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~ Media Advisory ~
Heroes & Royalty Storytime
With Valentine Workshop!

Families and children of all ages are invited to dress up like their favorite hero, superhero, or fairytale character and join us at 6 p.m., Monday, February 13 for our annual Heroes & Royalty Storytime! We'll sing songs, share tales, and create Valentines for our friends and loved ones. This program is sponsored in part by the Springfield Arts Commission. Thank you!

What: Heroes & Royalty Storytime with Valentine Workshop

When: 6-7 p.m., Monday, February 13

Where: Springfield Public Library, Children's Area

Additional Information: Taylor Worley, 541.726.2243, tworley@springfield-or.gov

Teens on Tuesday @ 4:30
Fictional Dating

Come meet your next favorite book. We will be speed dating with your favorite books and characters. The romance begins at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 14 in the Library Meeting Room, at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. Please come prepared to talk about your current favorite. It's all free and just for teens.

The Library offers a weekly gathering for teens at 4:30 p.m., every Tuesday to hang out, enjoy a snack, learn new skills and have fun.

What: Teen program: Fictional Dating

When: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 14

Where: Springfield Public Library Meeting Room

Additional Information: LuCinda Gustavson, 541.726.2287, lgustavson@springfield-or.gov

Free Discussion about Gender & Society

*A Conversation Project event facilitated by
Willamette University sociology professor Jade Aguilar*

From the moment we are born, gender shapes every aspect of our lives: our interests, opportunities, and how we move through the world. In the twenty-first century, disparities among the genders still prevail, especially at the intersections of race, class, immigration status, and geography. What can these disparities tell us about society's values and priorities? How can we better understand the complex ways gender affects our daily lives and identities? This is the focus of "Mind the Gaps: How Gender Shapes Our Lives," a free conversation facilitated by Jade Aguilar at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 15 in the Library Meeting Room at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. This program is hosted by the City of Springfield's Committee for Diversity and Inclusion and Springfield Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities and the Springfield Library Foundation.

Aguilar is an assistant professor of Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies at Willamette University. Her broad areas of study are gender, sexuality, and family, and her main area of focus is the study of intentional communities.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future. This is the second in a series of Conversation Project events that will be hosted by the City of Springfield's Committee for Diversity and Inclusion and Springfield Library the third Wednesday of the month January through April 2017. Willamalane Parks and Recreation District is a marketing partner of this program. Funding for the program is generously provided by Springfield Public Library Foundation. Free and open to the community.

Oregon Humanities (921 SW Washington, Suite 150; Portland, OR 97205) connects Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities' programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at oregonhumanities.org. Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

What: Conversation Project: Mind the Gaps: How Gender Shapes Our Lives, facilitated by Willamette University sociology professor Jade Aguilar

When: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 15

Where: Springfield Public Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

Additional Information: Contact Thea Hart, 541.726.2238, thart@springfield-or.gov

Mixed Media Art for Kids & Tweens

Explore the Art and Culture of Pakistan

Kids ages 7-12 are invited to this great art workshop from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, February 18 at Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. During this workshop we will briefly examine the art and culture of Oceania, discuss what we see, then learn how to make our own! We encourage kids to bring their favorite adult with them, because the adults get to create, too.

Mixed Media: Exploring the World is part of our year-long Geography-based learning initiative funded by the Grey Family Foundation. Mixed Media is also supported by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library. Thank you!

What: Mixed Media Art for Kids & Tweens – Exploring Pakistan

When: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, February 18

Where: Springfield Public Library, Library Meeting Room

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