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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've been laid up for a couple of months with at least a couple more months to go, healing from surgery to repair a broken ankle. My movements have been very limited, and I've lost much of my independence. Even so, there are many things to be grateful for. Besides special people, science, and learning patience, I appreciate **READING** and the friends who've recommended books new to me.

Our library is a sanctuary for its patrons. Whether it's to use the computers for email or research; attend a workshop or story time; chat with a friend; or check out music, movies, or books, these things and more are available to anyone in our community **AT NO COST** to them. **Everyone is welcome. Everyone will be served.**

I can hardly wait to get back there!

And here's my list of reading suggestions:

- The Book of M* by Peng Shepherd
- Search* by Michelle Huneven
- The Change* by Kirsten Miller
- The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zaf

Megan Maloney,
President BLFF

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From the Director...

It is hard to believe that I have been here a year now. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the community and making Bandon our home. I'd like to start by thanking the Lifetime Members Club for their generous donation of over \$5,000. This wonderful gift will enhance our current collection with new titles in our children's, teen, and adult sections. I can't tell you how much we appreciate your support in creating an amazing library for everyone to enjoy.

Increasing library programs after Covid-19 has been a big focus for the library this year. I am grateful for our community partners who have helped us make this happen. New recent programs include **Chess Club** with Dr. Nancy Keller (over 30 youth attendees weekly), **Shoreline Education Awareness** monthly presentations, and an open **Apple Lab** with Aaron from Bandon IT. In January, author Michele Mattingly presented a special story time featuring her book *I Speak Swahili*. Stephanie Polizzi of OSU presented a series on **Heart Health** in February, and Dr. Coyner of SWOCC gave a talk on **Exoplanets**.

Ongoing programs include **BLFF Book Club**, **Friday Freewriting**, **Washed Ashore Storytime** and **STEAM club**, **Computer Basics** (Cybersecurity and Zoom Conferencing), and **BPL Preschool storytime**.

2 We will be partnering with the BLFF to

host a special free concert by the **Portland Guitar Trio** at the Sprague Theater on April 21st. Be sure to save the date. We hope the community is enjoying these programs as much as we are.

The self-checkout system is in full swing. Staff have been using the technology and patrons will be able to use the self-checkout station starting February 1st. Thank you, BLFF, for sponsoring this project and bringing this innovative technology to the Bandon Library.

Be sure to swing by the library and see the new BLFF Never Ending Book Sale space. We were able to revamp our computer area and create a new space for the book sales thanks to funding from the BLFF.

Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of the Bandon Library. I look forward to the exciting opportunities that 2023 brings!

Christine Kingsbury, *Bandon Library Director*



Library Readers' Book Club

The Library Reader's Book Club has been meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Sprague Room. We've been averaging between 10 and 12 members each month with wonderful treats being provided by Sharon Haga, (making attendance worthwhile for them alone).

At our January 10 meeting we chose selections through June 2023 as follows:

February 8 - *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

March 8 - *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore

April 12 - *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacy Abrams

May 10 - *The Last White Man* by Moshin Hamid

June 14 - *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford

All selections promise to generate lively discussion within the group - everyone gets the chance to participate.

The BLFF is being most generous in purchasing extra copies of our selections whenever necessary. In July, they bought a beautiful bright red electric teapot for the use of any BLFF-sponsored event. It is stored in the cupboard under the glass shelves and most appreciated. I, for one, was terrified by the loose connections on the old one.



Thanks go out to Megan for her continuous support, Cody for keeping track of and ordering the books, and Christine for keeping up publicity for the Book Club. This cooperation between the BLFF and the library is a great example of what can be done when we all work together.

Lately, we have been missing one of the favorite regulars at meetings, Horty Joyce, as she recovers from a pre-Thanksgiving health setback. We anticipate her return and her always-relevant remarks soon.

Please come to our fun meetings whether you have read the current selection or not. Your input and comments are needed and appreciated!

