



February panel looks at How Libraries and Bookstores Pick Books

Libraries and bookstores have limited resources—space, money, and staff. How do libraries and bookstores decide what to order and what to feature for their patrons? On February 12, 2026, from 5 to 6 pm, the Friends of Hannon Library will present a panel of public librarians, academic librarians, and bookstore owners addressing the question every writer wants to know: how do I get my book on the shelves?

The panel features Laurin Arnold, Collection Development Librarian for Jackson County Library Services, Emily Miller-Francisco, Hannon Library Interim Dean at SOU, and Megan Isser, owner of Bloomsbury Books in Ashland, with moderator Brystan Strong.



Laurin Arnold

Emily Miller-Francisco

Megan Isser

Brystan Strong

This Friends of Hannon Library event is free and open to the public. It will take place in the Meese Room (room 305) of the Hannon Library on the SOU campus, and a Zoom link will also be available on the Friends website (<https://hanlib.sou.edu/friends/lectureseries.html>).

To view previous lecture series events, see the Hannon Library YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@SOU-HannonLib>.

Metered visitor parking is available for those coming to campus to attend the event in SOU parking lots 1, 12, 29, 36, 37 and 41. Those who need disability accommodations to participate in the event may contact SOU's Disability Resources office at (541) 552-6213. For more information, contact Hannon Library staff at libraryevents@sou.edu.

About Hannon Library

As Southern Oregon University's main library, Hannon Library's mission is to advance information literacy and lifelong learning, by teaching diverse learners to navigate and understand increasingly complex information

environments. We embrace new information technologies and are committed to providing equitable access to extensive electronic and print collections.

About the Friends of the Hannon Library

Friends of Hannon Library's goal is to enrich the collections at Hannon Library. Funds raised by the Friends of Hannon Library have enabled the library to purchase materials that the Library would not have been otherwise able to afford, and to support programming to assist students. In addition, Friends of Hannon Library sponsors a lecture series of outstanding speakers on topics of literary and intellectual interest.