Roz Chast Visits the Homer Community

The 2019 Homer Big Read will culminate on the weekend of February 22, with a visit from Roz Chast, the author of Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? A regular contributor to The New Yorker, Roz Chast has been making readers laugh for over 40 years. In the NEA Big Read Reader’s Guide (available on the library website or at the circulation desk), David Remnick, the editor of The New Yorker, says “Roz invented her own language, which is what geniuses do.”

There will be several opportunities to meet Chast. On Friday, February 22, 6:00 pm, she will participate in a Workshop Conversation at the library, hosted by Storyknife’s executive director, Erin Hollowell. During this event Chast will informally share about her creative life. Online registrations begins February 8 at: https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library. Space is limited.

The following day, Saturday, February 23, she will give a book signing at the Homer Bookstore from 12:00-2:00 pm. In the evening she will give a Keynote Presentation at Alaska Islands & Oceans Visitor Center, at 6:00 pm, during which she will discuss Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?

Don’t miss the excitement of the Homer Big Read’s grand finale!

Alzheimer’s and End of Life Care Events

Another highlight of the Big Read are the events surrounding Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska’s (ARA) visit to the Homer community. On February 15, 12:00-1:00 pm education specialist Janice Downing will give a talk called When Does Forgetting Become a Worry? on early signs of dementia and Alzheimer’s. Later in the day, 6:00 pm, Downing will participate in a Discussion on End of Life Care, with a panel of local caregivers. The goal of this conversation, held in collaboration with South Peninsula Hospital and Hospice of Homer, is to give an overarching view of what “end of life care” looks like in the Homer-area community from a variety of perspectives. At some point all individuals find themselves having to either care for someone they love, or needing care themselves. This conversation moderated by Bonita Banks, RN, the Health and Wellness South Peninsula Hospital; and Jessica Golden, Executive Director of Hospice of Homer, will give audience members insights into the end of life resources available in the Homer community.

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Rianne Campbell
Alder Fletcher
Pauli Lida
Maynard Linder
Sue Martin
Emily Munns

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New Monthly Chess Club!

The Adult Chess Club (ages 16 and above) meets at the library the 1st and 4th Thursday of every month 5:00-6:00 pm. No registration needed.

All equipment is provided and all player levels are welcome. Join us in the conference room as you enter the library.

For more information, feel free to contact Andy Haas at 235-3270 or at yatra@ak.net.

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Confirmed panelists include: Dr. Giulia Tortora of South Peninsula Hospital; Ivy Stuart, RN and SPH Home Health Director; Kathy Carssow, a former therapist at The Center; Lisa Talbott, pastor of the Homer United Methodist Church, Cathy Stingley, a family caregiver; Pam Hooker, who leads a weekly caregiver support group; and Janice Downing of ARA.

The next day, Saturday, February 16, get ready to have your perceptions of dementia altered with Virtual Dementia Tours at the library with Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Each tour takes about twenty minutes and gives participants the experience of what it’s like to experience dementia. Call 235-3180 or stop by the circulation desk to schedule a time.

Virtual Dementia Tours @ the Homer Public Library!
Ongoing Library Programs

SPARC Radio Club
Tuesday, February 5, 6:30-7:45 pm
- Amateur radio club.

Adult Chess Club
Thursday, February 7 and
Thursday, February 28, 5:00-6:00 pm
- Players of all levels welcome.

Lunch with a Councilmember
Monday, February 11, 12:00-1:00 pm
Bring your lunch and questions. Councilmember Caroline Venuti will be available.

Walk-In Tech Help
Saturdays, February 2 and 16, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- Bring your computer, tablet, or smartphone and get help with your tech questions. (Repeats every 1st and 3rd Saturday.)

Genealogy Peer Support
Tuesday, February 12, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Share your knowledge about genealogy and learn from others.

Homer Storytellers - cancelled in February.
- Will resume March 23.

Writer’s Refuge
Tuesday, February 19, 5:45-7:45 pm
- A Writer’s Critique group. (Repeats every 3rd Tuesday.)

Parent Conversations
Thursday, February 21, 6:00 pm
- Monthly group discusses topical concerns for raising healthy teens & tweens.

HPL Book Club
Tuesday, February 26, 4:30-6:30 pm
- Forest Dark by Nicole Krauss (Repeats every 4th Tuesday. Titles vary.)

Knitting Circle
Every Monday, 1:30-4:30 pm
- All are welcome. Refreshments.

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays, 12:45 pm and Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Small Fry Storytime
Mondays, 11:00 am and Thursdays, 11:30 am.

Lego Lab:
Wednesday, February 6, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Kids 8-11 years old. (Repeats every first Wednesday of the month.)

LARP: Live Action Roleplay
Every Friday 3:00-5:45 pm.

February Big Read Special Events

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion @ Kachemak Bay Campus: Join the conversation about We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
Monday, February 4, 12:00-1:00 pm.

Pub Chat: But is It Literature: Tom Kizzie and Jennifer Norton will lead a lively chat about whether Chast’s graphic memoir is “Literature”. Tuesday, February 12, 6:00 pm @ Alice’s Champagne Palace.

When Does Forgetting Become a Worry?: Learn about dementia and Alzheimer’s from Janice Downing of Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska. Friday, February 15, 12:00-1:00 pm

Discussion on End of Life Care: An overarching view of what end of life care looks like in our community. Friday, February 15, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Virtual Dementia Tour: Discover what it is like for a person with dementia to get through the day. 20 minute sessions. Call 235-3180 to reserve a spot. Saturday, February 16, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Fashion Show @ the Homer Senior Citizen Center: Tickets will be available at the library. Thursday, February 21, 8:00 pm.

Workshop Conversation with Roz Chast: Erin Hollowell will interview Roz Chast in front of an audience about her creative life. Online registration required. Friday, February 22, 6:00 pm.

Book Signing @ the Homer Bookstore: Have Roz Chast sign your book! Saturday, February 23, 12:00-2:00 pm.

Keynote Presentation: Roz Chast will discuss her memoir Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? Saturday, February 23, 6:00 pm @ Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center.

Consumer Reports Now Available!

Spread the word! The Library now has a one-year subscription to Consumer Reports through Flipster, the digital magazine collection. To read the latest consumer information online, go to the Library’s homepage, log in to Flipster with your library card number, and choose your issue -- or download entire magazines with the Flipster app. Don’t worry, the Library still carries paper copies of Consumer Reports and many other magazines. But Flipster offers a convenient option to access the same information from home or on the go.

The Library is closed Monday, February 18 for President’s Day.
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Applications are due March 12.