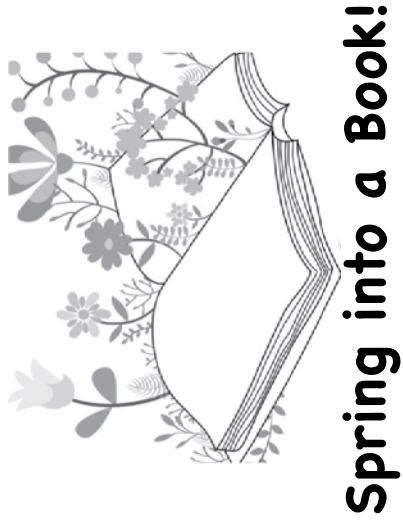




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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPRING is almost here, which means planting. Are you interested in learning what grows well in Bandon-by-the-Sea? Check out GARDENING books in the library stacks and at the Never-ending Book Sale! By planting time, the library will even have SEEDS to choose from!

There are so many programs and activities scheduled at the Bandon Library, it's hard to keep up with them! This information is available on the front door of the library, on the library's Facebook page and website (www.bandonlibrary.org/events) and through the BLFF's Facebook page and website (www.bandonlff.org). If you have ideas for possible future presentations, please contact Jan Ayers at the library.

DID YOU KNOW that every Bandon child age 0 to 5 may receive a book a month through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library? Speak with library staff to learn how to sign up.

Is there a particular book, book on CD, DVD, or music CD you would like added to the Bandon Library's collection? Let library staff know. Better yet, buy and donate it to the library! What to get the person who has everything? Give a BLFF membership or donate a book in that person's name to the library.

If you are interested in supporting our library, please consider joining the BLFF or renewing your membership. There are also many volunteer opportunities available through the BLFF and the Bandon Library. Let us know how you'd like to help; email us at bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org.

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

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From the Director...

As we move into a new year, library staff have been busy working to create innovative library programs and services. With the help of grants and donations we have several new programs in the works. Recent grants and fundraising support received from the community and Bandon Library Friends and Foundation are essential in assisting with our daily operations and moving the library forward to better serve our community.

The Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Lifetime Members Club donated \$13,000 to the Bandon Library to assist with utility costs! As we wait for the implementation of a new allocation formula, assistance with funding toward daily operational expenses is greatly needed. We are so thankful for the ongoing support from the BLFF and LTMC.

Last fall, the library received the Caselle Grant and John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation Grant which together provided \$4000 in funding toward youth programming. The BLFF received over \$8000 from 100 Strong Bandon to help purchase adult library materials all year long. We also received notice that the library will be the recipient of the Coos County Cultural Coalition Grant of \$750 towards teen art programming and the Oregon Humanities Mini Rural Grant for \$3000 toward adult storytelling programming. What wonderful opportunities these grants bring to our library!

In February, the library partnered with the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation to host a Celtic harp concert at the Sprague Theater. The concert featured musicians Aryeh Frankfurter and Lisa Lynne. We were overwhelmed with the positive attendance for the event with a full theater! Thank you BLFF for sponsoring this wonderful event!

Ongoing programs: Bandon Art Gallery exhibits, Chess Club (all age), Adult Chess Club, BLFF Book Club, preschool storytime, Washed Ashore kid's drop-in STEAM club, Washed Ashore storytime,

Friday Freewriting, open Apple Lab, drop-in board games sponsored by the BLFF, plastic collection, storytelling café (new), group board game time (new), Windows Computer Lab (new), High School Hangout (new), 0-5 Open Play Time (new), and an Age Café (new).

The library is partnering with the Bandon Community Garden to organize a "Seed Library" in which the community will be able to obtain free seeds at the library. We hope to have this available this spring.

In March, we will also be offering a beginning knitting workshop with Diane Sexton and a teen painting class with Vicki Affatati. In collaboration with Coastline Library Network, summer reading presentation plans include the Native American Innovation Exhibit, the Gansango Music and Dance Company, Magician Jeff Evans, Reptile Man, Journey Under the Sea, Washed Ashore youth presentation, youth art classes, and hopefully, a portable planetarium show with local NASA Solar System Ambassadors.

On February 27th, the Coos Library Board unanimously voted in favor of a new recommended library allocation formula and transition plan. The plan will be presented to the Coos County Board of Commissioners in March for review. Should it be accepted, implementation of the new formula would begin in FY24/25. The proposed new formula will create a fair and equitable means of distribution among all libraries in our county based on population and usage statistics. We are grateful for the work that has been done in this process.

As you can see, we are very excited about all the new programs and services we are planning. My hat is off to our wonderful library staff and to the community support that are instrumental in making this possible. Thank you too for all you do to help create a quality library experience for our patrons!

