

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

Newsletter

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The Pres Says

Some very gratifying things occurred as we closed out the old year and began our new.



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First, we received an unsolicited donation from the Caryll M. and Norman F. Sprague Foundation of \$3,000, at the request of Elizabeth and Kirk Day of Bandon. This is a remarkable contribution to our efforts. The Sprague Foundation, again at the request of the Days gave us our first major grant back in 2000 of \$150,000 when we were trying to find enough money to build our new Library. This was a challenge grant, and was the lever that brought grants from other major foundations and groups. They have contributed to our program annually ever since. I sincerely doubt that without the initial grant, we would be where we are today.

Second, we received another unsolicited donation of \$2,500 from Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Keiser of The Oregon Community Foundation. Mr. Keiser has been an annual, unsolicited supporter for the past few years, which I find especially humbling and grateful, as it helps to sustain our efforts at community activities.

A third unsolicited major donation was received from the Buschmans of Bandon in the amount of \$1,000. Another \$1000.00 was contributed by them directly to the Library itself. This demonstration of local community support provides a stimulus for all of us to continue our efforts.

J. Merle Logan

Chautauqua, 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 9

Don't forget our second Chautauqua program from the Oregon Council for the Humanities entitled "Birds as Metaphor in American Folk Music" in the Sprague Community Room of the Library. Jeni Foster will explore the symbolism of birds within the rich heritage of American Folk music. She weaves traditional and contemporary folk songs throughout her narrative to show how songwriters use the dynamic language of metaphor to express our shared humanity and relationship to nature.



In addition, Jeni will share her love of singing and those who would join her are invited to sing along.

Light snacks and beverages will accompany her presentation. We hope to see many of you at that time. If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

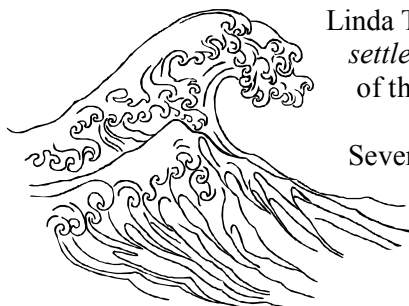
Monday Nights at the Library

Keep your eye on the bulletin board in the foyer, or on our website at www.bandonlff.org for Monday Night events at the Library. BLFF has not only added the Chautauqua Series, but also offers Classic Film Night and Travel Night (adventures in foreign lands), all on Mondays. If your e-mail address is on file with us, you will also receive an e-mail reminder.

If there is a Classic film you would like to see, please contact us by leaving a message in the Friends' basket in the Library. If the film can be obtained, we would appreciate your suggestion and will attempt to put it on the schedule. Next scheduled film, **Casablanca, 7:00p.m. March 9.**

Have you been someplace interesting and would talk about your experiences and insights?? We want to hear from you! Travel Nights are a great way to share your favorite trips with Friends!

A Visiting Author in May



Linda Tamura, author of *The Hood River Issei: an oral history of Japanese settlers in Oregon's Hood River Valley* will discuss her book in May, as part of the Coos Libraries' "Title Wave" Program.

Several copies of the book will be available for those who would like to read it ahead and participate in the discussion. Or, those who wish may just listen and read later. Refreshments will be served. Watch for dates in the spring Newsletter.

BLFF Sweetheart Book Sale, February 12, 13, 14

Does anyone know how February rolls around so fast? In any case, here we are and as always, the books are stacked up in storage waiting for set up day and finally your perusal and purchase.

Bring your very own sweetheart, or shop for him or her and find that Valentine gift at a great price!

Thursday February 12: Friends only from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Memberships may be purchased at the door; then all welcome
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
Friday, February 13, all welcome 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
Saturday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is Bargain Day.
(Fill a grocery bag for \$2.00.)



Those who wish to assist with setup will be most welcome at the Library at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Drop by on sale days if just for Coffee or tea and a cookie. See you there!

Book Sale Volunteers

Book sales are labor and love intensive. Without you, it can't be done. Meet new people, get first pick, count money, organize books, records, DVD's and videos, eat cookies and have fun Join the crew of volunteers who make BLFF book sales a success!

If you have a half hour, or an hour or two to assist, please call Linda Wilcox at 347-2251 or leave a message in the Friends' basket at the Library.

People with strong backs and big muscles are particularly prized. So, if you know one of those, do invite that person.

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I have come to the conclusion never again to think of marrying, and for this reason, I can never be satisfied with anyone who would be blockhead enough to have me.

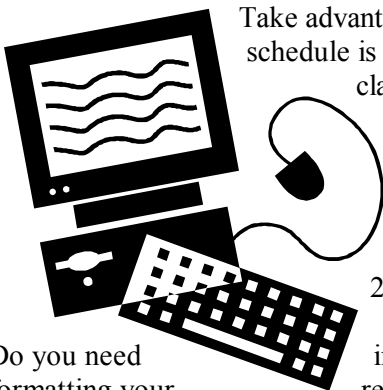
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), in a letter to Mrs. O.H. Browning, April 1, 1838

Who's Who at Bandon Library/ We love these volunteers!

