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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope everyone had lovely holidays and that the new year has started out well.

Reading through this newsletter, you'll learn how the Bandon Library ended 2024 and what's anticipated for the early months of 2025. If you have comments on existing programs or ideas about new ones, please let our library staff know. We need to know what programs and events are important to you.

What's the difference between the Bandon Library and the Bandon Library Friends & Foundation (BLFF)?

The Bandon Library is the building and its staff and contents. The Bandon Library Friends & Foundation is the nonprofit organization that supports our library. While tax dollars keep the buildings open and the library staffed, BLFF's support and your donations provide funding for books, DVD's, magazines, furniture and other improvements, and innovative new programs.

You can support the Bandon Library by supporting the BLFF, including by becoming a member. Please see the membership application in this newsletter.

Thank you for being part of our "team."

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

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From the Director...

After many years, I am happy to announce that on October 14, 2024 the Coos County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the new library allocation formula proposed by the Coos Library Board. The plan includes a four-year transition period. The library would like to thank the City of Bandon and members of the community for their ongoing support throughout this process. Though the transition into proper funding for the Bandon Library will be slow, we are excited to see forward movement into a fair and equitable funding model for all libraries in our district.

Be sure to join us for our ongoing and special library programs. Ongoing programs include Bandon Art Gallery exhibits, Adult Chess Club, Scholastic Chess Club, BLFF Book Club, Pre-school Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Discovery Storytime, Bilingual 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, SEA presentations, and 0-5 Open Play. Let us know if you have program ideas.

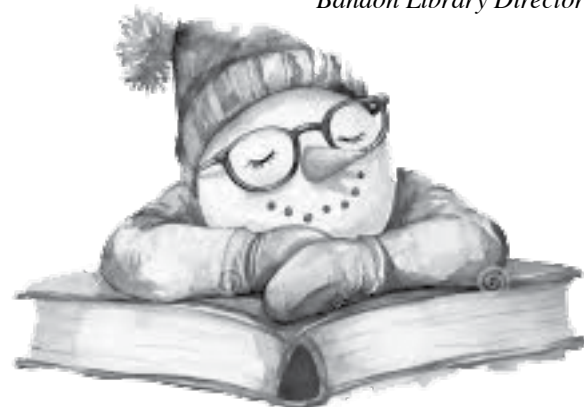
The library was recently awarded a \$13,000 grant through the Bandon Dunes Charitable Foundation to facilitate the purchase of new library books for our collection. Currently, funding for new books comes through grants and donations and we are thrilled to have special funding to support new books for the library all year long. The South Coast Early Learning Hub Early Literacy Grant 24/25 continues to be a wonderful support to our youth and families

through quality early literacy programs each week through June of 2025.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Lifetime Members Club for graciously donating funding toward two new windows in our Children's room! During our summer programs, the children's room becomes very full, and with no window to open it can be very hot and stuffy. Thanks to the LTMC the children's room will be much more comfortable for our youth and families. Any extra funding received will be used to help purchase books for our collection. Thank you LTMC for your yearly donation.

It was wonderful to see so many people visit the BLFF's Silent Auction and the BLFF's anniversary celebration of 20 years in our current library building. I feel fortunate to not only enjoy working in such a beautiful facility, but to continue to connect with the community members who helped make it happen and continue to make the library such a special place. Thank you for your part in helping our library serve 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: \$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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Ongoing Fundraising Projects

2025 BOOK SALES

APRIL 25-26 9-3 Earth Day Book & Misc. Sale
If you are a BLFF member, you get 10% off at checkout.
This sale only. As always, Saturday \$5 a bag.

JULY 12 9-3 Itty Bitty Book Sale

BLFF Never Ending Book Sale
Always open during library hours.

Winter Raffle - Win \$15 for Media Drawing - April 1st

The Bandon Library and the BLFF are teaming up for a winter raffle
Look for the raffle tickets around Jan 15, 2025 at the checkout area.
There will be a list of 10 items to choose from. Pick 5, submit your ticket.
If you win you can purchase the items at the Never Ending Book Sale, the April Earth Day Sale or the July Itty Bitty Book Sale.
(Not redeemable for cash)

Meet and Greet with Best Selling Local Author

On February 8, 2025 there 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.

Another Successful Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Silent Auction this year!
It brought in approximately \$1,500.
All proceeds go to our general fund for the library.
Look for the 2025 silent auction in October.



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, Apple Computer, or Chromebook to the appropriate session. The 3 sessions are held monthly from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Logan Conference Room.

Windows Computer Labs are on 2nd Tuesdays and are staffed by volunteer Larry Baker of Computers 101. (1/14, 2/11, 3/11)

Apple Computer Labs are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Aaron Barnes of Bandon IT is the volunteer instructor. (1/8, 2/12, 3/12)

NEW “All Things Internet” Labs are on the 4th Wednesday. Ro Dixon, a new CyberLynx volunteer, is staffing this session. Ro will help you with improving your Internet searching skills, discovering and using free cloud apps like Google’s suite including gmail, calendars and word processing, exploring AI apps, and much more. Chromebook and tablet users will love this resource. (1/22, 2/26, 3/26)

Bandon Library and CyberLynx, co-sponsors of this offering, are dedicated to supporting computer literacy and training for the Bandon community. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for providing their time and expertise.

