

City of Lincoln City

Driftwood Public Library Board Communication

Director's Report to the Library Board

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Update on Koha ILS Migration

As you know, in March the library migrated to our new Integrated Library System software. The initial migration of patron and catalog information went very well, with few notable errors. What errors we encountered we were able to discover and address relatively quickly.

Unfortunately, the ILS integration with our RFID software (which controls checkouts and security) has been rougher. While we have found solutions for most issues, it is still not as fast or convenient as the previous ILS. I am in conversation with library directors who also use Koha to learn what solutions they've been able to implement. This may entail switching to new RFID software and equipment in the next fiscal year.

Summer Reading

Attendance at Summer Reading events has been excellent this year! All of the performers have drawn crowds of 30-70 attendees, with the most popular thus far being Reptile Views (as usual).

Janelle Winn deserves kudos as the designer of this year's t-shirt and the artwork on other prizes. All of the libraries in Lincoln County were so impressed with the art that they chose to use it for their t-shirts as well.

New Library Card Designs

In celebration of our new membership in the Chinook Network, Janelle Winn also designed five new library cards, and patrons can select any of the designs. Folks with existing library cards are welcome to select a new one, but should keep in mind that they will need to update any saved library card numbers on the library catalog and in the Libby app.

Dark and Stormy Night

The Driftwood Library Foundation will sponsor our Dark & Stormy Night author series again this October. This ongoing series highlights authors from the Pacific Northwest

who write genre fiction such as mystery, horror, suspense, fantasy/science fiction, and romance.

Longtime D&SN supporter Keith Rosson will return on October 2nd to discuss his latest horror novel, *Coffin Moon*. This vampire novel is set in Portland in 1975, and has already been promoted by Stephen King and Joe Hill as a heck of a ride. We are excited to welcome Keith back, and also excited that he is meeting commercial and critical success. He first visited the library when his first novel, *The Mercy of the Tide*, was published in 2017.

On October 9th, our featured author is Gabriel Urza. Urza is a former public defender, and his latest novel, *The Silver State*, is a legal thriller. Urza was also a finalist for the Oregon Book Award in 2019 with his novella *The White Death: An Illusion*.

I'm personally very excited to welcome our speaker on October 16th, Neena Viel. Viel is a Black horror author from Washington. Her horror novel *Listen to Your Sister* has generated a lot of buzz, and I found it creepy, thrilling, and moving.

Finally, on October 23rd, we'll be joined by Don Henwood. Don is the author of a trilogy of novels featuring Sherlock Holmes. The first novel in the series is *Sherlock Holmes: A Baker's Dozen Demise*.

The line up is as follows:

October 2nd: Keith Rosson
October 9th: Gabriel Urza
October 16th: Neena Viel
October 23rd: Don Henwood

Attachments: