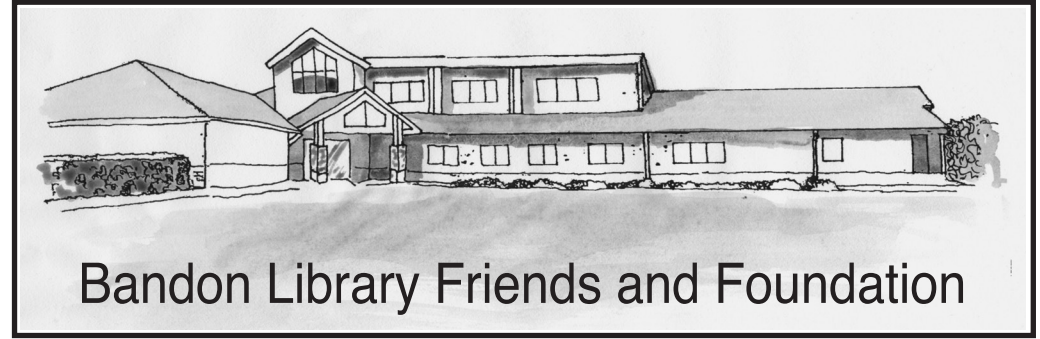


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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It feels as if the Bandon Library has awakened from a long sleep! As COVID numbers have decreased in Coos County – our hope is this trend will continue – the library has reopened to a five-days-per-week schedule: Tuesday-Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 10am-4pm, and Saturday 10am-1pm.

Final setup of the new RFID system is being completed. This system and accompanying computers were purchased by the Bandon Library Friends & Foundation, Inc. (BLFF) through a bequest from Marjorie Wilson and is being set up under the supervision of our new library director, Christine Kingsbury. It expedites checkout/ check-in and allows for easier, quicker and more accurate inventorying.

Our library is partnering with the Friends of Bandon Parks (<https://fobparks2.blogspot.com/>) to develop a Story Walk in City Park, adjacent to the library. Story Walk is a permanent educational activity that places stories along a popular walking route in the community.

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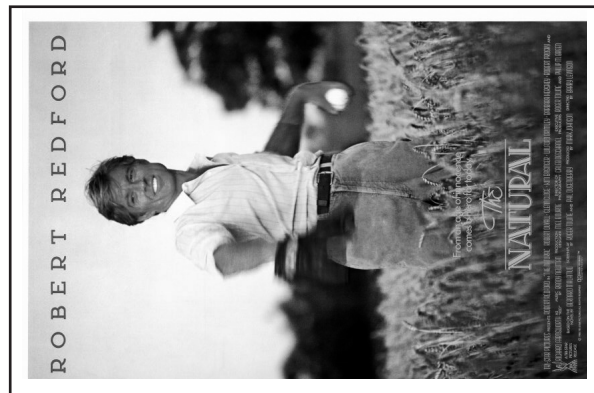
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## From the Director...

I wanted to take a moment and say how much I have appreciated the warm welcome from the Bandon community. So many projects have taken flight in the short time I have been here, thanks to the support of the staff, community partnerships, and the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation. New seating and shelving for our new teen section, beginning implementation of a new state of the art self-checkout station, and a StoryWalk for the park are all exciting projects we are currently working on. One can see how loved and treasured the library is by the people here. The staff and I are committed to doing our very best to provide quality services and programs to enhance the lives of all who walk through our doors. Thank you again for your welcome and support!

Christine Kingsbury,  
Bandon Library Director

## Farewell to a Dear Friend and Supporter of the BLFF

J. Merle Logan (1934-2022) was born in Pittsburgh, PA, educated at the University of Oklahoma, and taught graduate courses at Texas A & M. He also traveled, taught, and/or did research in China, Tibet, Japan, England, Scotland, Switzerland, Greece, Italy and Guatemala.