Christine Kingsbury, *Bandon Library Director*

From the City...



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Bandon by the Sea

January 9, 2024

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation
1204 11th Street SW
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Dear Bandon Library Friends and Foundation, Lifetime Members Club,

The Bandon City Council is thankful for your generous donation of \$12,950 to the Bandon Public Library. Your donation helps to cover the library's basic utility expenses while it awaits the receipt of additional funding from the County.

Your annual donation to the library provides the critical resources needed to help create a place for the Bandon community to learn, engage and connect. The library has been able to accomplish many wonderful projects, programs, and services due to your support.

Your work truly makes a difference in our community, and my fellow City Council Colleagues and I are grateful for your service!

Sincerely,

Mary Schamehorn
Mayor

Special Thanks go to

The Norman F. Sprague, Jr. Foundation for its donation of \$10,000;
The 100 Strong Bandon members for their donations of over \$5,500;
The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for their matching contribution of over \$2,700;
The Cardas Family for their donation of \$500; and

All our BLFF members who regularly renew their memberships, donate their gently-used media and their time, and attend our book sales.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Library Readers' Book Club

The LRBC has continued to attract new members throughout this winter. We have a good and varied group each month, everyone continues to feel comfortable expressing their experience reading the selections, whether favorable or critical, without fear of reprisal. We can be very frank without taking things personally.

The following is a list of selections through June - copies made available in the library at least a month in advance, thanks to Cody Barkdull, Assistant Library Director.

March: "Nomadland" by Jessica Bruner. April: "Radio Free Vermont" by Bill McKibben. May: "Circe" by Madeline Miller. June: "The Pull of the Stars" by Emma Donoghue.

The club is always open to suggestions for future reads, but we also look forward to ideas of a different slant on the club itself. We've done a particular author with their novel of individual choice a couple times. Other suggestions include choosing your own favorite author and book on which to report; or choosing a favorite line of the book of that month. Additional ideas are most welcome, even if you aren't a current LRBC attendee.

This isn't a formal part of the book club, but I do personally read widely and one of my own favorite conversation starters is to ask "What are you reading lately?" Some of my own favorite reads lately include the non-fiction "Master Slave, Husband, Wife" by Ilon Woo. Especially timely during February's Black History Month. Other favorites include "How to Say Babylon" by Safiya Sinclair and "Absolution" by Alice McDermott, "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett and a re-read of "Tess of the dUrbervilles" by Thomas Hardy.

I worked two jobs and raised a large family for most of my life, leaving sparse time for my favorite pastime of serious reading. Making that possible at retirement is just about the best thing ever. I feel like the kid in a candy store everytime I go through our library's doors. Wishing you all a warm (& dryer) Spring, some sense of peace during this difficult political year, and many, many, many good reads always.

Karen Thomas, *BLFF LRBC Chairperson*

VOTE!

2024 Book Sales

April 20 (9am-3pm) BLFF Recycling Sale, books, DVD movies, puzzles.

Other donated items include home decor, hats, kitchen items. 9-3

July 6 (10am-2pm) Itty Bitty Book Sale \$1-up, books, DVD movies, audio books.

Always a few harder to find better books.

August 9,10 (10am-5pm) Summer Fun Book Sale, our biggest sale, \$.50 & \$1.

Saturday everything is \$5 a bag! Both days

October - Dates TBD Silent Auction, better books, sealed DVD movies and more.

Any time the library is open we have our best book sale **The Never Ending Book Sale** \$1-up, which is always changing. Also includes our ever popular "Blind Date With a Book," a great gift item.

Money raised from the book sales go into our General Fund. Yearly, the BLFF gives these funds to the library for their budget needs.



CyberLynx - Oregon

Free Computer Classes for the Greater Bandon Community
cyberlynxoregon.org

COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES RESUME

Twice a month, computer labs are available for FREE at Bandon Library. The sessions are held from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Logan Conference Room.

A NEW offering, Windows Computer Lab, begins in March on the 2nd Tuesday. It is staffed by volunteer Larry Baker of Computers 101. (March 12, April 9, May 14 & June 11)
The Apple Computer Lab is held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Aaron Barnes of Bandon IT is the volunteer instructor. (March 13, April 10, May 8 & June 12)

Labs are drop-in sessions where you can get help with your computer questions or problems. You can bring your own Windows PC or Apple Computer to the appropriate session. Bandon Library and CyberLynx, co-sponsors of this offering, are dedicated to supporting computer literacy and training for the Bandon community. And thank you to our wonderful volunteers for providing their time and expertise.

The Library Isn't Just Books

As a kid growing up I always loved going to the library. I loved the smell of the books, the feel of the paper, the places I could travel to and the people I could meet. I loved having two or three books started at the same time sitting next to my bed as a teenager. As I got older though I was able to buy books and then read them digitally. Life also happened and I wasn't reading as much as I was before, and my brain couldn't always handle reading more than one at a time.