Bandon Library is one of the busiest libraries in the Coos Library System. The staff, without the assistance of volunteers, could never get all the work done. The following people give generously of their time and energy to make Bandon Library the successful institution it is. Their work is needed and appreciated by all!

Thank you for being a Friend!

Computer Skills Training



Take advantage of free computer classes to develop your technology skills. The schedule is posted in the library and includes beginning and intermediate level classes. If you are new to using a computer, attend “Computer Basics” or “Exploring the Web.” If you’ve already got the basics down, then perhaps “Managing Files and Folders,” “Managing Digital Photos” or “Downloading Podcasts” (a new class in February) might be for you. These 90 minute classes are generally held on the first two Wednesdays of each month– 10:00 am at Heritage Place and then 2:00 pm at Bandon Library.

Do you need individual help with, for instance, creating a PowerPoint presentation, formatting your resume, making a digital photo album, or getting & using an email address? Then go to the lab sessions held most every Thursday afternoon from 2:00– 4:00. The Heritage computer classroom has 5 desktops PCs or you can bring your own wireless-enabled laptop. An instructor will give you some individualized support for your project.

In the spirit of community collaboration, these classes are brought to you through the cooperative sponsorship of the BLFF, Bandon Library, Heritage Place and CyberLynx. Check <http://cyberlynxoregon.org> for schedule and class description details.

Maureen Haggerty

A Valentine Book Review

Our Friend, Linda Davidson is the gal in the know when it comes to a great read. When asked for a Valentine review, here was her response:

Ross was home – his father dead, his estate in ruins, and his woman in the arms of another man. I mean, is that romantic or what? The Poldark Saga, a series of seven novels by Winston Graham, is what I read when I want to lose myself in a romantic story.

The story is set in Cornwall, right after the American Revolution.. Ross Poldark has gone to America with the British army after a little problem with the law at home. Now he has returned, with a scar and a slight limp of course, to take over his copper mines, and marry Elizabeth. It doesn't quite happen that way.

Over the course of the seven books, Ross finds a wife, makes and loses money, has a feud with the nouveau riche Warleggans, is brought up before the assizes, and on and on. The characters in the story are all interesting and well developed and the reader cares what happens to them and gets involved in each of their stories. Ross marries the feisty Demelza, but Elizabeth is never quite out of the picture. The Warleggans are his constant nemesis – wealthy but of a working class background while the Poldarks are gentry but always short of money.

I think if you start the first of the series, Ross Poldark, you'll end up reading them all.

Linda Davidson, Proprietor – Two Loons Café

Handmade Autumn Quilt

The drawing for the Autumn Quilt Raffle took place immediately after the Holiday Book Sale in December. The delighted winners were Blaine Rose and John Hull of Bandon.



This hand-quilted throw was designed with autumn colors and maple leaves by Patricia Armstrong's mother. It attracted a lot of interest and the total proceeds to Bandon Library Friends and Foundation were \$ 234.00. BLFF again thanks Patricia for her donation.

If you have a special item that you no longer wish to keep, but would like to see owned by someone who will enjoy it, a raffle might be the best possible solution. Talk to us about your treasure. If given to BLFF and raffled, proceeds will go to improve collections and acquisitions or can be earmarked for the endowment fund, as you wish.



Where the Money Goes

When you put your money in the box at the Neverending Book Sale inside the Library, purchase books at our three special book sales, or donate books to be sold, did you wonder how that money is used?



In 2008, proceeds from book sales made possible several purchases of items not included in the Library Budget. This is one of BLFF's primary objectives. Your generosity and hard work help to provide for materials you like to use and borrow, keeping Bandon Public Library up to date and expanding opportunities for patrons of all ages.

New computers were at the top of the list of items added this past year. Numerous DVD's were purchased as part of the permanent collection. Your money made additions to the children's collection possible and provided for the continuation of a number of subscriptions available in the Library. Further, table caddies were purchased to facilitate furniture set-up for those renting the Sprague Community Room.

On an ongoing basis, Celia Piehl poetry prizes are funded by BLFF efforts. Book sale proceeds also help support the visit of an Oregon author to discuss his/her book as part of the popular "Title Wave" program, an annual event.

The "wish" list of items BLFF would like to see available at the Library continues to grow and as money becomes available, plans for those purchases are made. The bottom line is, Bandon Library is constantly changing and responding to your interests and needs.

Linda Wilcox, Treasurer

Work Day at the Library, February 6

The Library will be closed on February 6 for a winter, work day. The back door (near the dumpster) will be open beginning at 7:00 a.m. for those who would like to spend an hour or two, or the whole day working to help with shelving and other projects. Please come in. Coffee and lunch will be served.

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*The person who says it cannot be done
should not interrupt the person who is doing it.*

-Chinese Proverb

Celia Piehl Poetry Competition

The 2009 Celia Piehl Young Poets Competition is scheduled for April. Middle School and High School students must submit their entries no later than April 10. Awards will be presented on Friday, April 17 at the Library. Watch for details, which will be posted in the schools, in the Western World and on the BLFF website, www.bandonlff.org. Good luck to all participants!

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Your interest and enthusiasm are welcome!

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