

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library
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“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered, for there, in a book, you may have your questions answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times.” E.B. White

Our extended summer hours will continue through the month of August: Mondays 2-6, Wednesdays 9-1 & 3-7, and Saturdays 9-3. Then in September, our regular hours will resume: Mondays 3-6, Wednesdays 9-12 & 3-7, and Saturdays 10-3.

Our young patrons who signed up for summer reading should bring in their reading records anytime in August to get a Gifford’s ice cream cone certificate and choose something from our prize box. We all had lots of fun working together on learning about pollinators, creating sun catchers and symmetrical patterns, and making & decorating boxes to take home. We hope you have all enjoyed some relaxed reading time throughout the summer!

Thanks to Sarah Carlson, local poet, for sharing her reflections on her recent book, *In The Currents of Quiet*, at our recent author talk. We hope to put together a few more talks this fall and winter. It is great to meet and support our local authors!

We will continue offering free passes to the Botanical Gardens in Boothbay through October. Our patrons can request up to 2 adult tickets, along with a small group of children under the age of 18. Just call or email us and ask for a date you would like (and an alternative date, in case the first choice is already booked), as well as number of adults and children, and the time of day you would like. We’ll reserve the spaces and either email you the tickets, or print them out at the library for you to pick up. People have enjoyed their visits!

We continue to offer Drop-In Tech Help from 9-12 on Wednesday mornings. This has become a popular service, and Remi provides some much-needed assistance for folks who need to learn more about how to use their devices in all sorts of ways. Bring your device, ask some questions, and learn about programs, apps, or challenging tasks that you need to negotiate on your computer or phone. You can also work with Remi on our public access computers during those hours.

Alice sends out a weekly “Events” email about all of the community activities coming up in our local area. Folks are finding it a handy way to keep track of what is happening, and to plan their schedule of activities. Please email the library if you would like to sign up to receive this email, and put the word “events” in the subject line. Our email is librarian@drshawlibrary.org

I just started Sujata Massey’s latest novel in her Perveen mystery series, *The Mistress of Bhatia House*. I do enjoy this series. What are you reading as you pop the first few cherry tomatoes from your garden into your mouth and pause to take in the fragrance of the basil as you weed and harvest?

