

Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

Newsletter

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The Pres Says



The past few months have been marked by significant events. I was out of the country at the end of 2007 and returned to find in the BLFF mailbox two unsolicited donations in support of our efforts.

The first of these was \$3,000 from the Sprague Foundation, at the request of Bandon residents, Elizabeth and Kirk Day. They have been very strong supporters of our library and the community in general, and were instrumental in awarding us our first major grant of \$150,000 when efforts to raise money for the new building began. Without it, I question if we would be where we are today. The second donation came from Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Keiser, through the Oregon Community Foundation, for \$2,500. They, also, have helped us in the past when a critical point in construction was reached. In both cases, these contributions say much about these donors and their enduring commitment to the Library and the community. It is an example we could all follow.

Also, over the holidays, the Donor Board of contributions during the building of the New Library was finally finished and hung in the entry hallway of the Library. This was significant to me as it has been in progress for months (years?) and endured a number of ups and downs. I was finally able to shed my guilt over the delay and happy to have the contributors to our success in building the new facility formally recognized to the community.

Finally, but hardly the least, our Travel Night, will be offered on February 25, beginning at 7:00 p.m., with Dick Calvert offering to organize and make the first presentation. Different speakers and presentations will follow on a regular basis during the fourth Monday evening of each month.

In addition, Cathy Johnston has volunteered to organize our Movie Night, which we plan to hold on the second Monday evening of each month, beginning in March. We are still arranging our speakers for the Chautauqua Series, but hope to have that finalized within a few weeks.

Merle Logan

From the Director's Chair

Happy 2008! The library is graced with *ten* new computers, courtesy of the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation. These have more up-to-date accessories and are much faster than the old machines we acquired in 1998. The old machines have now migrated to the back room and to the Children's Area. Great thanks to the BLFF for giving us the money to buy them.



On a doleful personal note, my ancient office computer crashed during our mini-hurricane, losing both its power supply and its hard drive. This happened despite its being turned off and plugged into a surge protector. Since it had no working disc drive, nothing was backed up. I am recreating documents where I can and seeing what needs to be scanned. So, if you need the March 2001 Expense Summary, I will have to show you the paper copy. I will be buying an external drive so this doesn't happen again. See you at the February Book Sale!

Deirdre Krumper

Who's Who at Bandon Library



Working back of the window behind the circulation desk, you may happen upon a new and friendly face, the kind a first glance tells you, you'd like to know.

Patently sorting and loading carts for shelving, is Silvia Subea, one of the dedicated volunteers whose efforts assist Bandon's librarians.

Silvia is a transplant from Portland where for forty years she worked in a laboratory with dental ceramics, the unseen hero of repair and maintenance of many Oregon smiles. Today she lives in Bandon, enjoys her walks on the beach, the opportunity to read favorite mysteries and renew an old hobby, rock hounding. She was originally attracted to the area when visiting friends who live here. Although she misses the shopping in greater Portland (Can anyone relate to that?), she says she loves Bandon.

Every other year or so, Silvia motors off to her home state of Texas where she spends time with her mom, siblings, nieces, nephews, and that wonderful, Southwest sunshine. Next time you go, Silvia, can we come??

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*If such poor love as mine
Can help thee find
True Peace of mind
Why take it, it is thine!*

From *Poor Wandering one, Pirates of Penzance*, by W.S. Gilbert



Sweetheart Book Sale, February 7, 8 and 9

Book boxes are popping and closets are filling up. Another big selection of Videos will be available for your enjoyment at the BLFF Sweetheart book sale. If a cozy chair and a book is your sweetheart's idea of a warm winter evening, we have the books to make you his or her alltime favorite Valentine, and at an irresistible price. Also available at this sale are the new BLFF fabric book bags, great for hauling your treasures home from the Library, grocery store or shopping in Old Town.

Friends only from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, February 7. Memberships may be purchased at the door. All welcome 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 8, all welcome 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday is Bargain Day (fill a grocery bag for \$2), 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cookies, coffee and/ or tea will be offered, so if you are shopping or just visiting, stop by. You'll be glad you did.

More Computer Classes

Hands-on computer classes are now scheduled at HeritagePlace in the second floor day room from 10:00 to 11:30 most Wednesday mornings. Because the class focus is hands-on, the number of students is limited to the number of computers, which is 5. If you have your own wireless laptop, come to class and bring it, even if you are signed up as a standby.

Standbys must stay in touch with Library staff in the event an opening occurs. All students please inform the staff if your plans change and you are unable to attend.

Coming Soon... Instructor-assisted labs will be scheduled in April for Microsoft Word and open topics. See <http://bandonlff.org> for links to the schedule and class descriptions.

Travel Night, *The Calvert Chronicles*, February 25

BLFF invites you to join Dick Calvert and his adventure to Thailand on the very first "Travel Night" sponsored by BLFF and scheduled for Monday, 7:00 p.m., February 25, in the Sprague Community Room at Bandon Library.

Dick's digital photo presentation and engaging approach to travel, along with unique insights will delight and capture your imagination. However, no guarantees against catching the "travel bug" are offered. Thai tea, coffee and other light refreshments will be served.



