

# Watermarks

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Ok! I'm calling it. This year's Lake Oswego Reads program was the absolute best we've ever had! There was a lot of pressure to top the great successes of the last 9 years, but I believe that this tenth year was the best yet. It was certainly my favorite! With more events than days in the month, we, as a community learned, shared and experienced so much.

My goal was to attend every event, with the objective of educating the citizens of Lake Oswego about the vital role of Friends of Lake Oswego Public Library in the success of Lake Oswego Reads. I attended cooking classes, Pendleton blanket sewing demonstrations, photography lectures and movie screenings. I have to say that at month's end, I was extremely gratified to have learned so much, but even more than that, I treasured meeting so many of you members. I can't tell you how meaningful it was to see you at program after program, to talk about your experiences and what you'd learned. So many of you connected on a deep level with, "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher" and I felt honored to share in the experience. I want to share that gratitude with you all, because without your support for the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library and our bookstore, The Booktique, we would not enjoy the same Lake Oswego Reads program. Our community is so fortunate to have the opportunity to join together, around a common theme, to learn, to experience and to celebrate. What a gift!

Never an institution to rest on its laurels, the LOPL has put together another wonderful season of programming to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> birthday of the bard himself, William Shakespeare! With support from the Friends, the LOPL is able to present musical performances, theatrical readings, children's events and literature discussions. See the insert in this newsletter to learn more about these programs and to join in the fun!

It is also with heartfelt gratitude that we honor the 53 volunteers of The Booktique, next month. Our bookstore has raised almost 2 million dollars. Yes. 2 million dollars! Volunteers, who work at least 3 hours per week, every week, to sort donated books, curate sections in the store, talk with customers about favorite titles and ring up their purchases, make this business a success. I feel humbled to hear how many of them have worked for 5 years or longer, for free. They are fiercely proud of the days they work and the teams they have created. A more loyal and hardworking group of people would be a challenge to find. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we honor them. If you're so inclined, visit The Booktique and shake the hand of one of our volunteers. I guarantee, it will make their day!

Since I can't reach out to shake each of your hands in thanks, please accept my sincere appreciation for your continued support of the Friends! We couldn't do it without you.

Nancy



Author, Timothy Egan



## Membership

### Benefits

Your membership in the Friends brings many benefits to you and the community. Your membership dues, together with proceeds from the Friends' Booktique Used Bookstore, go to:

- Publishing and distributing the Friends Newsletter which keeps you informed on what is happening with the organization, at the library, and in the Booktique.
- Providing members tickets and a free copy of the book chosen for the "Lake Oswego Reads" program each year.
- Supporting library programs and events for children, teens and adults.
- Enriching the library's collections (books, DVDs, CDs, etc.)
- Building the Friends fund for a new library to meet the future needs of our community.

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### MANAGER'S MUSINGS

In celebration of National Poetry Month, I thought I would try to compose a poem about my favorite subject, The Booktique. Being a conventional sort of person who thinks poetry should rhyme, I began generating a List of Words That Rhyme With Booktique: antique, mystique, seek, unique... so far so good! But then my list took a bad turn: oblique, physique, beak, freak, geek, bleak... Maybe a little free verse would be a better idea. Anyway, my mother pretty much cornered the market on rhyming poetry in our family: when I was a teen she won a prize for composing a rhyming poem based on a radio jingle, something about a worm who met himself coming around a dirt clod, with the punchline, "You have a friend at the other end." Internal rhyme even! No way could I hope to top that!



No, my poetic forte has always been the haiku: short (3 lines), structured (5, 7, and 5 syllables), seasonal and surprising. But how to reference the seasons in a poem about a bookstore without windows? Where's the nature in that? We tried once to play a recording of nature sounds in the store: it almost put everyone to sleep. Nothing poetic about that.

Uninspired, I turn where I always turn when I need inspiration, to my Booktique community. Would you like to write a poem about the Booktique? Or one about books in general, or the pleasures of reading? Haiku, a sonnet, even a limerick if you can keep it G-rated: write something poetic and bring it to the store (or email it to [LOBooktique@live.com](mailto:LOBooktique@live.com)). We'll post it on our "News" board in the store and share it via email and Facebook with our Booktique community. I know you can write something better than mine!

#### Ode to a Bookstore

The Booktique  
is unique  
where you can find antique  
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If the weather is bleak  
and you seek  
a story with mystique,  
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Follow your beak  
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Margaret Ogren  
Bookstore Manager, NOT Booktique poet laureate

### **Membership Corner**

I mentioned in my letter that I enjoyed meeting so many of you at LO Reads events. Some of my favorite member interactions were with Debbie Robertson. She was at every event that I attended, beautifully put together and ready to enjoy! It became kind of joke between us that I would take her photo to post on the LOPL website. I think she both looked forward to and feared seeing me during the month of February. I loved seeing her excitement and hearing how much she enjoyed each event. She mirrored my experience of LO Reads and it thrilled me to feel the impact each program had on her. Thank you, Debbie, for tolerating my relentless photo-taking with genuine grace! And yes, she did look this stylish and color coordinated with her surroundings EVERY TIME!



**Debbie Robertson**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Oswego Reads, *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher***

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, the Lake Oswego Library brought our community together during February with over 15,000 people in Lake Oswego reading and/or participating in the community reading program. While *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Tim Egan was the centerpiece of Lake Oswego Reads, the 43 events in 29 days offered lectures, music, book discussions, a Pendleton blanket display, art and photo shows and fun activities including a bike ride and a Native American Salmon Bake. There were so many highlights and all events were very well attended. This was the first year that we partnered with the Portland Art Museum and OMSI.

The Lake Oswego Reads Steering Committee is meeting soon to start discussing a book for 2017. Do you have a suggestion? Please review the guidelines below and if you have a suggestion, please email it to Cyndie Glazer – [cglazer@ci.oswego.or.us](mailto:cglazer@ci.oswego.or.us)

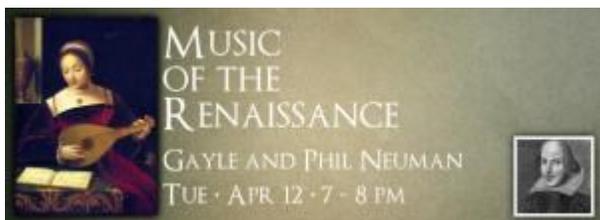
#### **What are the guidelines for book selection for Lake Oswego Reads?**

The selected book must:

- Be for high school aged readers and older.
- Appeal to a wide range of readers.
- Strengthen civic pride, foster discussion among residents, and bring the community together through the common bond of reading.
- Offer opportunities for additional citywide special events.
- Be affordable and available in paperback, audiobook, and eBook.
- Author and/or authority available to speak.

## **Shakespeare Festival: Music of the Renaissance**

**Date/Time:** Tue, Apr 12, 2016 7:00pm - 8:00pm



Gayle and Phil Neuman will perform music from the time of Shakespeare with instruments of 16th and early 17th century England April 12, 7:00pm.

Phil and Gayle Neuman are musicians, teachers, and instrument builders that engage in the performance of historical music. They have received international recognition as performers and scholars of Ancient Greek music, Middle Ages, Renaissance, and other periods.

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