After he retired from A & M, he and Lorna moved full time to Bandon. It was then he became involved in the Bandon Library project. (Merle also continued teaching, this time at the University of Oregon, through 2016.) Having supported graduate students for years with grant money, he had the ability to raise money and eventually helped secure over four million dollars to get the library built. Merle would have stressed that a lot of people were involved in that effort for many years. After the library was built, the Bandon Library Development Foundation, Inc. and the Friends of the Bandon Public Library merged to become the BLFF. Merle served as its president until 2018.

Merle was also instrumental in establishing Bandon's Coast Community Health Clinic. Giving back to his community was an important part of who he was.

*Thank you, Merle, for your dedication to learning and civic responsibility and the Bandon Library. You will be greatly missed.*

## Lifetime Members Club

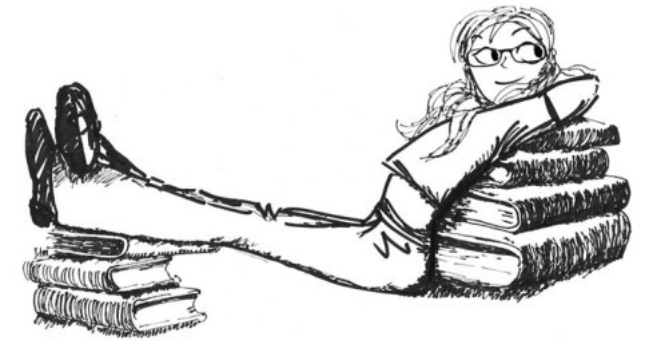
There wasn't a project for 2022 until our new director, Christine Kingsbury, decided to reinvent the dismantled Young Adult area. She commented that, all across the states, libraries are focused on welcoming young adults and encouraging them to use the many resources at their disposal. The new YA area is located in the back room of the library on the right side.

This year the LTMC contributed \$3,650. Additional LTMC funds and TriviaNight money was made available for the balance of the cost. The apple-green bench in the shape of a "Y" cries YA Area. Two low stools in blue and yellow and new shelving, will finish the area. We are hoping that by early April all will be delivered and in use.

Donations made to benefit the Children's Library are not used to cover Young Adult materials and programs. If you'd like to donate to YA, please note that with your donation.

*Thank you all who have participated!*

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



## Classic Movies

It's been two years since our last Movie Night, and it's returning in a new form. The BLFF will again present Movie Night this time in partnership with the Sprague Theatre. It will be held at the Theatre. There will be no cost to attend, although refreshments will be available for purchase at intermission. The Sprague Theatre's sound system has been upgraded to provide a movie theatre-type experience. We hope this will be a fun family night that can be repeated. Movie Night will be Saturday, June 18, for "The Natural" with Robert Redford. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Supporting Actress (Glenn Close), and it was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress (Kim Basinger). Many of the baseball scenes were filmed in 1983 at War Memorial Stadium in Buffalo, New York, which was built in 1937 and demolished in 1988.

# How can you support the Bandon Library?

There are many ways that members of the Bandon community can support the BLFF and the Bandon Library. Here are two:

• **BLFF Board Member:** *There is a vacancy on the BLFF Board.*

BLFF Board members actively support the BLFF mission as an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to working with the Bandon Public Library and providing ongoing funding for the library's collections, book acquisitions and a variety of community-based programs that contribute to the excellence of the library.

A strong commitment is expected; each board member is elected to the BLFF Board for a three-year term. Attending BLFF Board meetings requires about 2-3 hours monthly (or quarterly). Additional assignments as a chair of volunteer for a selected BLFF activity or program are encouraged and may have additional time requirements.

• **Volunteer Coordinator:**

The BLFF Volunteer Coordinator recruits and coordinates volunteers, working with program chairs so all events that need volunteers are covered. The Volunteer Coordinator also provides orientation training for new volunteers.

If you would like additional information or are interested in being considered for either, please email: [bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org](mailto:bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org).



## Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Membership Application



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I'd like to help the BLFF. Please contact me with information on volunteer opportunities.

For more information on the BLFF, please see our website: [bandonlff.org](http://bandonlff.org)  
or email [bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org](mailto:bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org) with any questions.