THE LIFETIME MEMBERS CLUB

The LTMC raised \$3455 and the windows for the children’s library have been ordered. They will be installed in January. Thank you to all who contributed!

Sabrina Johnson,
LTMC

A Few of My Favorite Books

I read a lot—and rather indiscriminately, I must admit. Of the 150 odd books I’ve devoured in the last year, here are a few of my favorites. All of them “spoke” to me for different reasons. If you decide to read any of them, I hope they “speak” to you, too.

“**Holding**,” Graham Norton (Fiction)

Graham Norton, the popular BBC America television host, sets this novel in an idyllic Irish village where a bumbling investigator has to sort through decades of gossip and secrets to solve a mysterious crime.

The remote Irish village of Duneen has known little drama, and yet its inhabitants are troubled: Sergeant P.J. Collins hasn’t always been this overweight; Brid Riordan, a mother of two, hasn’t always been an alcoholic; and elegant Evelyn Ross hasn’t always felt that her life was a total waste.

So when human remains—suspected to be those of Tommy Burke, a former lover of both Brid and Evelyn—are discovered on an old farm, the village’s dark past begins to unravel. As a frustrated P.J. struggles to solve a genuine case for the first time in his professional life, he unearths a community’s worth of anger and resentments, secrets and regrets.

Darkly comic, at times profoundly sad, Norton employs his acerbic humor to breathe life into a host of lovable characters, and to explore the complexities and contradictions that make us human.

“**Vesper Flights**,” Helen MacDonald (Nonfiction)
“Animals don’t exist in order to teach us things, but that is what they have always done, and most of what they teach us is what we think we know about ourselves.”

In *Vesper Flights*, Helen MacDonald brings together a collection of her best loved essays, along with new pieces on topics ranging from nostalgia for a vanishing countryside to the tribulations of farming ostriches to her own private vespers while trying to fall asleep.

MacDonald invites us into her most intimate experiences: observing the massive migration of songbirds from the top of the Empire State Building, watching tens of thousands of cranes in Hungary, seeking the last golden orioles in Suffolk’s poplar forests. She writes with heart-tugging clarity about wild boar, swifts, mushroom hunting, migraines, the strangeness of birds’ nests, and the unexpected guidance and comfort we find in these things.

Linda Hill
Secretary, BLFF

A Morning

Posted up at Devil’s Kitchen
8am again.

Rain squalls all last night,
it’s dry at this moment.

SW of me the next one is in sight,
darker gray with rain shafts
headed my way.

A shorter swell period, seven seconds
makes all white between the crests,
choppy outside no white caps
not just yet...

The approaching squall
dark, menacing
with a barrel shaped outer wall.

I’m not seeing rotation
but, whitecaps around the rain shaft
tell me it’s there.

A few slivers of blue
peek through northwest.
The local crow mob patrols the grass,
some probing mole piles
for gifts stashed in the past.

Jon Lang

THE LIBRARY READER’S BOOK CLUB

Holiday greetings and an invitation from the Library Reader’s Book Club. We continue to meet on the second Tuesday each month at 2:00 in the Sprague Room. Please join us, even if you haven’t read the month’s selection. The discussions are always lively (and they often evolve into subjects only vaguely related to the book of the month). We feel that a good book serves as a window into the general human condition.

Over the fall, the club has discussed “Braid-ing Sweetgrass,” a non-fiction selection written by Native-American biologist Robin Kimmerer. Her teaching on our environment and how we can learn to better manage the approach by imitating nature and Native practices.

December brought a re-read of “Huckleberry Finn.” Reading Mark Twain from an adult perspective was an eye-opening experience for most of us. It illuminated the profound differences in our American perspective on race and gender over the past 140 years (as well as some similarities).

January 2025 brings us to the Pulitzer Prize-winning “James” by Percival Everett. A re-write of “HuckFinn” from the point of view of Jim, the slave. I loved it and can hardly wait to discuss it with our LRBC members.

We are currently in the process of choosing selections for the next few months of 2025.

I have compiled a list of suggestions proposed during the last year which have not been selected. After checking with Cody at the library for availability, I have made the following decisions:

February 2025: “Death Comes for the Archbishop” by Willa Cather.

March 2025: “People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks

April 2025: “The Signature of all Things” by Elizabeth Gilbert

May 2025: “Devolution” by Max Brooks

These selections will be listed on the library website and in the library itself. Please join us and add your opinions and insights to our lively group!

Karen Thomas,
Chairperson, BLFF LRBC

KEEP ON READING!

Bandon Library Friends Once Again Available on Instagram

The BLFF supports the library with fundraising, book sales, campaigns and programs to enrich the community.

<https://www.instagram.com/bandonlibraryfriends/>