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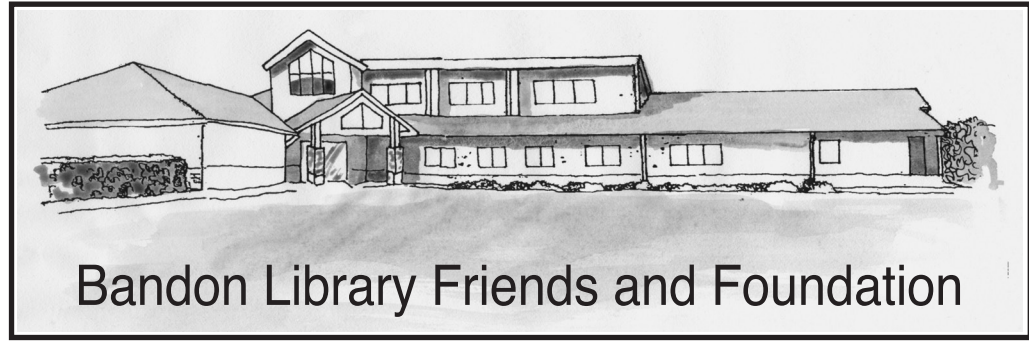
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Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

After two years of library shutdown and limited services, we all have realized how much we depend on our library. As we begin a new fiscal year on July 1, we look forward to adjusting how we can best support the Bandon community. We are thrilled that through BLFF financial support the Bandon Library continues the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**. Bandon area children ages 0-5 may participate, receiving their own monthly books to enjoy. **Bandon Library Readers' Book Club** continues to meet monthly but in the afternoon. Chairperson Karen Thomas provides additional information in this newsletter. We hope that other BLFF programs, like **Classic Movie Night**, will continue, but in a different form. On June 18, Family Movie Night moved to the Sprague Theatre with its professional sound system and screen. Library staff Christine Kingsbury and Jan Ayers, along with volunteer Ivy Wagner, are working to develop both monthly travel and creative writing programs. These are just samples of what is available through the BLFF and the Bandon Library. What we do depends on interest from the community and assistance from enthusiastic volunteers.

Let us know what's important to you.

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

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From the Director...

With summer here, the library staff has been busy creating new programming activities and services for our patrons. Our ocean-themed youth summer reading program will run the month of July, incorporating reading incentives, weekly crafts and STEM activities for kids and teens, as well as special guest presentations by *Washed Ashore*, *Shoreline Education and Awareness*, and *Bullards Beach State Park*.

Our new **StoryWalk** stands have arrived and will be installed along a path in the city park. StoryWalks are a wonderful way to promote literacy with healthy outdoor activities. This project was made possible by a partnership between the Bandon Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of Bandon Parks, and the Bandon Library.

A new coffee and conversation time for adults is in the works to begin at the end of July. This will be a special time of various activities, presentations, and engaging conversations.

August 12: the Bandon Library and BLFF will be hosting a special author talk at the Sprague Theater by author Mark Yaconelli, featuring his newest book "Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can Save Us."

November 8: will feature a free Celtic Harp concert at the Sprague Theater by musicians Aryeh Frankfurter and Lisa Lynne.

From *September 14 - October 11*, the library will be hosting a traveling exhibit called "Oregon's Dino-Story." The exhibit features fun educational activities for kids, teens and adults.

The Bandon Library Art Gallery is currently displaying new works by artists Vicki Affatati, Abby Lazerow and Victoria Tierney. Special thanks to Bandon Library Art Gallery Curator Tracy Hodson for facilitating this new exhibit.

Staff and volunteers are almost finished tagging our entire collection for the new self-checkout station based on RFID technology. We are excited to see this project nearly complete. Thank you, BLFF, for making this amazing technology possible.

Staff member Jennifer Tanner retired at the end of June after 32 years of service at our library. Jennifer has been a valued member of the staff here and will be greatly missed. We wish Jennifer all the best as she enjoys this special and well-deserved time in her life.

Thank you all so much for your support. With your help we are able to provide amazing opportunities for our community. I am excited to see what the future holds for our library!

Christine Kingsbury,
Bandon Library Director

In the Art Gallery...



Skyscape by Vicki Affatati

A much-loved teacher as well as a painter, Vicki Affatati has made a series of brilliant skyscapes in acrylics that revel in the colors of floating clouds and sunsets. Sharing the gallery walls with Affatati is Abby Lazerow of Ashland, whose highly skilled oil paintings are of sea, swimmers and coastal cliffs. Together these artists evoke the glory days of summer, and serve as reminders to take in all the beauty of the South Coast of Oregon. "Sea and Sky" runs through 31 July 2022.

Charles Tatum's sculpture continues in the cases.

Inside the library on the Long Wall, Victoria Tierney has arrayed a collection of watercolors and digital art made with the computer graphics program Art Rage. With a finger or her iPen and tablet she draws, colors and paints, playing in a virtual sandbox, discovering new ways to express her seemingly limitless imagination. This digital work may be a complex abstract or a simple cartoon-like drawing, while her finely realized watercolor plants and portraits demonstrate her virtuosity with conventional methods.