Karen Thomas, Chairperson
Bandon Library Readers Book Club

Keep on Reading!



Properties of Thirst

by Marianne Wiggins

Working at the library (as I was for the last six months of 2022) had many advantages, not the least of which was talking to patrons about their book choices and receiving recommendations for my own reading list. One of the most enjoyable and thought-provoking of these suggestions was *Properties of Thirst* by previous Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist Marianne Wiggins. It has become one of my all-time favorite novels, and whenever I can I try to pay forward the good turn from that patron. This review is my opportunity to do so.

Set during World War II in the Owens Valley of California, the story follows Rockwell “Rocky” Rhodes and his family. Rocky has spent years protecting his ranch from the predations of the L.A. Water Corporation, which has been acquiring land and water rights to slake the thirst of the burgeoning metropolitan area to the west. His two children, Sunny and Stryker, have just reached adulthood when the war looms. The fiercely independent Stryker joins up and is among the military troops deploying to Pearl Harbor just prior to the Japanese attack. Sunny is impassioned by her late mother’s cookbooks and recipes and has opened a restaurant in the nearby town of Lone Pine.

When the government sends a young and idealistic Jewish lawyer, Schiff, from the Department of the Interior to oversee the building of Manzanar, he quickly becomes both emotionally entangled with the Rhodes family and horrified by the further mission to which he has been assigned: the administration of a camp of 10,000 Japanese Americans involuntarily detained on the barren flats bordering the dry bed of Lake Owens under the rain shadow of the Sierra Nevada range.

The story ricochets between the lives, loves, losses and passions of the characters and the greater question of the dubious morality surrounding the internment of citizens of the United States in what must surely be one of the darkest periods in American history.

Deeply thought-provoking, often humorous, and woven together with rich language from a master storyteller, this novel begs to be read and reread for the lessons that it provides about who we are as a nation, who we are as individuals.

Linda Hill

Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts

Gregory David Roberts has created a modern adventure story of 936 pages that reads like poetry and based on his troubling life. His characters are alive in multifaceted colors. You aren’t reading a book, you are living it. The Washington Post comments, “Roberts brings us through Bombay’s slums and opium houses, its prostitution dens, and ex-pat bars, saying, You come now. And we follow.” It has been made into a TV series, but missing the mastery of the author’s words. Author’s words: “Luck is what happens to you when fate gets tired of waiting.”

Cathy Larcom-Johnson



CyberLynx - Oregon

Free Computer Classes for the Greater Bandon Community
cyberlynxoregon.org

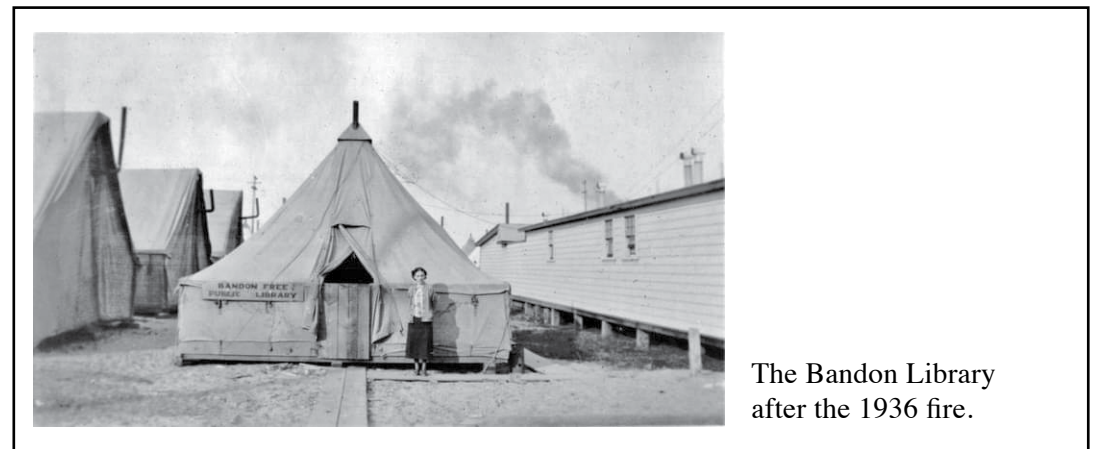
CyberLynx, the nonprofit organization that staffed free computer training classes pre-pandemic, has provided the upgrades to improve the library’s digital training capabilities. They look forward to continuing their technology training program with the library.

