

## Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

# Newsletter

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### The Pres Says

At our annual meeting in June, we discussed some of the events of the past year that we felt were significant. These included:



- The Neverending book sale has been an ongoing success and the envy of other libraries.
- The two large multi-day book sales have continued to attract not just members of the local community but from neighboring towns as well.
- Sponsored events: The Celia Piehl poetry contest, Bill Bradbury's presentation, the Open Mike poetry night, the Book Walk and Internet classes have enhanced a cultural presence in the community.
- The BLFF Website began this year in an attempt to bring more and current information to all.
- New furnishings have been added which include a podium, PA system, two projectors for presentations and classes, a projector screen in the Logan/Friends room and a new art hanging system for the hallway.
- We have continued to contribute money to buying new books and DVDs for the library.
- Unsolicited contributions have come from the Sprague and Keiser Foundations which continue to enhance our ability to support the library and other cultural events.
- An Endowment Fund was begun with \$5,000 as an investment in the future of the BLFF and the library.
- We also expressed the hope that new activities for the next year would not just continue our past years accomplishment but could be expanded to include educational and travel programs
- We added three new members to our Board of Directors in recognition of their major contributions to our programs. They are Cathy Johnston and Nancy Calvert for their tireless and exhausting efforts in the Neverending and large multi-day book sales and Maureen Haggerty for commitment not only to set up the website, but to maintain and update it for the future. It is role models like these that continue to make our library the envy of local and distant communities.

Merle Logan

## From the Director's Chair

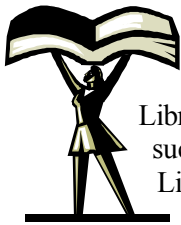
Bandon Library has been plugging along quietly for years, serving the public and offering professionalism, along with a friendly atmosphere. We've always thought we did a good job, along with the other libraries in Coos County. Now we have statistics to back it up!

Several weeks ago, I came across statistics from Hennen's American Public Library Ratings. ([www.haplr.com](http://www.haplr.com)) These rate Oregon as the third highest state in library usage and effectiveness, just behind Ohio and Utah. Within Oregon itself, the libraries of Coos County are among the best in the state. This is remarkable for a rural county. Bandon's library scores 91.3% when it comes to patron usage, volumes, visits per capita, and circulation of material. This is equal to Eugene Public library and higher than all but one other library of similar size in Oregon. Thank all of you for making this possible! Have a wonderful summer.



Deirdre Krumper

## Who's Who at Bandon Library



Book sales require long hours of dedication and preparation. In spite of this, BLFF board member, Cathy Johnston, continues, year after year, to labor at making Bandon Library book events a profitable experience for BLFF and a booklovers' delight. She has succeeded in doing both. The primary reason; she has a vision. Her vision is to assist the Library with money for improved collections, comfort, and convenience.

Cathy says, our sales must offer "affordable books" for individual patrons and dealers, while respecting the donors as well. All contribute to BLFF proceeds and are the reason for painstaking preliminary efforts. Although Cathy takes care to identify donations of "better books" and to price them above paperbacks, etc., it is her goal to leave room for "treasures" to fall into one-dollar hardback sections, thus making it worthwhile for collectors to peruse the tables, for that exceptional find.

Attention to detail is her strongest point. In addition, this skill translates itself into excellent choices on the "Neverending" shelves inside the library entrance. So, if you are out of town during the BLFF sales, there are still wonderful book bargains on a daily basis. Next time you see her loading those shelves, let Cathy know about your favorite book sale discovery. She will be very pleased.

*Thank you for being a Friend!*

As you know, the Library staff depends heavily on volunteers for shelving and other tasks in order to continue to provide the service we all enjoy! The staff has asked we pass along a very big "thank you" from them to the following folks who work faithfully to assist and, according to Suz, "provide entertainment value": Carlos and Martin Olvera, Judy Swenson, Santa Gookin, Jenny Seaver.

## Summer Book Sale, July 19, 20 and 21

Dear and faithful donors, we never thought we'd ever be asking, but please hold any additional donations you had intended to give, between now and the sale dates, until after the July sale. Thanks to your generosity, storage is overflowing!

This sale will be chock-full of great, 3-for-a-dollar paperbacks and one-dollar hard bounds in addition to "better books". Eleven different gun and rifle, leather bounds are also included. Lots of videos, music CD's, especially classical, and records will be offered. Truly, everyone will find that special purchase! The Friends are very excited. This is a sale you won't want to miss!