Tracy Hodson, *Gallery Director & Curator*

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.

- **Become a Member:** At whatever level membership you choose, please be aware that the BLFF receives matching funds when you renew your membership in 2022.
- **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 or 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 are covered. The 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.



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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 or email bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org with any questions.

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Give a Little Time - Get a Lot Back

A few months before COVID came along to restrict all our lives, I was looking for a way to contribute to the Bandon community. At one of the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation book sales, I offered to help the organization and ended up becoming the group's secretary. For this avid reader it seemed a good fit, and I quickly discovered how vital the foundation is to both the library and to the community of readers that benefits from it.

Then, two years ago, the foundation received a significant bequest from the estate of a patron, Margery Wilson. The library director at that time was asked to recommend how the library could best benefit from the infusion of a large sum of money. She suggested that a system that would digitally encode all the holdings would be of enormous assistance to both the library staff and patrons. It would enable readers to check out their own items, make inventory quicker and more efficient, and free up library staff to better attend to all the services that go into making a library run smoothly. BLFF agreed, and the necessary equipment, supplies and training were purchased.

However, the downside to this gift is that the library staff is now tasked with the physical tagging and encoding of some 50,000 books, DVDs and CDs so that the system can be activated.

When I first heard about the enormity of this undertaking, I began to think that helping

out with the process might also be a practical contribution I could make, especially as recent budget constraints had already reduced the staff. I found that although current library volunteers are helping as much as they can with the tagging, their primary role is the necessary reshelving of returned items. It was obvious that the library could use some extra-person power. The result? I'm currently volunteering a few hours each week to help prepare items for the new system.

Now, a couple of months into this, not only do I feel that I'm giving back to the library for all the enjoyment I receive from it, I have become even more addicted to the library's content than ever. As I pull each book or DVD from the shelf, open it and insert its "chip," I discover so many tantalizing titles, and so much information and entertainment right there in my hands that I know that I will never run out of new stories, subjects, people and places to become acquainted with.

If you have ever considered volunteering at the library, I highly recommend it. Give it a try--you may find that it will give back to you more than you might think.

Linda Hill, Secretary
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Book Sale News • Book Sale News

July 2 Itty Bitty Book Sale a Big Success!

The pandemic in 2020 resulted in a huge pause on the BLFF fundraising schedule. Hence, the invention of the outside Itty Bitty Book Sale. Now in 2022 we have graduated to holding them inside with continued social distancing and masks if desired. Our latest sale hosted by Joan Thisby and Gaia Riverwood raised \$492 and earned us one new member. A big ‘**THANK YOU**’ to Joan and Gaia for giving up some of their 4th of July celebration time!

Each time we get a new membership donation this year, the donation doubles the amount in dollars. Thanks to a matching fund offer by a Lifetime Member, (*You know who you are. Many thanks*).

The next Itty Bitty Book Sale for 2022 will be held September 3rd and it will be different from this recent sale.

After the September sale, we will be looking for volunteers to pack boxes of sale books year round. You would need to be able to lift 20 pound boxes. It would require about an hour a week. If you are interested please leave your name and number at the front desk of our library.



Summer Book Sale, August 5 & 6, 2022

We are having a Summer Book Sale this year; something that hasn't happened since the beginning of the Covid pandemic.

This will be a different kind of book sale. It will be held for just two days.

Friday, August 5th and Saturday August 6th.

- *Friday* all books will be two for a dollar
- *Saturday* Bag Day, \$5 for a full bag of books
- *Sunday* from 12:00 to 2:00 everything left will be free

Music CDs, Records and Videos will also be available for sale.

We are making space for new donations, so come and take some of these great books home.

Library Readers' Book Club

The Library Reader's Book Club had its first discussion meeting on June 14 in the Sprague Room. There were 16 members attending with four new to the club, thanks to word of mouth and BLFF notifications.

The June selection was “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles. We explored the colorful characters and emphasized that this is NOT a travel guide. There was a lively discussion and some pretty deep assessments, with most feeling the book is a valuable addition to the traditional “good vs evil” genre.

The months coming up have a variety of tastes in mind:

- The *July 12th* meeting features “The Night Watchman” by Louise Erdrich
- On *August 9th* we will discuss “The Beekeeper of Aleppo” by Christy Lefteri
- On *September 13* we will explore the many books by Oregon author William Sullivan. Members are asked to choose their own favorite and bring their opinions to the meeting.
- *October 11* will find us digging into “Half Broke Horses” by Jeanette Walls of “Glass Castle” fame
- On *November 8th* we review “The Lacuna” by Barbara Kingsolver, one of my personal favorite authors!

The LRBC is proving to be a group of serious book lovers who enjoy in-depth discussion of character motivations, and insight into both the theme of each selection, and possible aims of the authors. I'm looking forward to the rest of 2022 and beyond. Please bring any questions and/or join us by e-mailing bookclub@Bandonlff.org

Keep on Reading!

Karen Thomas, Chairperson
Bandon Library Readers Book Club

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Freedom of Communication.
They are about Education,
about Entertainment,
about
making Safe Spaces
and about
Access to Information.