FREE Computer Workshops:

PC Computer Workshops on the 1st Thursday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. **Jan 5** (Computer Basics), **Feb 2** (Cybersecurity), **Mar 2** (Zoom Conferencing).

Mac Computer Workshops on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm (Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12) staffed by CyberLynx volunteers.

Computer training sessions will be held monthly as shown above. Topics will be based on online course materials from the Public Library Association’s site, <http://DigitalLearn.org/courses>. Check the library’s website (<http://bandonlibrary.org>) or Facebook page for monthly topics.



The Bandon Library after the 1936 fire.

In the Art Gallery...

There will be a reception for **Morgan Johnson** and **Carey Weigand** on Saturday, March 4 at 2 pm.

Tracy Hodson,
Gallery Director and Curator

BOOK SALES • BOOK SALES • BOOK SALES

2023 BLFF BOOK SALES-MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 1 -Itty Bitty Book Sale 10-2

August 4 - 50 Cent Book Sale *Members Only 10-11 Public 11-5*

August 5 - \$5 Bag Book Sale 10-5

September 2 - Itty Bitty Book Sale 10-2

Library Director Christine Kingsbury and Assistant Director Cody Barkdull, literally did all the heavy lifting to move the Never Ending Book Sale into the main library area. There is now improved lighting and a larger selection of books, audio books, DVD movies and puzzles. Always open during library hours, it is refreshed weekly and edited monthly.

All of the books and other inventory are donated by our generous community.

It is truly a full circle project!

We would be interested in the following donations for the booksales:

Fiction - Hardback or Paperback 2000-2023

Interesting Non-Fiction 2000-2023

Cookbooks, Art/Crafts and Childrens books - all years in good or very good condition

DVD Movies, Puzzles, Audio Books and Music CD's

Antique Collectible Books - older than 1950

At this time we are not accepting reference, health or religion books.

We no longer can sell VHS movies, Cassettes or Encyclopedias.

BLFF *Lifetime Members Club*

The final amount raised for November 2022-November 2023 was \$5,250. Not only did we reach our goal but we went beyond. The new book dollars will be divided between the children's books, the young adult books and the adult books. The cost of having full-time staff has added a burden on an already stretched thin library budget and this will help develop a broader range of books for all.

I'm always amazed what a small group working together can do. Thank you for the continued support, lifetime members. You really do make a difference!

Cathy Larcom-Johnston,

4 *BLFF LTMC Chairperson*

UKE-A-LONG AT THE LIBRARY

The library is hoping to host a regular monthly play-and-sing-along in the Sprague Room starting this spring. All members of the public are invited. Whether you're a beginning plunker or a seasoned strummer, song sheets (with lyrics and chords) will be available, and prior to each meeting there will be a short tutorial session for newbies to become more comfortable with the songs and to ask questions.

The Port Orford Library has a couple of ukes available for loan on a weekly basis. They do have to be checked out in person, but if you would like to try it out before buying your own instrument, this would be a good way to do so.



(That library number is 541-332-5622.)

The Coastline system has several ukulele books on the shelves, too. If you have ever wondered how easy it might be to learn to play the mighty little uke, this just may be your chance!

More details will be released on the library's Facebook page and website as they become available.

If you would like more information, please contact Linda Hill at lindah8490@gmail.com.



Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Membership Application



Name: _____ Phone (H) _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone (C) _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Renewing or New Member (circle one)

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

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

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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