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Dark & Stormy Nights at Driftwood Public Library

Driftwood Public Library is delighted to announce the schedule of mystery writers for its 14th annual Dark & Stormy Night series for this October. This will be the 14th year in which the library invites genre authors to speak in Lincoln City. The series takes place at the library at 4:00 Thursday afternoons in October, beginning October 5th.

Fifteen years ago, Driftwood teamed with the late Marcy Taylor to bring Northwest mystery writers to the Oregon coast. That first year was so successful that the series has continued every October, with only one break while the library was closed for its renovation in the Autumn and early Winter of 2009. This year will mark the first in the series' history that we'll open the field to genres other than mystery.

Rene Denfeld will open this year's series on October 5th. Rene is the author of the acclaimed novels *The Child Finder* and *The Enchanted*, as well as essays in publications such as the New York Times. Rene's new literary thriller, *The Child Finder*, has received much acclaim, including a starred Library Journal review, major press coverage, and an Indie Next pick. It landed as the #1 fiction bestseller at Powell's within a week of its publication and is already a national bestseller. Rene's lyrical, beautiful writing is inspired by her work with sex trafficking victims and innocents in prison. Rene was the Chief Investigator at a public defender's office and has worked hundreds of cases.

The series continues on October 12th with a visit from Keith Rosson. Rosson is the author of the novels *The Mercy of the Tide* (set on the central Oregon coast during the inter of 1983) and *Smoke City* (to be published this winter), and his short fiction has appeared in Cream City Review, PANK, December, The Nervous Breakdown, and more. He's been twice nominated for a Pushcart Prize and as a finalist for the Birdwhistle Prize for Short Fiction. He's also an illustrator and graphic designer, with clients that include Green Day, Against Me, the Goo Goo Dolls, and others. A fierce advocate of public libraries and non-ironic adulation of the cassette tape, his work transcends genre and is richly evocative of a specific time and place.

On October 19th, we're delighted to welcome Chris & Steve York. Chris and Steve are both a couple of authors, and an author couple. They've published novel-length and short fiction separately and together in many genres, including science fiction, fantasy, suspense, romance, and romantic suspense. In addition to their own work, they've produced licensed works for properties such as ALIAS, Star Trek, MechWarrior Dark Age, Conan, Marvel's X-Men, and others. They live on the Oregon coast with their cats,

Sydney and the Mighty Oz. (If you've ever seen Herbie the Love Bug driving around town, you've seen one or both of the Yorks!)

The series wraps up on October 26th with a visit from Anthony St. Clair. Fantasy author and beer writer St. Clair has walked with hairy coos in the Scottish Highlands, choked on seafood in Australia, and watched the full moon rise over Mt. Everest in Tibet. Anthony is best known for his *Rucksack Universe* books. This non-sequential series combines elements of urban fantasy, indie travel, magical realism, and alternate history. The stories are told in the spirit of Terry Pratchett, Neil Gaiman, Douglas Adams, and Tom Robbins. The four titles in the series now available are *The Martini of Destiny*, *Home Sweet Road*, *Forever the Road*, and *The Lotus and the Barley*, with at least two more books currently in development. Anthony has traveled the sights and beers of Thailand, Japan, India, Canada, Ireland, the USA, Cambodia, China and Nepal. He and his wife live in Eugene, Oregon, and gave their kids passports when they were babies.

All events in the Dark & Stormy Night series are free to the public and made possible by ongoing generous support from The Driftwood Library Foundation, U.S. Bank Foundation, D'Sands Condominium Motel, and The Anchor Inn. Questions about the series may be directed to Ken Hobson at Driftwood Public Library: 541-996-1242 or khobson@lincolncity.org. Driftwood Public Library is located at 801 SW HWY 101 in Lincoln City on the 2nd floor of the City Hall building, across the street from Burger King and adjacent to McKay's Market.

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