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**Tillamook** County

# Author Lauren Kessler at the Library!

The statewide program Oregon Reads 2009 is in full swing at your Tillamook County Libraries. Copies of *Stubborn Twig* have been flying off the shelves and have been read by hundreds of Tillamook County residents. The success of the Oregon Reads 2009 program has sent *Stubborn Twig* into its' second press run and has placed it on the Pacific Northwest Independent Bestseller List.

To continue the Oregon Reads 2009 fun, the Tillamook Library will host *Stubborn Twig* author Lauren Kessler. She will present a program on March  $20^{th}$  at 3 p.m. in the Tillamook Library's meeting room.



## About Lauren Kessler

Lauren Kessler is the author of five works of narrative nonfiction, including *Dancing with Rose*, Washington Post bestseller *Clever Girl*, and Los Angeles Times bestseller The *Happy Bottom Riding Club* – which David Letterman, in fierce competition with Oprah, chose as the first (and only) book for the Dave Letterman Book Club. Kessler appeared twice on his late-night show. She is also the author of Oregon Book Award winner *Stubborn Twig*.

Her journalism has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine, Los Angeles Times Magazine, O magazine, Utne Reader, The Nation*, newsweek.com and salon.com. She is a national speaker and workshop leader. The founder and editor of *Etude*, the online magazine of narrative nonfiction, she directs the graduate program in literary nonfiction at the University of Oregon. She lives in Eugene, Oregon with her writer husband Tom Hager, her three brilliant and faultless children and a cat that thinks it's a dog. March Library Events

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Monday, March 2: On this day in 1904 Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as "Dr. Seuss", was born. A favorite to both children and parents, Dr. Seuss' books have sold more than 200 million copies and have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Wednesday, March 11: On this day in 1918 the first cases of the "Spanish" influenza pandemic were reported in the US. During the winter months, the Tillamook Library's auditorium was used as a hospital for some of the city's flu patients.

**Friday, March 20:** Stubborn Twig author Lauren Kessler will be speaking at the Tillamook Library at 3 p.m.

**Saturday, March 21:** The Friends of the Tillamook County Library will be having their semi-annual meeting at the Bay City Hall at 10 a.m. All are welcome.



### English as a Second Language (ESL) at the Tillamook Library

Do you know someone in our community who would like to improve their English language skills? On Thursdays from 6:45pm to 8:00pm, Sandra Abbott is conducting ESL classes at the Tillamook County Library. The classes themselves are free, but students will need to purchase a copy of *Inglés para Latinos* for \$10.99.

Sandra Abbott has had many years of working with ESL students. This is her third year of teaching this program in our community. Before that she has taught Conversational English at TBCC, in Spain and Japan. She takes great pleasure in working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.



More ESL Resources at the Library Inglés sin Barreras

For over 30 years, **Inglés sin Barreras** has helped millions of Spanish-speakers learn English. This 12et was developed specifically

volume multimedia set was developed specifically for recent Hispanic immigrants.



**Disney's World of English** Kids will love learning to speak, read and write English as they play, sing and interact with some of Disney's most beloved characters.

#### Staff's Choice! True History of the Kelly Gang



Set in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Peter Carey's *True History* of the Kelly Gang is historical fiction at its finest. Set in the Australian Outback, the story follows the life of famed bushranger (outlaw) Ned Kelly. From his destitute beginnings to his spectacular bank robberies, Kelly is portrayed as a doomed character destined to live hard and die young.

Written as if it were a letter to Kelly's infant daughter, this story bristles with camaraderie, betrayal and revenge. A must read for fans of westerns as well as readers in general.

#### Volunteer Profile: Lon Meisenhelder



My name is Lon Meisenhelder. I volunteer at the Main Library. My two bosses are Leo and Bruce. I enjoy working for free because these guys are the cream of the crop!

My joy in working at the Main Library is Sara Charlton and the staff: IE, All are class people.

When you volunteer you love the job and the people.

# Notable Quotes from Quotable Notables

Did you have a positive library experience you would like to share? Please send us your story!

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