I now have two kids who are just beginning to really read. But their love of the library doesn't just come from their love of books. They started going to the library when they were both toddlers for the children's story time that, yes had books but also arts and crafts and a place to meet new little friends. Now we go whenever we can around school and extracurricular activities. It's still a place for books, arts and crafts and new little friends. But over the past few years its now a place for Lego building, DVD rentals, sports equipment check outs, seeing art that they wouldn't get to see too many other places, classes about everything from dinosaurs to mosaics, learning about new types of music, how to play chess, become detectives and solve mysteries in an escape room, play a ukulele, and join in on coloring a community coloring page.

The library is a place to learn, try new things, explore and meet new people. And all you need for all of that is a library card and a few very talented librarians who have known all along that a library isn't just books.

Sabrina Johnson

Events and Entertainment

The Bandon Library is an important community space and as such is pleased to offer all age levels the opportunity for education and entertainment.

We have a new adult crafting table where you can take time out for some imaginative play. Currently we have pre-drawn watercolor landscapes available and meditative yarn sticks, which are small pieces of driftwood you can wrap beautifully with colorful string and beads.

We are also excited to offer board games for teens and adults on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 3:30pm. Bring a friend or just yourself to meet up for one of our many engaging games available. Please mark your calendar to be in the Sprague room at 3:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month We'd love to see you there.

Also starting in March, we are adding High School Hang-Out on the first Wednesday of the month from 3:30-5pm. Children ages 0-5, Open Play Time, each Tuesday from 11:30-12:30pm. Then, an Age Cafe the third Friday of each month at 10am, for much older kids (seniors).

At the end of March we will be hosting another all-ages Escape Room event in the Logan Room: "Escape the Hundred Acre Woods" based on A.A. Milne's charming Winnie the Pooh characters. Remember, last fall there was a waiting list for the time it was available!

As a reminder, you can always look on our website and Facebook page for more information on what we have planned for you. Thank you for making the Bandon Library a wonderful place to be!

Sincerely,
Library Staff

Lifetime Members Club

Lucky 13!

The Lifetime Members Club raised \$13,000 for the Bandon Library's electric bill for 2023/24. I keep getting personal thanks but it truly is you who decided to financially support this project last October-December. Thirty six LTM's participated in the most important project we have had so far. There is no obligation to contribute each year, or any year. I hope there won't be a need for such a basic request for you to support in the future. I am humbled and very happy our club could do so much.

For LTM's who don't have an email address, we got a lovely 'Thank You' letter from our mayor, Mary Schamehorn on January 9, 2024.

A Sincere Thank You,
Cathy Larcom-Johnston, *LTMC Chair*

Heavenly Harps Here at Home

It was a full-and-then-some house that greeted musicians extraordinaire Aryeh Frankfurter and Lisa Lynne at the Sprague Community Theater on February 16th. The pair of incomparable music-makers took an appreciative (and at times roaringly enthusiastic) audience on a two-hour journey through some of the most enchanting and esoteric classical compositions that most folks had never heard.

Lest you think that because Bandon is off the beaten track and therefore of little interest to headlining musicians, consider just who these performers are:

Aryeh began classical violin training at age three. He soon took to exploring various musical genres and by age 12 was being accepted into various university-level orchestras. At 15, he discovered the wonders of the Celtic harp. Today, Aryeh has mastered a litany of other instruments, including the viola, mandolin and hammered dulcimer. He has released dozens of albums, toured the world and even conducted a private performance for HRH King Charles and Queen Camilla.



Musical partner and wife Lisa Lynne boasts an

equally impressive resume'. As a multi-instrumentalist and performer, she is best known internationally for the original heartwarming music that she has created on her Celtic harp, an instrument long associated with the Celtic traditions of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. She owns her own production company and recording studio, and to date her CDs have sold over 1 million copies. She is also the founder and director of "Harps for Hearts," an innovative program that places live music in numerous hospitals.

Enthralled by some of the most enchanting music ever presented at the Sprague, patrons jammed the lobby afterwards to purchase various Aryeh and Lisa CDs as keepsakes of a performance not soon forgotten.

This free concert, sponsored by the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation, is one example of the many ways the Foundation strives to support both the library and community at large. Your membership and contributions go a long way to continuing the work of the organization.

Linda Hill, *Secretary BLFF*

	Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Membership Application	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional donation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Couples Lifetime Membership fee
Please make checks payable to: BLFF, C/O Bandon Library, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon, OR 97411.		
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For more information on the BLFF, please see our website: bandonlff.org or email bandonlibraryfriends@bandonlff.org with any questions.		
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