

## Bandon Library Friends and Foundation

# Newsletter

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### The Pres Says

We have just confirmed our first Chautauqua Series presentation. Our guest will be William Robbins, whose topic is *"Place and History: In Search of the Pacific Northwest"*. He will make his presentation on **Monday, July 28 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Sprague Community Room**. We look forward to an enthusiastic turn out and will send reminders again in early July.



Part of the abstract of his presentation includes: "William Robbins suggests that the interplay of many forces helps to define our understanding of place. In this multidisciplinary program, he discusses the complex relationships between geography and history—the configurations of landscapes, topographical features, and climatic conditions. Robbins shows how cultural regions are intertwined with regional geographies (the interior Northwest or the coastal environment), as are other regional topologies, such as political and administrative regions. . . He concludes with a discussion of the literature of place, a critical element to regional understanding."

In addition, we recently had communications and a visit from the President of the Ocean Shores, Washington Friends of the Library, as they are in a similar circumstance that we were a number of years ago, namely having out grown their existing library space and considering trying to fund and build a new home. They got our name from one of the nonprofit foundations in the area as a "role model" and were asking for advice, and information on how we were able to successfully build such a notable facility that it has a reputation all over the Northwest. We are sharing our experiences with the hope that it will help them be as successful.

Merle Logan



## From the Director's Chair

This has been a great year for the library. We have circulated over 100,000 items so far and have built up neglected areas of our collection. We have the second largest music CD collection in the county and thanks to the Friends and Foundation, along with the Syphers, we have beautiful furniture to house them in. We are now the third highest circulating library in Coos County.

One thing we are investigating for the summer is an automated self-check system. We will be one of the guinea pigs for this system. North Bend is the other. Once this is installed, patrons will be able to check out their own material. Along with this, we're looking into a security system for high-risk items such as DVDs, CDs and Bestsellers. This would save the staff a great deal of time.

Thank you all for the wonderful donations you have given us, in material, funds and your time and enthusiasm. Bandon Library is a vibrant place, with a fantastic collection and devoted staff. You all, though, are the lifeblood of this institution. We wouldn't be where we are now without you.

Deirdre Krumper

## Who's Who at Bandon Library: A foul weather friend

Liz Hultin likes to show up at Bandon Library when it rains. Although she enjoys gardening, she would rather be shelving books than cultivating when foul weather and cold winds get the best of our coastal environs. So, if the weather is nasty and you're trying to locate Liz, she might be on hands and knees, putting non-fiction in order, reorganizing books that have found their way to obscure places. Liz likes the space in the new library, but says it is still trying when bottom shelves need attention.

With a master's degree in education/library science (a "media" specialist), Liz came to Bandon in the seventies to work at Harbor Lights Middle School. She enjoys the middle school age group even though "sometimes they are very grown up and sometimes not", but "isn't that how you were when you were that age?"



Murder mysteries and fantasies are her favorite reading, but recently author Patrick McManus has caught her attention with his book *The Deer On a Bicycle*, fiction loosely based on his experience growing up in Idaho. When reading to her granddaughters, ages five and under, Liz reads what they ask to hear, a good way to encourage enthusiasm.

On sunny days, Liz will be at home, working around her rhododendrons. Still, it's great when it rains. Foul weather friends/ volunteers are just fine with Bandon Library staff.

## Annual Meeting, May 27

The Annual Meeting of the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation will be held on May 27, 2008 in the Sprague Community Room of the Bandon Public Library at 10:30 a.m.

The agenda will include election of officers, review of 2007 projects and activities, in addition to discussion of goals for 2008. All members of the Friends and Foundation, as well as any other interested parties, are invited to attend.

### Awarding Winning Author to Visit Bandon, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Diana Abu-Jaber, a writer in residence at Portland State University, and author of *Crescent*, *Arabian Jazz* and *The Language of Baklava* will join Bandon Library Friends and Foundation to read from and discuss her most recent book, *Origin*. Abu-Jaber's visit is part of the Title Wave program, an ongoing effort of Coos County Librarians to enhance and expand literary experience for Coos County readers.



