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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a lovely summer, we're now looking forward to fall and winter. Rainy weather means more time indoors, which includes more time for reading, listening to books, watching movies, and listening to music. All these media items can be borrowed from the Bandon Library. Library staff are glad to offer their suggestions.

Good News! The BLFF and Bandon Library are again able to accept your good condition donations. These items join the Library's collections or are offered at BLFF sales, including the recent two-day Summer Sale and ongoing Never-ending Book Sale. And because of your generosity, the BLFF and its Lifetime Members have been able to make significant donations to help fund library media, equipment, and programs.

As you'll learn from reading our Library Director's article, there is a LOT going on at the Bandon Library.

Check out these many additional information sources to learn more:

- flyers at the library
- Bandon Library's website (<https://www.bandonlibrary.org/events>) and Facebook page
- BLFF's website (<https://bandonlff.org/>) and Facebook page
- our City Manager's monthly newsletter (<https://www.bandon-or.gov/city-manager/page/citymanager-newsletter-notices>)
- Check in with library staff for information. They're also interested in your suggestions.

One of our Lifetime Members has offered to match membership donations (new and renewing) up to \$500, so your contributions to the BLFF may be doubled in 2024. Please take advantage of this generous offer. If your annual membership is current, please consider becoming a Lifetime Member or giving a gift membership.

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

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From the Director...

As summer comes to a close, we are wrapping up the end of our busy youth summer reading program! Thanks to special funding received through our library district, we hosted several fun family programs each week all summer long. Special summer programs included a magician, reptile presentation, kite making, Museum of Natural and Cultural History ocean presentation, Washed Ashore presentation, storytime with Kevin the Dog, mini horse visit, felting workshop, bilingual storytime, stuffy sleepover, teen writing workshop, storytime with William and Malaya, Coos Art Museum crafts, rescue dog storytime, USFS presentation, and a portable planetarium. Sixty-six youth participated in our reading incentives, logging a total of 22,320 minutes of reading. Our small but mighty staff did an amazing job hosting 149 regular and passive programs with 2384 attendees June through August.

Our new early literacy program kicked off in July. Through a one-year grant from the South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub the library was able to hire a part-time staff member to facilitate the program. Four early literacy programs are now offered each week. Programs include Preschool Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Discovery Storytime (STEM focus), and 0-5 Open Play.

Our ongoing programs include Bandon Art Gallery exhibits, Adult Chess Club, BLFF Book Club, Preschool Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Discovery Storytime, Washed Ashore Storytime, Friday Freewriting, Apple Lab, Plastic Collection, Seed Library, Storytelling Café, Age Café, High School Hangout, Windows Computer Lab, sports checkout,

OSU Nutrition Presentations, and 0-5 Open Play. Recent special programs include a storytelling workshop with author Annis Cassells and a parent workshop on early literacy by Randal Hill.

The library was the recipient of a grant through Oregon Humanities to facilitate community storytelling, conversation, and connections. Our final event will be on September 27th at 7pm at the Sprague Theater featuring Bandon community members sharing their own inspirational stories and experiences.

The Coos County Board of Commissioners will be meeting in October to make a final decision regarding the new distribution formula proposed by the Coos Library Board. The new formula is based on library statistical data of usage and population, providing a fair and equitable distribution to all libraries in Coos County. The Bandon Library has waited over 20 years for rectification on how funds have been distributed. We are hopeful that the commissioners approve the proposed formula, which includes a three-year transition plan to proper funding.

The Bandon Library Friends and Foundation has been essential in helping fund library daily operations, programs, and services. Your generous ongoing contributions, especially through the funding revision, is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to see what the future holds for the library, and how we can continue to find new ways to be a welcoming place for our community!

Christine Kingsbury,
Bandon Library Director

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR 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!

	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:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Annual Membership fee Additional donation	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Individual Lifetime Membership fee \$75 Couples Lifetime Membership fee
Please make checks payable to: BLFF, C/O Bandon Library, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon, OR 97411.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	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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Ongoing Fundraising Projects

The BLFF Endowment Fund 2007-current

The BLFF Endowment Fund gave the Bandon Library \$24,000 to its general fund for fiscal year 2024-2025. Through the years the Endowment Fund has directly received money from patrons' estates. In better times the BLFF has added to the fund. The goal was to have money for the future and emergencies. Also, the interest earned each year is given to the library for their budget. Anyone can walk into the Edward Jones office in Bandon and ask to deposit a donation to the BLFF Endowment Fund. We will get a report a deposit was made. It's really that easy!



