Adult Summer Reading

Hood River County Library District

Hood River Library:

All Summer - Tuesdays, 6pm Chess Club – Beginners and experienced players alike are welcome to participate at Chess Club. Bring your own chess set and your wits to this all age event.

Sunday, June 28, 4.00p – Grave Matters Discussion Series: Grief and preparing for loss (Reading Room)

Deb Lambo (Heart of Hospice) and Anna Lim (cultural anthropologist) will facilitate a conversation about grief and loss, including a discussion of "dignity therapy" and different cultural forms of grief and healing

Thursday, July 2, 6.30p – Library book club – The Officer and the Spy by Robert Harris

Robert Harris returns to the thrilling historical fiction he has so brilliantly made his own. This is the story of the infamous Dreyfus affair told as a chillingly dark, hard-edged novel of conspiracy and espionage. Check out or place a copy on hold.

Wednesday, July 15, 5.30p – Grave Matters Discussion Series: Funerary practices and green burials (Meeting Room)

Join us for a discussion of funerary rituals and modes of remembering. Learn about new "green" trends in funerary practices and take a virtual tour of a local natural burial ground with Jodie Buller and Denise Urban from White Eagle Memorial Preserve Cemetery at Ekone Ranch (one of only a few wilderness cemeteries in the country!).

Saturday, July 25, 2.00p - Scrapbooking class

Make a handmade three ring 8×8 albums. Decorate the album with ribbons, tags and other various elements. All materials provided. Local Pam Sanchez will be teaching the class.

Friday, July 31, 7.00p- Columbia Gorge Paranormal presentation

The C.G.P. is a non-profit organization that investigates possible paranormal activity in the Columbia Gorge area using the best scientific equipment and true scientific techniques. Learn about the organization, how they detect paranormal activity and experience evidence gathered from local places.

Monday, August 3, 7.00p –To Hell and Back: Duffy Hudson portrays Audie Murphy

A true American Hero if there ever was one. Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson has created this memorable bio-play of America's most decorated hero of the Second World War. This 45 minute one man performance will showcase the WWII Adventures of Audie Murphy, his life and his crusade to help Veterans with PTSD.

Thursday, August 6, 6.30p – Library book club – A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson

The Appalachian Trail trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America—majestic mountains, silent forests, sparking lakes.Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. Check out or place a copy on hold.

Wednesday, August 19, 6.00p – Grave Matters Discussion Series: Advance Directive Workshop (Meeting Room)

Learn what an Advance Directive is, how to complete one, and why it is important to have conversations about end-of-life care, including tips for making the conversation accessible, meaningful and fun! Space limited. Please pre-register. Guest speakers: Deb Lambo, Director of Bereavement Services at Heart of Hospice Antoine Tissot, End-of-Life Attorney, Staff from Hospice of the Gorge

Saturday, August 22, 4.00p – Oregon Humanities Conversation program: Good Food, Bad Food: Agriculture, Ethics, and Personal Choice. In this conversation, author Kristy Athens will ask participants to think about the impact of their food choices. Co-sponsored by Gorge Grown.

Saturday, August 29, 5.30p - UNITY PICNIC!

Bring a blanket and settle in for an evening of celebrating our cultural diversity! Swing to the beats of Ben Bohnham and Co. and enjoy activities for all ages. Ice cream, hot dogs, chips and juice provided, but free to bring your own goodies as well. (No alcohol, please). Adult Summer Reading Raffle for Hood River will be held at the picnic. You do not need to be present to win. Sponsored by Columbia Gorge Organics, Juanita's, Mike's Ice Cream, and Tofurkey.

Cascade Locks Library:

Saturday, July 11, 2.00p - Garden planning, garden tools and maintenance

There are many factors to consider when putting in a garden such as light, your soil, location, size, your favorite vegetables, and time you have to maintain your garden. Also, tools are a important part of gardening and getting the most out of each tool requires just a little bit of care and maintenance. Presenter OSU Extension Master Gardner and Cascade Locks resident Ryan Fenwick.

Thursday, August 13, 7.00p - Explore Cascade Locks History

Join Mayor, Tom Cramblett, for a fabulous presentation with historic pictures of Cascade Locks.

Parkdale Library:

Saturday, July 11, 1.00p - Good bugs, bad bugs and what to do with them.

Did you know that not all insects in your garden are bad insects? Gardens contain both harmful and beneficial insects that can be managed using various techniques. Come learn how to identify insects, manage harmful insects and ways to incorporate more beneficial insects in your garden by OSU Extension Master Gardeners.