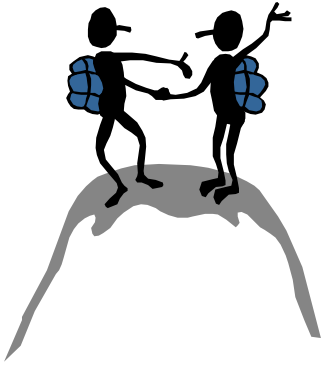
At least eight copies of *Origin* are available in the Coos system for those who plan to read this book before May 3. Whether you read it now or later, be prepared for the discussion of a remarkable, page turner, the poetic account of a young fingerprint examiner, her effort to solve a frightening murder case and her own discovery of personal "origin".

In a recent e-mail interview, Library volunteer, Geneva Miller, asked Abu-Jaber, "Why is it important for audiences to hear an author reading his or her own work?"

Abu-Jaber: "I love being read to, especially when it's the author interpreting his own words. There's something so unique to each individual voice, each reading is a living performance. It's rare for adults to be read to, and yet it's so important-nourishing to the mind and spirit. And, of course, the question and answer session is just as important. I get asked something completely new at every reading, and that conversation becomes its own experience, a kind of collaboration between writer and audience."

Meet Diana at Bandon Library in the **Sprague Community Room at 7:00 p.m., on May 3**. Whether or not you are a mystery buff, you will appreciate this author's extraordinary storytelling skills. All interested persons are most welcome. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

**Mark Your Calendars for the BLFF Summer Book Sale July 17, 18, 19.**



## Monday in the Sprague Room, Travel / Film Night

On Monday, March 24, a group of travel enthusiasts were on hand to meet Dick Calvert in the Sprague Community Room at the Library for tales of his adventures in Thailand and a presentation of digital photographs. All enjoyed Dick's discoveries of Thai transportation, silk making, music, and cuisine. Bandon's Thai Thai Restaurant added delicious, fragrant Thai tea to the occasion. Did you miss the fun? Another adventure will happen on Monday, **June 23**, when Dick takes us to **Greece**. We'll bring the coffee and the baklava! 7:00 p.m.; same place.

The first Film Night was also a success, thanks to organizer, Cathy Johnston, and those who came to see *The Magnificent Seven*. The gourmet popcorn, a gift from Bandon's Original Kettle Corn, was the perfect accompaniment. A perennial favorite of dance lovers everywhere, *A Royal Wedding*, with Fred Astaire and Jane Powell, will be featured on Monday, **May 12**, again at **7:00 p.m.** in the Sprague Community Room

## Winners of the Ceilia Piehl Young Poet's Competition

Congratulations to the students recognized in this year's Ceilia Piehl Young Poet's Competition! Eighty-five entries from three school districts were submitted addressing the 2008 topic, "Friendship". Judges, Weld Champneys, of Port Orford, and Ava Richey, of Bandon selected the six winners.

Sophie Grahek, Harbor Lights, Courtney Lakey, Pacific High School, and Tyler Park, Bandon High School won Honorable Mention. Third prize went to Natalie Manning of Pacific High School. Hope Hay of Harbor Lights won second prize. Jen Alexander of Bandon High School was first prizewinner.

Parents and friends attended to honor students, to hear their poetry read and for refreshments following presentations. The winning poems are available to read in the Library.

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What is another word for Thesaurus?

