

## RELATED SPECIAL EVENTS (All Events Free!)

www.ptpubliclibrary.org All events at Fort Worden will require a Discover Pass

### Soundcheck – Community Read Kickoff Pancake Breakfast

March 1 (Sunday) Fort Worden Commons 9:00–11:00 am

Enjoy pancakes followed by a self-guided walk with your Community Read Adventure Log.

### Technology and Accessibility with the Quadfather Todd Stabelfeldt

March 5 (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00 pm

Meet the Quadfather from Ian's story and learn how technology is making the world more accessible.

### Book Lover's Café – *Ian's Ride: A Long-Distance Journey to Joy*

March 5 (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 2:00 pm

Join the library's book club for a group discussion.

### ADA Accessibility and Active Transportation Plan in Port Townsend with Assistant City Engineer Jeff Kostechka and DASH

March 12 (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00 pm

Learn more about the City's Active Transportation Plan.

### Storytime Connections with Judith Bows

March 18 (Wednesday) Children's Room 2:00 pm

Kids and families – join us for an afternoon of stories, arts & crafts, and other activities.

### Olympic Discovery Trail Talk with Peninsula Trails Coalition

March 19 (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00 pm

Learn about the history, recent upgrades, and future of this trail from the Peninsula Trails Coalition.

### Guided Birding Walk with Rainshadow Bird Alliance

March 22 (Sunday) Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park 9:00 am

Join experienced birders for this all-ages, accessible interpretive walk.

### Meet the Author: Karen Polinsky and Ian Mackay

March 26 (Thursday) Northwest Maritime Center 6:00 pm

Join a presentation and reading, followed by a book signing and books for sale from Imprint Bookshop.

### Art in Action: Bike Repair with the Recyclery

March 27 (Friday) Port Townsend Public Library 3:00 pm

Watch a live demonstration on how to fix your bike.

### PTFF and ROSE THEATRE Present: *Soul Surfer* (Free Film – PG)

March 28 (Saturday) Rose Theatre 10:00 am

Tickets will be available through The Rose Theatre's website.

### Book Discussions

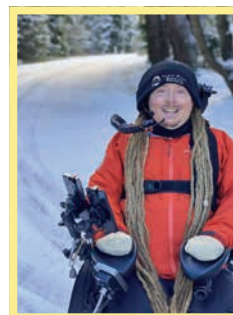
March 11 (Wednesday) Pourhouse 5:00 pm

March 18 (Wednesday) Aldrich's Mezzanine 10:30 am



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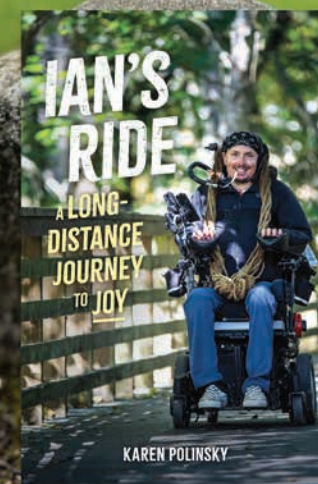
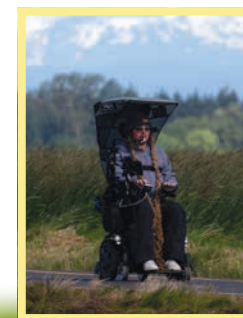
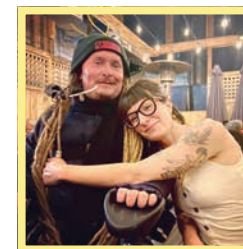
# COMMUNITY READ 2026



## KAREN POLINSKY

### *Ian's Ride* *A Long-Distance Journey to Joy*

Published by  
Mountaineers Books



# Port Townsend Reads ... a community coming together through reading



## Author Profile

KAREN POLINSKY is a former journalist and high school teacher and currently a novelist and playwright living in Portland, Oregon. Her first book, *Dungeness*, like *Ian's Ride* is set on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. She's written more than a dozen staged plays. She enjoys camping and biking and hiking with her husband Michael and her border collie Pearl.

## *Ian's Ride*

"Fast-paced and honest to the bone, *Ian's Ride* is a well-told story about the powers of perseverance and love. Ian's resolve is breathtaking, but so is his mother's and that of his family, friends and caregivers. The book is both a harrowing adventure and a guide to the unthinkable challenges of being a quadriplegic or caring for one. Peppered with real-time observations, the narrative builds to a profound understanding of what we are capable of accomplishing. But perhaps more importantly, *Ian's Ride* shows us how rewarding it can be to help people."

— Jim Lynch, author of *The Highest Tide*

While studying as a biology undergrad at UC Santa Cruz, Ian Mackay crashed his bike into a tree on campus. Paralyzed from the shoulders down, Mackay adapted to his new life with the help of his dedicated family, particularly his mother, Teena Woodward, and a group of quirky friends. After years of despair, and against all odds, he became an inspiring leader, an innovator with Apple, and a world-record-breaking athlete. In this intimate biography based on more than one hundred hours of interviews, journal entries, and more, writer Karen Polinsky recounts Ian's accident and determined recovery, in which he discovered the healing power of nature and community.

*Ian's Ride* is both a personal journey and an adventure quest for nature lovers, endurance athletes, and anyone struggling with a life-changing loss or diagnosis. This deeply moving true story examines how we exist in our bodies, adapt to and overcome adversity, and what it means to push our limits.

## THE COMMUNITY READ PROGRAM & HOW IT WORKS

The City of Port Townsend has proclaimed March as the official "Reading Month." Community Read is designed to promote closer ties among community members through the shared experience of reading, sharing, and discussing the same book and ideas related to topics raised by the book.

- A limited number of free copies of the book will be available at the Port Townsend Public Library on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional copies will be available at the library on two-week loans, or you may purchase a copy at Imprint Bookshop.
- Read the book, then pass it on to others.
- Prepare for a discussion about the book with your own book group or join one of the library's book discussions. A brochure with discussion issues and questions is available at the library.
- Attend the many related in-person events during the month of March.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!!!** This year's Community Read events are in-person and detailed program information is on the library's website at [www.ptpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org)

### ALL MONTH MARCH 1-31

**Choose Your Own Adventure Log** Walk, roll, and run throughout March keeping track on your library adventure log. Pick up your log at the library March 1st. Submit at the end of the month for a chance to win prizes!

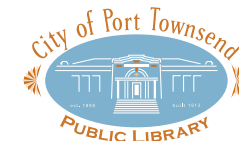


### StoryWalk – *Best Day Ever* Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park

A fun outdoor daylight adventure for the whole family to enjoy. Explore anytime during March.

MORE EVENTS ON THE BACK!

For more information:  
(360) 385-3181  
[www.ptpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org)



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