The Silent Auction begins October 24, ending on November 14 at 4 PM. Pick up is after the auction ends through Saturday, November 16 at 2 PM. There will be approximately 44 lots to bid on.

For the right person, we received a special donation of Stephen King's limited edition and signed book, "Six Stories" copy 622/1,100. Opening bid will be \$800. We also have a wonderful bird oil painting donated by Lois Olds, a local artist, along with many other items. As always all money raised in the silent auction goes to our general fund for next years donation to the Bandon Library. The silent auction will be held in the main part of the library.



CyberLynx - Oregon

Free Computer Classes for the Greater Bandon Community
cyberlynxoregon.org

COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

Free computer labs are available at Bandon Library. 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. The sessions are held from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Logan Conference Room on the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.

Windows Computer Labs are on 2nd Tuesdays and are staffed by volunteer Larry Baker of Computers 101. (October 8, November 12, and December 10)

Apple Computer Labs are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Aaron Barnes of Bandon IT is the volunteer instructor. (October 9, November 13, and December 11)

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.



STAFF PICKS PROJECT 2017-2018 ★

The Bandon Library Friends and Foundation (BLFF) partnered with the library staff in a new project focused solely on adults and young adults (books). The Staff Picks Project allowed us to go beyond the basics. We wanted to avoid becoming stagnant and predictable.

The on-line site we used was Razoo but has changed to Mighty Cause. We raised \$11,881. Since then, each year a few hundred dollars continues to drift in for this fundraiser. Each staff member adds books, audio books, or an occasional movie that interests the library patrons. If you like this project you can still support it. Just state 'For Staff Picks Project' in the memo line on your check.



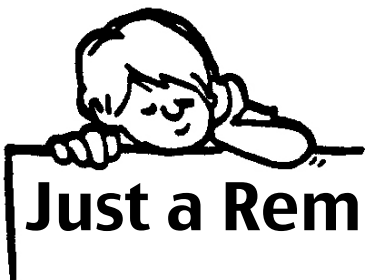
We are now taking book donations!

Clean and odor free, of course.

We are always looking for current fiction 2020-2025, as well as cook books, arts and crafts, and DVD movies.

We are NO LONGER accepting health, sets of reference, cassettes or VHS videos.

Thank you for thinking of us!



Just a Reminder...

Coming on February 8, 2025 will be a **BLFF FUND RAISER** in the Sprague Room. This will be an opportunity to meet and talk with a best selling local author.

Please keep in mind as the event draws closer we will be seeking three (3) enthusiastic individuals to help with attendee sign in, chair setup and take down; approximately 3 hours of your time.

THE LIBRARY READER'S BOOK CLUB

Our LRBC just keeps getting better and better. The September discussion was on "Educated" by Tara Westover. This frequently difficult book to read, sparked one of the most passionate and insightful discussions I've ever participated in. It was clear that many of our members knew someone with some type of mental illness, or social disorder. Their thoughts and insights into these issues were truly inspiring. Thanks, Ann S. for leading us off.

We have been averaging 11 or 12 members per meeting for most of the year now but, as the weather becomes more inclement, I do expect some increase over the winter.

For **October 8**, we will be discussing our own choice of the works by Edgar Allen Poe. Be it his stories, poems or essays it should be fascinating to learn how, or if, this classic and tragic figure has influenced the readers and the literary world at large.

November 12th will be the date to lean into one of my own favorite books; "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. I've gifted this book to several people and look forward to re-reading my own treasured copy.

On **December 10** and **January 14th**, we will read and compare "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, and "James" by Percival Everett. A beloved (and before its time) book compared to this modern re-write from an entirely different perspective.

As usual, copies of and suggestions for all our selections are available at the library's front desk. I thank Cody for her efforts and expertise in helping to round up available material and for always being on top of things. The perfect example of the vital cooperation between the BLFF and the Library.

Please come and join our discussions at any time - and bring a friend/visitor to enjoy and participate in these stimulating conversations. There truly is nothing more energizing than exchanging ideas with like-minded and interesting people. Every second Tuesday at 2:00 - Sprague Room.

Karen Thomas,
Chairperson, BLFF LRBC

READ WITH US!