### Friendship

Friendship is a smile  
A light in the dark  
An outstretched hand  
To hold



Friendship is a clock  
Counting time  
But never moments

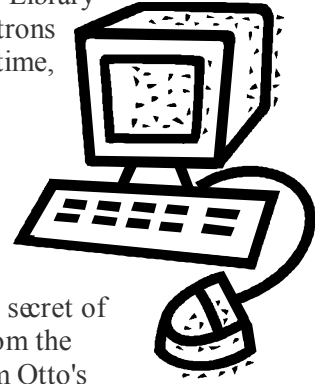
Friendship never fails  
There, when you need it  
most  
Friendship is everlasting  
A lifeboat  
A beacon

Friendship is a sea  
Of vast possibilities  
Of imagination  
And hope

Jen Alexander

## In the Lisa Wampole Children's Room

You may have wondered when new computers replaced the "clunkers" in the library, to what happy cyber ground went the old ones. Well, check out the Children's Library and see. The old computers are still clunking along and our youngest patrons don't seem to mind their age at all. These folks are having a great time, getting lots of practice, and learning computer savvy and skills.



### Book Review

*Breakfast with Buddha*, by Roland Merullo -- Embark on a journey through the heartland of America with a regular guy named Otto Ringling and his surprising traveling companion, a Tibetan monk, and discover the secret of life. This is a wise tale told with heart, soul, and the sound of laughter from the inevitable culture clash. Sit back and enjoy the Americana filled ride from Otto's successful New York life back to his roots and the old North Dakota homestead where he receives the unexpected gift of enlightenment.

"Breakfast with Buddha" is a sweet and simple tale that will resonate long after the journey ends. Take a road trip with the Rimpoche and discover your own heartland.

Sherri Merritt, from the Lavender Farm

### Art Beat/Editor's Note

[Editor's note: This article has been [corrected](#) since it was first published.]

Occasionally, I like to wander in the library just to see what's new or what isn't. This past month, for the first time, I noticed, in the Eddie Murray Technical Area, the biographical information about the artist whose work is featured there, Jack Champayne. I did not have the pleasure of knowing him, but have admired his murals in Old Town and other places around Bandon.

His painting of Face Rock fits perfectly in the space assigned and captures one of Bandon's most significant and beloved vistas. Sadly, his outdoor murals, which add such charm and character to the community, are weather exposed and no doubt will have a more limited life expectancy. It's good this painting is inside where it can be protected from the elements. Perhaps the generous donors of the painting thought of that when they gave this gift to the Library for all of us to enjoy.

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*It's easy to understand why the most beautiful poems about England in the spring were written by poets living in Italy at the time.*

Philip Dunne



## Spring Fever

Have you got it yet, that contagious urge to reorganize, clean out closets, paint interiors, get rid of old, and make room for new? The Coos Library system is loaded with books to get you started and here are just a few you might like to peruse:

*The Naturally Clean Home: 121 safe and easy formulas for nontoxic cleansers*, by Karyn Siegel-Maier

*How to Grow Fresh Air: 50 houseplants that purify your home or office*, by B. C. Wolverton

*The Backyard Money Machine: How to organize and operate a successful garage sale*, by L. R. Schmeltz and I.A. Bettendorf

*The Complete Guide to Floors, Walls and Ceilings: a comprehensive do it yourself handbook*, by Gary D. Branson

## Wanted: One Historian

The Bandon Library Friends and Foundation needs an historian, someone who will clip newspaper articles, take pictures at events, and collect posters, certificates, and other articles of interest. If you love keeping track of details, you're perfect. Interested persons please contact BLFF online at [www.bandonlff.org](http://www.bandonlff.org), or leave a message with name and phone number at the Library.

*Thank you for being a Friend!*

Many thanks are due to Linda Wilcox for making the beautiful book bags which were sold out at the February, Sweetheart Book Sale. More will be available in July. Thanks also, to the Friends who braved rain and cold winds to assist and shop. The sale was another success and will finance more chairs and new tables for the Sprague Community Room. Langlois Library was happy to get the much beloved and very large, old tables, which had become a storage problem. As always, BLFF is thankful for the many donations of books, which make the sale possible.

A special thanks to Weld Champneys and Ava Richey for judging the Ceila Piehl Poetry Competition.

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*Spring in the world!  
And all things are made new!*

Richard Hovey 1864 - 1900

