

Lake Oswego Reads 2018



Lake Oswego Reads Announces Book for 2018

The Lake Oswego Public Library has selected ***Good Morning, Midnight*** by Lily Brooks-Dalton as the 2018 book for its award winning citywide reading program. After two years of reading non-fiction, this book is a novel that is a quick read and will be enjoyed by many. It was suggested to the Lake Oswego Reads Steering Committee by Lake Oswego resident Jacquie Schade.

This is the story: The world has come to an end—or has it? Those on the fringes of civilization are left behind with no idea of what happened. Up in the frozen reaches of the Arctic, astronomer Augustine is cut off with no communication by the disaster, and he has to preserve not only his own life, but also that of a strange child who has wandered into his care. Astronaut Sullivan finds herself in circumstances just as grave—her space craft is making the long voyage home from Jupiter when Mission Control stops talking. Augustine and Sullivan are just two people left and bewildered by the apocalypse. As they struggle to survive, their stories gradually come together, and they are forced to face their regrets, their lives, and, ultimately, their legacies.

Library Director Bill Baars said, "Earlier this year we blasted into space with *The Rise of The Rocket Girls*. For our next Lake Oswego Reads we will move from science fact to science and fiction while we continue to explore, well, exploration, as we venture through the solar system on a voyage of planetary and communal discovery that mirrors a personal story of survival in a harsh and lonely terrestrial outpost. Lily Brooks-Dalton has written a haunting and thought-provoking novel with themes of loneliness, connection, endurance, regret, the search for meaning and the will to hope. I can't wait to start this conversation!"

Brooks-Dalton is from southern Vermont. She is deeply interested in travel, writing and motorcycles, and, inspired in part by those passions, her 2015 memoir *Motorcycles I've Loved* ultimately became a finalist for the Oregon Book Award. She moved to Ireland when she was 17 and worked her way around the world for 3 ½ years. *Good Morning, Midnight* is her second book and was published in 2016. Brooks-Dalton has degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Portland State University. She presently lives in New York City and is teaching at Catapult and working on a new project.

She said, "This event sounds like an author's dream. I am truly honored to be invited and am counting down the days until February 13th." Thanks to the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library, Brooks-Dalton will be speaking in

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Lake Oswego on February 13. For current members of the Friends of the Library, tickets to hear the author are guaranteed. To join, visit <https://friendslopl.org/>

The official kickoff of Lake Oswego Reads will be on January 8, 2018. As has been the practice for all 12 years, 800 free books will be distributed to Lake Oswego Public Library card holders, thanks to the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library.

The Lake Oswego Reads committee is presently developing a schedule of programs for February so that Lake Oswego residents can not only discuss *Good Morning, Midnight* but also experience the book with speakers, food, displays, art and more. The Library is asking the community for QSL cards for a display, local HAM radio operators for a demonstration, Aurora Borealis photos and suggestions for speakers on changing climate and its worldwide impact and on the Arctic life including people, plants, culture and research. Please contact Cyndie Glazer at 503-675-2538 or cglazer@ci.oswego.or.us.

This will be the program's 12th year and all events will be free thanks to financial support from the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library, Lake Oswego Rotary Club and the *Lake Oswego Review*.

Good Morning, Midnight was selected by the Steering Committee for Lake Oswego Reads, consisting of librarians, community leaders, high school English teachers and high school students. For a list of the 22 books the committee read and considered, go to <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/loreads/books2014>

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