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## Notes from the President (Continued from Page 1)

While the basic signage will be permanent, the displays can change – anything from information on native plants and trees, a children's story to a family activity.

The Library's Teen Area has been set up along the east wall, just before the fiction stacks. Encourage teens you know to check it out.

You are receiving this newsletter as a member of the BLFF, but check the address label to see if it's time to renew your membership. It's a great time to do so; one of our members has pledged \$1,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS for 2022 membership donations!

While the BLFF has been unable to hold its Summer and Holiday Book Sales, the Itty Bitty Sales have been popular and will continue in 2022 on the first Saturdays of May, July, and September, 10am-2pm just outside the library's Sprague Room.

Are you interested in volunteering an hour or two each week or month to make our Library even better? Do you have ideas for fundraising or projects? Would you like to learn more about us?



- Renew – or join! – the BLFF (or encourage your friends/ neighbors to join)
- Check out our website ([www.bandonlff.org](http://www.bandonlff.org)) or Facebook page (Bandon Library Friends & Foundation) for more information about *Who We Are* and *What We Do*.
- Email [bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org](mailto:bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org) to share your ideas or ask questions.
- Attend our upcoming Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at 2:00 pm in the Bandon Library Sprague Room to hear our brief annual review and look forward into 2022-23.

*It truly takes a village working together  
to provide services of value to our community.*

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



# Itty Bitty and Never-Ending Book Sales

Great News! **The Itty Bitty Book Sales are back!** Mark your calendars. Saturday May 7, July 2, and September 3, 10-2. They are planned for outside on the patio like the last two years. If it rains they will be held inside. (Masks would be encouraged.)



Someone recently asked when there would be a regular book sale. Luckily for us, there is the Never Ending Book Sale inside the library. It is ongoing, is restocked weekly and is our biggest BLFF book sale. Books are \$1-\$5. Also, there are music CDs, DVDs, vintage video movies and puzzles.

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

## From the Art Gallery...

The sculpture by Charles Tatum is finally up in the cases! The renowned African-American artist was a resident of Bandon until the end of his life. He left his work in the care of his partner Patricia Soltys, who has shared a few pieces with the gallery. Vera Melnyk's mosaics are still on the walls in the gallery and Ava Richey's paintings are on the Long Wall. If you haven't been to the gallery lately, stop by to see this wonderful work.

I am in the process of printing all of the gallery's posters from the last five years and hanging them in the Sprague Room. I hope to have this project finished soon!

Tracy Hodson, *Gallery Director & Curator*

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart."

*Elizabeth Andre*

# Library Readers' Book Club

Although there is little to report on the Book Club, there has been progress on other library issues. Our new director, Christine Kingbury, is firmly in place with great ideas to expand the library's reach into the community, and the library is open 5 days a week! The Library Advisory Board is again having monthly meetings (open to the public) and the enthusiasm is palpable.

I've been reading some of the classics that I either missed altogether, or read so long ago they have been forgotten. What a joy (and revelation) to indulge in Willa Cather, Thomas Mann, Henry James, George Eliot. This timeless writing inspires and somehow comforts one during these stressful times. I don't want to overlook a few more contemporary reads that could be fodder for our book club however. "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich and "The Phone Booth at the Edge of the World" by Laura Imai Messina come to mind.

Before the recent reopening, I was leaving the library on an open Wednesday when a very small girl with her mom were approaching the automatic door. When it opened for them, the little girl squealed and shouted "it's Open Mama - the library is really Open." Such enthusiasm from a tiny future reader filled my heart and soothed my soul. This is why everyone works so hard to keep our library viable.

**There will be an organizational meeting for the Library Readers' Book Club on April 12.** Those interested should send their name, email address and phone number to [bookclub@bandonlff.org](mailto:bookclub@bandonlff.org). We will be discussing dates, timing, focus and the need for volunteers at that time. Now is the time to impart your input and let's get started.

**Keep on reading!**

Karen Thomas,  
*Library Readers' Book Club Chairperson*



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