Thursday, July 19, Members Day, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Memberships may be purchased at the door) All welcome, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Bargain Day (Fill a grocery bag for \$ 2.00) 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Set-up day is Wednesday, July 18. Helpers are welcome. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

## Annual Book Walk/Run scheduled for September 1

Walk/Run Chairman, Sheila Levinsky, has convinced all concerned that this September is another great opportunity for our running, walking and scootering Friends to get out and support Bandon Library. And who can resist the opportunity to enjoy Bandon's magnificent late summer weather?



Sheila is looking for volunteers and will be happy to hear from you at 347-5335. An application for this year's event is enclosed for your convenience. If you would like to collect pledges, your enthusiasm is appreciated! If you just want to enjoy the day, that's fine too. As always, a wonderful prize will be selected for the most pledges.

Rumor has it champion walker, Barbara Dodrill, along with her younger and much slower challenger, will be at their places bright and early. See you there.

**Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury**, explained at the Sprague Community Theatre last spring that each of us can make a difference in the reduction of global warming just reading by fluorescent (instead of incandescent) light. Thanks again to our Secretary of State and neighbor for helping us to understand this issue!

**How to ...** Did you know there are 1928 books in the Coos Library System whose titles begin with the phrase "How to..."? Check it out on line at [www.Cooslibraries.org](http://www.Cooslibraries.org). Just think, 1928 opportunities to learn how to do something from the "voice of experience". Wow, here's one *How to Argue and Win Every Time: at home, at work, in court, everywhere, everyday*, by Gerry Spence.

## Newsletter Request

After the April Newsletter appeared, we received a call from one of BLFF's best volunteer/supporters, Jane Clark. Jane, a gal devoted to environmental friendliness, wanted to know if BLFF would consider sending the Newsletter via e-mail, thus saving paper and trees.

While we hope the Newsletter is a welcome sight in member mail boxes, and that readers enjoy sitting down with their Newsletter and a cup of tea (sans PC) to catch up on the latest at Bandon Library, we recognize Jane's request to be in keeping with a solid "green" concept.

So, if you would like to receive your Newsletter via e-mail, please leave a message at the BLFF website at [www.bandonlff.org](http://www.bandonlff.org), otherwise your Newsletter will continue to come in the regular mail. Thanks for your suggestion, Jane!

## Open Mike Poetry Night



Some familiar faces and some new ones shared an assortment of original poetry last May when the Friends and Foundation gathered for Open Mike Poetry Night. Among those was the late and beloved John Graesch, a true Friend of Bandon Library, whose work will be well remembered.

Delicious coffee, compliments of Bandon Coffee Café, and a bouquet of yellow roses from Price 'n Pride refreshed and brightened the occasion. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Ken Bates, skillfully directed poets and contributed to an enjoyable program. Frank Quinn and Marjorie Feldman, on behalf of BLFF, organized the meeting of poets and listeners. Their enthusiasm is contagious and all are looking forward to the next poetry event. Watch for announcements.

## The Bookworm

From time to time, BLFF has considered creating a symbol of the Bandon Public Library to appear on special occasions, such as the parades in Bandon, or other Library events. Recently it was decided this project should go forward with the objective to introduce the Bandon Public Library Bookworm in a town parade in '07.

Would you like to help name our new Friend? Leave your idea at the circulation desk. All suggestions will be carefully considered. Although it was hoped the Bookworm might be ready for the July 4 parade, it appears now that Cranberry Festival is the goal.



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Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. -- Henry James

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## **Are you a member of the Friends and Foundation? Your interest and enthusiasm are welcome!**

Please begin/renew my affiliation with the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation. Annual Dues, \$ 5 per person. Lifetime dues, \$50 per person, or \$75 per couple.

Checks should be made payable to: B.L.F.F. (Bandon Library Friends and Foundation)  
Send to: P.O. Box 128, Bandon, OR 97411, or leave the completed form and check in the Friends basket at the Library.

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**New Member?** \_\_\_\_ **Renewal?** \_\_\_\_ **Card given to patron?** Yes No

*Amount received:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you would like to participate in the following: Help set up for book sales \_\_\_\_  
Bake for book sale bake sale \_\_\_\_ Assist during the book sale \_\_\_\_  
Assist during clean up, after the book sale \_\_\_\_