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14th Annual Coastal Encounters Series at Driftwood

Driftwood Public Library will be hosting the 14th year of its “Coastal Encounters” series of lectures this May. Each year the library invites a group of speakers and experts to present programs on their areas of interest. These presentations share a focus on coastal living, and presenters talk on a range of subjects from local history to activities both residents and visitors can enjoy on the coast. All presentations take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at the library.

Bill Lackner, who joins us every year to do presentations on clamming and crabbing, will visit the library on Tuesday, May 7th to speak about crabbing on the Oregon coast. The crabbing presentation followed by a field trip with Bill to the North Shore of Siletz Bay to go crabbing on Wednesday, May 8th. Bill will return with his annual presentation on clamming on Tuesday, May 21st, followed by a field trip to Siletz Bay to hunt purple varnish clams on Wednesday, May 22nd.

On Tuesday, May 14th, Kay Myers, co-author of the perennially popular pocket guide *Agates of the Oregon Coast: An Illustrated Guide of Information on Agates, Jasper, Fossils and Petrified Wood Commonly Found on the Oregon Coast*, will be talking about Agate Hunting along our beaches, what you can expect to find and how to find it.

The series will conclude on Tuesday, May 28th when Jennifer Burns Bright visits with her Oregon Humanities Conversation Project: *Why DIY? Are we as self-sufficient as we can be? As we should be? What are the pleasures and pitfalls of doing it yourself?* This conversation with Jennifer Burns Bright investigates why we strive to be makers and doers in a world that provides more conveniences than ever before. How might the “new industrial revolution” of tinkerers and crafters affect American schools and workplaces? How do maker spaces or skills courses foster greater engagement and involvement? What could be left behind when we increase self-sufficiency in a community? All kinds of DIY interests are welcome: we can focus on foraging, permaculture, prepping, woodworking, or hovercraft making—or perhaps all of these at once! Through our shared stories, we will seek to understand more deeply how DIY functions in American life.

Please note that while all four programs at the library are free, those interested in taking part in Bill’s clamming or crabbing field trips must purchase an “Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Shellfish Harvester’s License” for each member of the family who wishes to participate prior to the field trips. For the clamming trip,

you will also need a clam bag and a clamming shovel. Shovels are available from Bill for \$28 the night of the clamming lecture. For the crabbing field trip, Bill recommends the Crab Max folding crab traps, which can be purchased from local retailers or directly from him for \$30 each (cash please) at the lecture. Crabbers should also bring a crab measure and a large packet of chicken legs for bait. Those taking part in either of Bill's field trips should also wear layered clothing, gloves, sturdy shoes (no sandals or flip-flops, please), be prepared for rain with appropriate gear, and bring a 5-Gallon bucket.

All lectures are open to anyone who wishes to attend. The Friends of Driftwood Public Library are sponsoring the Coastal Encounters series and hope to help make a connection between visitors, residents and the community at large by providing an educational and entertaining program to the community.

Driftwood Public Library is located on the second floor of the Lincoln City Civic Center at 801 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City (on the west side of the highway, adjacent to McKay's Market, and across the street from Burger King). Any questions regarding the series can be directed to the Circulation Supervisor, Ken Hobson, at 541-996-1242 or via e-mail at khobson@lincolncity.org.

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