

Beach Books

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Local book events

Thursday, Jan. 17

Lisa O'Donnell will sign and discuss her debut novel, "The Death of Bees," beginning at 7 p.m. at Pages, located at 904 Manhattan Ave. in Manhattan Beach. The novel was

released by Harper Collins on Jan. 2.

The story is about two kids whose despicable parents die. Rather than tell anyone about it and to save themselves from having to go to foster care, they choose to dispose of the bodies themselves and pretend they went on a trip to Turkey. Lennie, their gay next-door neighbor, observes they are alone, and the three of them develop a friendship. Lennie watches over the girls, and they give him a friendship that he cherishes. But little by little, Lennie learns more about what happened, which threatens to tear them apart.

For more information, visit www.pagesbookstore.com.

Saturday, Jan. 19

The **Rebel Readers Book Group** will discuss Jennifer Armentrout's "Opal," the latest installment in her paranormal series, from noon to 1 p.m. at Mysterious Galaxy, located at 2810 Artesia Blvd. in Redondo Beach.

Pizza will be served.

For more information, visit www.mystgalaxy.com.

Cindy Pon ("Fury of the Phoenix") and **Greg Van Eekhout** ("The Boy at the End of the World") will discuss the young adult anthology, "Diverse Energies," at Mysterious Galaxy from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"Diverse Energies" collects the works of 11 speculative fiction authors who have all created dystopian futures, which recognize and celebrate diversity, even in worlds where it can be difficult to distinguish heroes from villains. Van Eekhout and Pon will discuss defining dystopia, world-building and

the significance of their short-story settings in the collection, as well as updating fans on their individual works in progress.

Sunday, Jan. 20

Award-winning fantasy author **James Blaylock**, a founding father of modern steampunk, will sign "The Aylesford Skull," the latest adventure of Victorian scientist Langdon St. Ives, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Mysterious Galaxy.

Award-winning teacher turned author **Dawn Wynne** will launch her latest book, "Earth Remembers When," from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, located at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro.

While getting the book signed, enjoy the aquarium with its interactive tide pools, aquatic nursery and aquatic kitchen where Southern California marine life is displayed.

For more information, visit www.dawnwynne.com.

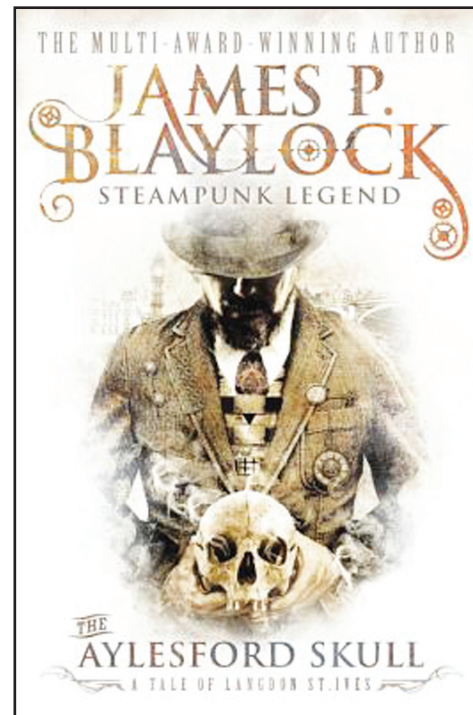
Wednesday, Jan. 23

The **Coffee Time Book Club** will discuss Louise Erdrich's "The Round House," from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Pages.

RSVPs are appreciated.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic and novelist **Stephen Hunter** will sign his new Bob Lee Swagger novel, "The Third Bullet," from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mysterious Galaxy.



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Redondo Beach Public Library book discussion series

A series of book discussions will continue at the Redondo Beach Main Library's second floor Conference Room, located at 303 N. Pacific Coast Highway.

Margaret Atwood's "The Year of the Flood" will be discussed Saturday, Feb. 16, from 2 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"Outliers: The Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell will be the third book discussed Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday, March 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The programs are free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the underground parking lot at the library.

For more information, call (310) 318-0675, Option 5, or visit www.redondo.org/library.

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KEEP IT LOCAL

- **1/7-2/7** Zinc Lounge at Shade Hotel is teaming up with celebrity chef, Devin Alexander to create a menu featuring exciting guilt-free food designed to keep you satisfied and slim. Menu highlights include the Little Dev (a.k.a. popular fast food burger), cocktails and even desserts! Shade Hotel 1221 N. Valley Dr. Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 (310) 546-4995
- **1/17** Select Beer Store releases the Pugachev's Cobra from Hangar 24 Brewery. This intense Russian Imperial Stout with rich flavors of chocolate, vanilla, oak and bourbon will pair perfectly with Vella, a rolling wood-fired oven that will be serving pizza to pair with your brews. Select Beer Store 1613 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, Ca 90277 (310) 540-1221
- **1/22** Silvio's in Hermosa Beach will have their first Craft Beer Dinner of 2013 with Golden Road Brewery. The menu will feature a 5-course dinner, each course paired with beer. \$49pp. Silvio's 20 Pier Ave Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 (310) 376-6855

MORE TO EXPLORE

- **1/21-2/1** DineLA Restaurant Week is back! The 12-day dining event showcases Los Angeles as a premier dining destination, highlighting the diversity of culinary experiences throughout the area. Visit our website for our favorites and for more info visit, www.discoverlosangeles.com

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