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## OREGON LEGACY 2018

The Friends of Driftwood Public Library will present the literary series Oregon Legacy to the Lincoln County community on four Sunday afternoons in February 2018. Each author talk will take place in the reading room at Driftwood Public Library in Lincoln City at 3:00 p.m., beginning Sunday, February 4.

The series opens on February 4 with a visit from Tracy Manaster. Manaster is a graduate of Wesleyan University and The Iowa Writers' Workshop. She is the author of the novels *You Could Be Home By Now* and *The Done Thing*. Tracy lives in Portland, OR with her husband and twin daughters.

On February 11, Susan DeFreitas, will visit the library. Born and raised in rural west Michigan, DeFreitas spent fourteen years in the high country of Arizona before moving to Portland, where she serves as an independent editor with Indigo Editing & Publications. She is the author of the novel *Hot Season*, which won a 2017 Gold IPPY Award, and a contributor at Litreactor.com; she has been publishing fiction, nonfiction, and poetry since 2006.

Oregon Legacy continues on February 18 with a visit from writer Gina Ochsner. Ochsner teaches at Corban University where she also directs the Between 2 Worlds Young Adult Creative Writing Conference. She also teaches with the Seattle Pacific Low-Residency MFA program. Ochsner has been awarded a John L. Simon Guggenheim grant and a grant from the National Endowment of Arts. Her stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Tin House*, *Glimmertrain* and the *Kenyon Review*. She is the author of the short story collection *The Necessary Grace to Fall*, which received the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, and the story collection *People I Wanted to Be*. Both books received the Oregon Book Award. A novel entitled *The Russian Dreambook of Colour and Flight* received the Grub Street Book Prize in 2011 and was long listed for the Orange Prize in 2010. Her latest novel, *The Hidden Letters of Velta B.*, was released in 2016.

The series finishes on February 25 with a visit from Amy Stewart, who grew up in [Arlington, Texas](#), with her father, the musician Vic Stewart, who toured with [Doc Severinsen](#)'s road band; her mother, Dee Stewart, who had a career in public

relations; and her younger brother, [Jason Stewart](#), who is a film and television editor. She graduated from [Arlington High School](#) and received a B.A. degree in [anthropology](#) and a master's in community and regional planning (MSCRP) from the [University of Texas at Austin](#). She currently lives in [Portland](#), but co-owns an antiquarian bookstore in [Eureka, California](#). Stewart is a co-founder of the horticultural blog *Garden Rant*. She is the author of several non-fiction books on gardening, including *Flower Confidential*, *Wicked Plants*, and *The Drunken Botanist*, as well as the mystery series *The Kopp Sisters*.

Twenty-four years ago, Driftwood Public Library completed a move into a new facility at Lincoln Square in Lincoln City. To celebrate the library's new home and to thank the community for all of its support during the transition, The Friends of Driftwood Public Library created a gift for the community. With little resources beyond the income from their occasional book sales, the Friends underwrote the first literary series ever presented in Lincoln County: Oregon Legacy. Each year they have renewed that sponsorship. All Oregon Legacy presentations are free due to the generous support of The Friends and The D'Sands Condominium Motel, who provide free lodging for each of the visiting writers. Each presentation begins at 3:00 p.m.

The library is located on the second floor of the Lincoln City City Hall building at 801 SW Hwy 101 in Lincoln City, just across the street from Burger King and adjacent to McKay's Market grocery store. For further information about the Oregon Legacy series, contact Ken Hobson at 541-996-1242 or [khobson@lincolncity.org](mailto:khobson@lincolncity.org). Visit Driftwood's recently remodeled website at [www.driftwoodlib.org](http://www.driftwoodlib.org)

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