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Building Community -- One Book, One Cup, One Note At A Time.

Happy December, Buono Buzzards!

New for the Holidays

- **Theo Chocolates are back!** Check out our selection of bars, peanut and almond butter cups, coconut bites, and more. These local treats make excellent gifts, or just a sweet snack for the chocoholic in you.
- **We also have several new 2019 wall calendars, desk calendars, journals, and datebooks in stock** -- get a jump on your new year's organization! Calendar favorites for the whole family -- from Pusheen to Thich Nhat Hanh -- are selling quickly. **Grab yours today!**
- **We've refreshed our selection of greeting cards and local, handmade gifts.** From ornaments to ceramics to stained glass art, find that one-of-a-kind item for the special person on your list.



Holiday Hours

- Monday, December 24th (**Christmas Eve**): **9am-9pm**. Do your last-minute holiday shopping with us!
- Tuesday, December 25th (**Christmas Day**): **Closed**
- Monday, December 31st (**New Year's Eve**): **9am-6pm**
- Tuesday, January 1st (**New Year's Day**): **9am-9pm**

December Events Digest

Songwriters in Seattle Showcase

Saturday, December 1st at 7:30pm

Songwriters in Seattle (SIS) is a non-profit independent music support group with over 500 members. Each month features different performers playing original music across a variety of genres.

Free. Donations Encouraged.

Bruce Taylor Book Release: “The Infinite Tears of Pablo Azul”

Saturday, December 1st at 4:00pm

With these stories, written and published from 2010 on, writer Bruce Taylor, also known as "Mr. Magic Realism," takes you on nineteen strange and different journeys of imagination. From relatively straightforward science fiction ("Darwin's Revenge") to the unclassifiable and surrealistic horror of "Dream Beast II"—from the totally wacky humor of "Watermelonmania" to the wonderful blending of Magic Realism and Science Fiction in "The Infinite Tears of Pablo Azul," nineteen stories to take you to Elsewhere, Elsewhen. And when you return? Perhaps you come back with a smile, a different view of the world or perhaps a deeper appreciation of just how strange and wonderful the universe truly is.

Free. Copies of Book Available In-Store.

Mindfulness Group

Tuesday, December 4th at 1:00pm

Tuesday, December 11th at 1:00pm

With so many changes in our government and our world, it's easy to get disheartened. Yet we can develop a balanced approach that encourages connection and hope. Local mindfulness teacher Andrea D'Asaro leads meditation from social activist/Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh's "At Home in The World." For further details, contact Andrea at awakentomindfulness@gmail.com or 206-939-8555.

Free. Copies of Book Available for Purchase, But Not Required to Participate.

Jazz First Fridays: Hopscotch and Kenny Mandell

Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm

On the first Friday of every month, we feature various groups led by "Buzzard Jazz Guy" Kenny Mandell, as well as some featured guests. This month, Kenny performs solo Thelonious Monk selections as part of his "All About Monk" project. Our featured guest is Hopscotch – a popular Seattle-based band made up of songwriting duo Charlie Hiestand and Jeanie Mishler.

Free. Donations Encouraged.

Jump Monkeys in Concert

Saturday, December 8th at 7:30pm

Join this popular acoustic jazz, jump and blues group for music that will have you swinging from the trees!



Free. Donations Encouraged.

North Seattle Storytelling

Thursday, December 13th at 7:00pm

North Seattle Storytelling is an open-mic event for telling true, personal stories to an audience. Although the year is ending, this group is beginning, so the theme of this event will be "beginnings" -- those that are difficult, those we appreciate, or those we never quite get around to. Please come share a story (8 minutes long or fewer), or come to listen.

Free. Donations Encouraged.

Alex Sturbaum: PNW Folklore Society Concert

Friday, December 14th at 7:30pm

Seattle's own Alex Sturbaum is a musician steeped in folk traditions from both sides of the Atlantic. He sings and plays guitar, bouzouki, banjo, bodhran, and more. Alex writes new songs that sound traditional and breathes new life and excitement into old songs. Bring your voice -- singing along will be encouraged!

Free. Donations Encouraged.

Kesselgarten in Concert

Saturday, December 15th at 7:30pm

Join us for a joyful evening of Klezmer music from Poland, Ukraine, Romania and Moldova -- as performed by Carl Shutoff (clarinet in C) and Laurie Andres (accordion).

Free. Donations Encouraged.

Winter's Return: A Celebration in Music

Saturday, December 22nd at 7:30pm

Celebrating Winter and all its diverse festivities with hurdy-gurdy, hammered dulcimer, whistle, violin, recorder, guitar, drums, mandolin, and songs that'll bring a bright spot to the darkest winter's day.

Featuring:

Felicia Dale (hurdy-gurdy, tinwhistle, violin)

William Pint (guitar, octave mandolin)

Tania Opland (5-string violin, hammered dulcimer, recorder, hurdy-gurdy)

Mike Freeman (guitar, percussion)

Free. Donations Encouraged.

Jim Page in Concert

Friday, December 28th at 7:30pm

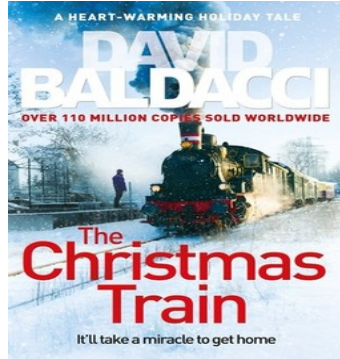
Seattle's Bard and a true local original, Jim Page, returns for an evening of songs and commentary in his favorite bookstore.

Free. Donations Strongly Encouraged.

Book Club Corner

Whodunit Book Club Pick

Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm



The Christmas Train by David Baldacci

Next month's book: *Until Proven Guilty* by J.A. Jance

Couth Buzzard Book Club Pick

Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00pm



No book this month! Please bring a favorite Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Solstice, or other short story/poem to share. Please also bring treats to share.

Next month's book: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

Recurring Events

See our [online calendar](#) for meeting schedule

Mondays, 7:00pm: Couth Buzzard Writers' Group (no meeting 12/31)

Wednesdays, 7:30pm: Open Mic Night

Thursdays, 6:00pm: Board Games

First Thursdays, 7:30pm: Couth Buzzard Comedy Open Mic

Fourth Thursdays, 7:30pm: Couth Buzzard Comedy Show

First and Third Saturdays, 11:00 am: Celtic Jam

Sundays, 9:15 am: Donation-Based Yoga

First and Third Sundays, 2:00pm: Choro Open Jam with Choroloco

Second and Fourth Sundays, 2:00pm: Jazz Open Jam with Kenny Mandell

Third Sundays, 7:00pm: Music Improv Session with Kenny Mandell

Fourth Sunday, 6:00pm: Northern Tunes Session with Rhythm Rollers

The Couth Buzzard Book Club meets **Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00pm**

The Whodunit Book Club meets **Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm**

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