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Tillamook

County

Library

Catch the Reading Bug!



Summertime is here and that means summer reading at the Tillamook County Public Libraries! This year's theme "Catch the Reading Bug" promises to be an exciting and memorable one. Registration will begin the week of June 16. Children can sign up throughout the summer at the main library, the branch libraries (Garibaldi, Manzanita, Bay City, Pacific City and Rockaway Beach) or on the Book Mobile. There will be weekly programs featuring stories, movies and surprises. Special programs this summer include a magician, ventriloquist, string storyteller and a puppet show.

Summer reading will end with a party at the main library for all participants. A free book and certificate will be presented to those who have read for 10 hours or more. Preschool children, involved with the Read-To-Me-Club, will receive a free book and certificate if they have had someone read to them for 10 hours or more. There will also be a drawing for special prizes at the party. Children may enter their names in the drawing each time they visit the library throughout the summer. Awards will be given and a drawing held at each branch library and on the bookmobile as well.

Why a summer reading program?

Everyone knows that summer reading is a lot of fun, but did you know that it is also an effective tool for preventing summer set-back? Research shows that on average children lose nearly one to three months of grade-level equivalency during the summer months. These learning set-backs can add up and negatively affect a child's school career. Participating in a summer reading program is a fun and efficient way to combat summer set-back.

For more information on the benefits of summer reading visit the Johns Hopkins University's Center for Summer Learning at www.summerlearning.org.

NEWS

June Library Events

June 7: Night of a Thousand Stars and Other Portraits of Iraq, by Joel Preston Smith. Oregon Chautauqua: 1 p.m. at the Main Library

June 16: Summer Reading begins!

June 20: Magic Carpet Made of Steel: Songs of America's Railroads, by Jeni Foster. Oregon Chautauqua: 12 p.m. at the Main Library

June 19: Magician Bill Mitchell will give a performance from 2-3 at the Main library. (ages 6-12)

June 24: String Storyteller Anne Globber will give a performance from 6:30-7:30 at the Main library. (school aged children and their families)

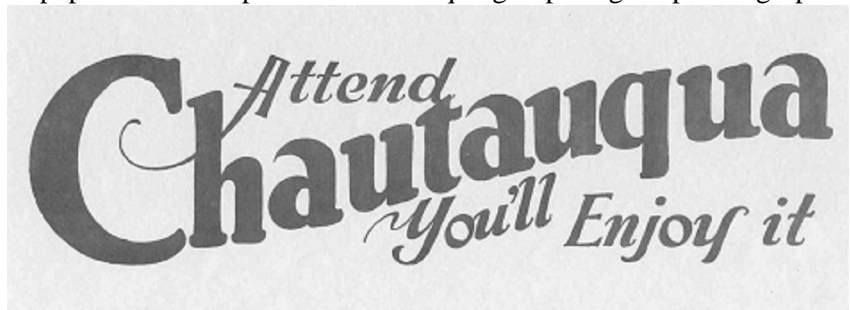
June 28: U.S. Intelligence: Evolution of a Policy Tool, by Emily Francona. Oregon Chautauqua: 1 p.m. at the Main Library

Chautauqua Lecture Series at the Tillamook Library

History of Chautauqua: The tradition of Chautauqua lectures began in 1874 at a small Methodist Church campsite on the banks of Lake Chautauqua in western New York. Originally conceived as a way to help teach Sunday school teachers, it quickly grew into an educational and cultural event for adults. Soon it became so popular that independent Chautauqua groups began sprouting up all over the country, prompting Theodore Roosevelt to describe them as “the most American thing in America.”

Chautauqua Today:

The Oregon Council for the Humanities continues this educational tradition. For over twenty-six years the OCH has



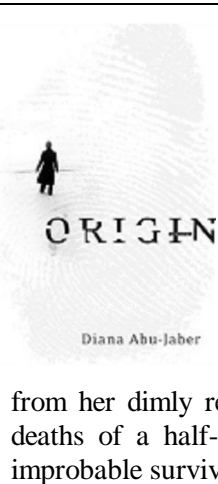
brought Chautauqua experience to nonprofit organizations in Oregon free of charge. This month the Tillamook County Library is proud to host three of these presentations. June 7 author Joel Preston Smith will discuss his book “Night of a Thousand Stars and Other Portraits of Iraq.” June 20 will bring music historian Jeni Foster. She will present “Magic Carpet Made of Steel: Songs of America’s Railroads. Retired intelligence officer Emily Francona will wrap up this year’s Chautauqua series with her presentation “U.S. Intelligence: Evolution of a Policy Tool.” All Chautauqua presentations will be held in the public meeting rooms at the Tillamook County Library 1716 Third Street, Tillamook.

Staff’s Choice!

Origin: a novel by Diana Abu-Jaber

A gripping contemporary thriller as well as gorgeously rendered fiction; this is a haunting, riveting book. A spike in the number of local SIDS deaths piques the interest of Lena Dawson, a fingerprint specialist at a Syracuse, NY forensics lab. Is it a statistical fluke or is there a killer at work?

Gifted with terrifying powers of intuition, Lena joins the investigation that stirs memories from her dimly recollected early childhood. Could the improbable deaths of a half-dozen babies be somehow connected to her own improbable survival? You won’t be able to put this one down.



Volunteer opportunities at the Tillamook County Library System

When you share your time and talent at your local library you make a positive impact on your community. Whether it is shelving books, reading shelves or assisting with special projects, your service makes a difference.

If you would like to become a volunteer contact your local Tillamook County Library today.

- Tillamook: 503-842-4792
- Bay City: 503-377-0231
- Garibaldi: 503-322-2100
- Rockaway: 503-355-2665
- Pacific City: 503-965-6163
- Manzanita: 503-368-6665

Staff Profile: Bruce Cooper



Hi, I am Bruce Cooper but most people around the county know me as the bookmobile guy. A lot of little folks just call me the book guy. My wife and I moved to Nehalem 30 years ago. We have two children and one fantastic grandson, Levi.

Tillamook Library has provided bookmobile service since 1948. I believe we are the longest running service in the state. I have had the privilege of visiting the full spectrum of County residents from infants to our most senior residents, along with everyone in between. I think at least 85 percent of our children pass through the bookmobile at some point. I visit day care centers, schools of all types, including home schools, and after school programs. The bookmobile provides a wonderful introduction to our library system.

I also love to visit our senior citizens around the county. They are all so interesting to visit with, and so many have done such fascinating things in their lives. Studies show that if seniors keep their minds active, like with reading, their whole quality of life improves. Many seniors would have no library access without the bookmobile.

I drive about 350 miles a week covering the entire county. If you think I could be a service to you, or if you know someone who could benefit from our service, please call me at the main library.