



Friends Newsletter

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For the members of the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

Funded by the Friends
Claudine Hundhausen, Editor

The Pres Says



In July we had our third most profitable Book Sale which grossed \$3,127. This was a result of the large time donations by Friends of the Library and the organizational efforts of Cathy Johnston and Nanci Calvert. The Library Staff spent the time to go through their recent donations and give to us sale copies of holdings that they already have, also aided a great deal by enlarging our items for sale.

We are looking forward to what has become an annual WalkRun event on September 2. Myra Lawson and Sheila Levinsky have spent a great deal of time and effort in organizing the affair, but are still in need of volunteers on that day to facilitate things. They have changed the course for the Walk, so as to allow pets and wheelchairs to participate. It should be a memorable event, and we hope that many of you will participate.

A preliminary edition of the Donor Board has been up in the Library lobby. It recognizes major financial contributors to the library construction. I would ask all of you to check it for misspellings, omissions, and other corrections. We have already found three errors, but there may be more. In particular, there are a number of donors who, at the time, asked to remain "anonymous", but if they have changed their mind please let me know. Additionally, if your name is on the board, but you would prefer to have your middle initial omitted (or included), or your first name changed from a more formal form to a "call name" (or reversed), also please let me know.

In the same context, we are presently placing donor recognition signs in the Library, (After all this time!), but if you find omissions, errors, or other problems, don't hesitate to let me know. Your participation in this is greatly appreciated, for once the final version of the Donor Board is completed we will not be able to alter it without great cost.

We are presently investigating the problems of the front entrance library door for handicapped persons. An estimate of renovation has been submitted to the City, but further efforts are underway to address the problem.

Dale Schlack has recently volunteered to help in the fund raising by authoring, with me, proposals to nonprofit organizations. We are developing our "needs and desires" list, but would appreciate any suggestions that you have.

In all of the above cases and if you have any other problems or questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly either by phone at 3477403, or by email at jmllogan@aol.com. The library staff is frankly, too busy right now to act as middle persons in issues such as these, a direct approach will be more effective. Necessary changes must be submitted no later than September 15.

Merle Logan

From the Director's Chair

The time has come for the start of the school year. Remember that the library has books to help with homework and projects.



The Coos County Library Service District has formulated a Vision Statement for all the libraries of Coos County. The core values expressed are ones we take very seriously. They are: Access, Effectiveness, and Accountability. In issues to come, I'll write about what these mean to Bandon Public Library.

We have a new temporary part-time worker. This is longtime volunteer Chris Ysasi. She helps out on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday is the library's busiest day, so her assistance is vital. Welcome Chris!

The final count is in and now we know why we've felt like hamsters on the wheel this last year. Bandon circulated 122,109 items for fiscal year 2005-06. This is a new record and a 21% increase over last year's figures. Thank you all for using the library and for waiting in the occasionally longer lines at the checkout counter.

Deirdre Krumper

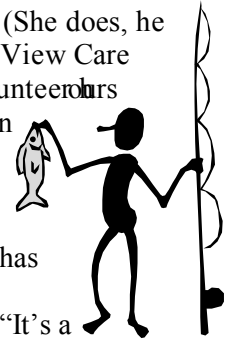
Free Computer Classes

Bandon Public Library and CyberLynx are offering free computer classes in the library on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30. Class topics include surfing the Internet, Hotmail, computer security, and using various features of your Windows computer. CyberLynx is a non-profit organization focused on using education and mentoring to make technology more accessible and available to the Bandon community. Class schedules are available in the library where you can sign up for sessions. If there's space, drop-ins will be welcome.

Maureen Haggerty

Who's Who at Bandon Library

Chris Ysasi came to Bandon with her husband, Russ, fifteen years ago...to fish. (She does, he doesn't.) In her spare time, she has completed twelve years of service at Ocean View Care Center, gardened (flowers and veggies), walked, and logged well over 2500 volunteer hours for the Bandon Public Library. Her valued help with Friends activities isn't even included in that number!