Book review

Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women, by Geraldine Brooks

The author, a prizewinning foreign correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, spent six years covering the Middle East; headline events were only the backdrop to the drama of the daily life of the Muslim women. "Nine Parts of Desire is the story of Ms Brooks' journey toward an understanding of the women behind the veils, and the often contradictory political, religious, and cultural forces that shape their lives".

Each chapter illustrates how the Holy Koran has been misused and misquoted to justify the repression of women. The title of this book is a quote from the words of Ali ibn Abu Taleb, husband of the daughter of the founder of the Shiite sect of Islam: "Almighty God created sexual desire in ten parts; then he gave nine parts to women and one part to men".

This book stunned and overwhelmed me, and although it was a book I took out of the library, I bought it so I could share it with others. I hope that all who read it will become active on the behalf of women all over the world who are slaves and prisoners of the ties that bind them.

Syd Wiesel, LCSW

New On the Shelves in the Coos Library System

The Age of Turbulence, A Memoir, by Alan Greenspan, longtime Chairman of the Federal Reserve

Born Standing Up, Steve Martin recalls his years as a standup comedian.



Playing for Pizza, by John Grisham - An American third string quarterback joins the Italian National Football League's Parma Panthers

I Am America (And so can You!) by Steven Colbert - The Wit and wisdom of the mock pundit of Comedy Central's *Colbert Report*

Don't forget, these and other books can be reserved on line at www.cooslibraries.org

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I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

Martin Luther King 1929 – 1968

Editor's Note

The day after the recent big storm on the South Coast was the day the Friends had scheduled to fold and mail the BLFF, December Newsletter. Trees were down everywhere, electricity was out in many places, one being the Ohio Street area off Bill's Creek road, home of Pat and Sue Reed and Pat's Printing.

In my mind's eye, I could visualize Pat's shop being dead in the water with no electricity and no Newsletter. I was more certain the Friends would all be preoccupied with storm damage, lack of phone service, heat, and water, and not available at the appointed time and place. At home, there was no hot coffee or heat, so Bob and I ventured out to see what was what, via Bandon Coffee Cafe.

Not to our surprise, Pat and Sue's driveway was full of cypress branches and the shop was dark, but when I knocked at the door, Pat and Sue were stuffing the Newsletter into plastic bags and wondering what to do about the missing part of the shop roof! How's that for dedication? Further, when we arrived at Bandon Library, the lights and heat were on in the Sprague Community room and the biggest group ever was on hand to prepare the Newsletter for mailing in record time. Just goes to show, "you never know, 'til you try".

Thanks, Pat and Sue and all the Friends who helped that day; you did it again!

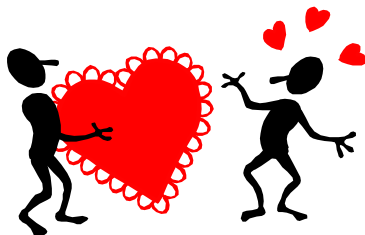


Friends Indeed

Much gratitude is also due to the faithful Friends who made the recent **Holiday Book Sale a huge success!** Many helping hands were there to assist with chores and enjoy the festive atmosphere, coffee, and delicious homemade cookies.

Your patronage has made possible the purchase of a scanner for the Library, which was especially needed when a computer disaster happened during our recent storm.

Another "thank you" is due to Bob Reed, a devoted donor whose periodic deliveries of boxes improve sales and help keep BLFF supplied with books you like to buy and read.



Join Us! B.L.F.F. meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Sprague Community Room at the Bandon Library. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Thank you for being a Friend!

A Letter and a Legacy

Looking ahead on behalf of future generations is something Oregonians like to do and particularly with regard to their beloved libraries.

An illustration of just such devotion is a letter, recently brought to our attention, published in the Public Forum of the World Newspaper, Coos Bay, April of '89. It's author continues to be an active member of BLFF. Thanks to him and to others of similar mind, we enjoy our beautiful Bandon Library facility today. The following is the letter to which we refer:



“One of the memorable events of my life took place when, at the age of eight, I became a proud card-carrying member of the local library. It was a day I entered a new world.

The library was my school away from school, except that attendance was voluntary. I could read and study anything I liked. It was the magic place that opened gates to exotic lands, to animal kingdoms I knew nothing about because I lived in a crowded city. It opened gates to myths and mystery, art and poetry, science, religion, and heroes of the past and present. Furthermore, I could take as much of it home with me as I could carry.

While in grade school the library was my reach into high school. When in high school it was my inspiration for college, in college, the library was the arsenal of information for graduate studies. Today, many years after getting that first card, the library still remains the magic storehouse of learning, learning about our universe, our planet, country, community, family and about one's self.

I will certainly vote “yes” for the countywide levy to keep our libraries open and viable.”

William Piehl

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*If the riches of the Indies, or the crowns of all the kingdoms of Europe were laid at my feet in exchange for my love of reading,
I would spurn them all.*

Francois de Fenelon
1651 –1715

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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: _____

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

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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 ____