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Author Angie Abdou with organizers of her One Book One Kootenay visit to Greenwood last Friday. Shawn Whitelegg, Abdou, Judy Foucher, Ann Mudrie, and Delores McGinn.

Library dinner event held

Last Friday evening, residents of the Boundary got a rare chance to enjoy a "Dinner with the Author" sponsored by the Greenwood Public Library. The special guest for the evening was Fernie author Angie Abdou. Abdou is touring with her book 'The Bone Cage' which was chosen as the 2009 One Book One Kootenay (OBOK) selection.

OBOK is a program defined as a program that promotes the joy of reading as a region wide book club which celebrates the work of the wonderful writers living in the Kootenay Boundary. It allows opportunity for conversations and connections around the themes of a great book. The program is similar to one run in many parts of the world, giving citizens an opportunity to discover local authors..

Abdou's book, 'The Bone Cage' was selected this year because of its relevance to the 2010 Winter Games. This is her first novel, after an earlier book of short stories.

It is an Olympic story told through the experiences of two athletes who have reached the pinnacle of their sport, stand on the verge of achieving their life's dream - winning gold, and yet must come face-to-face with the reality that time has overtaken them and their days at the top of their sport must end.

Abdou is well suited to lay this story down on paper as her brother wrestled for Canada in Sydney. Abdou was a competitive swimmer, though not at the Olympic level she says.

The evening provided interesting conversation about the Olympics from an unusual perspective. Instead of the discussion turning into a political or philosophical critique of the games, they were accepted as simple fact and Abdou helped guide us toward a fresh perspective.

In an interview on the OBOK website Abdou tells of a writing instructor who once told her, "If you have an argument to make, write an essay; if you have a story to tell, write a novel."

She goes on to say, "I wanted to immerse the reader in the world of amateur athletes to start a conversation about the Olympics, as well as about contemporary society's attitudes toward amateur sports. A novel should initiate a dialogue rather than tell readers what to think. This is one reason why I love talking to book clubs—I find it fascinating to observe the widely varying responses to 'The Bone Cage' and am always (happily) amazed at how differently readers form arguments about sports based upon their reading of the book."

Boundary residents who were disappointed in missing the 2009 OBOK event in Greenwood last week will get another chance on Thursday, October 22 at the Grand Forks Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Abdou is currently working on her third book, another novel. This book is about mountain culture and is tentatively called Canterbury Trail.

Another local trail sees benefit of Job Opportunity Program

The Trans Canada Trail (TCT) is another local trail system which is benefiting from the Job Opportunities Program for displaced forestry workers.

A crew of four has been working on the trail since the beginning of June and while their numbers have recently dipped to only three, they expect to work until the end of November.

Mark Freeman is the lead hand responsible for work from just west of Grand Forks to Beavercreek. Until recently the crew included Heinz Kreuzer from Midway and Darryl Drinkwater from Greenwood; however, they have both moved on to other

jobs. Still with the crew from the beginning is George Yamaguchi from Greenwood and Gary Maletta from Greenwood has recently oined them.

Work being done includes the installation of self-closing pedestrian gates, picnic tables, outhouses, brushing, weeding, widening and building a shade shelter.

A new access trail near the Ingram Bridge is also being built. A local rancher was objecting to people accessing the TCT through his property so Freeman found another place for access. This will allow people staying at Kettle River RV Park to access the trail without having to drive in to Midway.

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