Recently, she joined the staff and is now a paid "temporary, part-time" employee. "It's the precision," Chris says. "I love that everything in the Library has its proper place. And I love learning about what interests patrons." By shelving books, she says she's introduced to topics she would never have thought about. "It's a world of information available here."

Patrons will appreciate the devotion Chris brings to her work. Her addition to the staff adds much needed assistance at the computers.

Need a new author??

Most readers feel a pang of regret when they discover they've read every title by a favorite author. What to read next? Here are a few suggestions about some popular writer read-alikes that you might like to try.

Personally, I like mysteries, especially a well-researched historical tale that gives me an enjoyable glimpse into the past, or an insight into a culture different from my own. I recommend the books of Bruce Alexander, fictional tales of the real life John Fielding, a judge in 18th century London. He and his more famous brother, writer Henry Fielding, started the Bow Street runners, precursors of the London police. Also recommended are the very popular stories of the medieval monk-leuth Brother Cadfael written by Ellis Peters— also try her modern day mysteries. If you like these authors, also try Stephanie Barron, Lindsey Davis, Laurie King (the Mary Russell/Sherlock Holmes series), Edward Marston, Sharon Newman, and Peter Tremayne.

"Police Procedural" is another sub-set of the mystery genre, represented by James Lee Burke, Colin Dexter (of Inspector Morse fame), Elizabeth George, P. D. James, Ed McBain, and Bill Pronzini.

John Grisham shot to the top of the bestseller lists and established the legal thriller as one of the most popular novel types in recent years. If he is one of your favorites, other authors to sample are Philip Friedman, Linda Fairstein, John Lescroart, Robert Tanenbaum, Philip Margolin, and Scott Turow. For more read-alikes in the area of mysteries, thrillers, spy tales, and suspense, try the online reader resource "stop, you're killing me!" at www.stopyourekilllingme.com

Judy Romans

The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running. - Anonymous

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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.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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New Member? ____ **Renewal?** ____ **Card given to patron?** Yes No

Amount received: _____

Bandon Library Book Walk/Run, September 2



Are you ready? It's that time of year again! The Friends are gearing up for the Fourth Annual Book Walk/Run at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, September 2. An application, for your convenience, is enclosed. There's a bargain registration fee for those who register before race day. Saturday morning, registration begins at 8:30.

The Walk/Run is scheduled early in September this year (Labor Day weekend) to encourage participation from Bandon High School runners, back from summer, out-of-town adventures. In fact, youngsters of all ages are most welcome! We hope, also, to see that "free wheeling" fan of Bandon

Library, John Procetto, who does the event in his electric mobility vehicle each year with a generous pledge from Joseph Bain of Bain Insurance.

Collect pledges to benefit Bandon Library, or just come, enjoy the ocean breezes, run, walk or "wheel" and have a great time with your friends and neighbors. Prizes and/or ribbons will be awarded for the most pledges and "firsts" in various categories. Your efforts are so important!

Thank You!

A heartfelt "thank you" to the many Friends, who helped with the July book sale! Your hard work and dedication in setting up, cleaning up and running the sale, achieved the best proceeds, so far, in the new Sprague Community Room!

Public institutions run on meager budgets today. Your donations of time, money and books make a difference in the quality and of materials and services that can be offered at Bandon Library. A particular mention is due to three Friends who were on hand with smiles and the right answer when additional helpers were needed. Bill Halfwassen, Susan Marshburn and Bobbie Thompson all stepped in to help on short notice. Criss Burbach, home nursing a cold, was not able to be at her usual place at the cash box. Patrons and Friends alike missed her and hope she'll be back next sale.

Library Laughs .

The following is a true tale, left anonymous to protect the innocent. A man approached the reference desk in a large public library and told the reference librarian that he wanted to be a bookkeeper and asked for books on the subject. The librarian smiled, went to the stacks, and brought back some career books on banking, accounting, etc. The man looked at them, shook his head, and said they really weren't what he wanted. The librarian dutifully returned to the stacks and returned with volumes on bookkeeping, basic accounting, and other teach-yourself books. Again, the patron, looking perplexed, said no. Finally, the librarian asked, "what exactly are you looking for so I can find what you want". The man replied, "I want to become a bookkeeper, like you".