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Step into Poetry

Wordcrafters Writing Workshop

Take a poetic deep dive into place as we compose poems that celebrate or otherwise consider the experience of living in the Eugene/Springfield area—past, present, or future, at 5:30 p.m., Monday April 17 in the Library Meeting Room at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield.

Pre-registration is encouraged to secure a seat. Call 541.726.3766 or sign up at the Springfield Public Library. This program is generously sponsored by the Springfield Public Library Foundation.

About Wordcrafters

Wordcrafters provides writers and readers opportunities to strengthen their craft, deepen their connection with literature, and share their knowledge with each other and with future generations. Wordcrafters offers an annual writing conference, year-round writing classes and retreats, young writers camps and workshops, and Writers in the Schools.

What: Wordcrafters Writing Workshop: Step into Poetry

When: 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 17

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

Additional Information: Amy Orre, 541.726.4609, orre@springfield-or.gov

Free Discussion about Perceptions of Disability

April 19 event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project

The disability community accounts for 12 percent of the US population and nearly 14 percent of the Oregon population. All Oregonians are influenced by the disability community, whether as individuals with a disability or as family members, friends, or allies of someone with a disability.

This is the focus of “Understanding Disability: Family and Community Stories,” a free conversation with Jill Crawford Hurt at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 19 in the Library Meeting Room at Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street. 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. Willamalane Parks and Recreation District is a marketing partner of this program.

Participants in this conversation will look at what they know of the stories of their own family, friends, and colleagues and consider the sources of their perspectives. Whether these stories contain themes of pride, oppression, resistance, failure, or success, they offer us an opportunity to rethink our perceptions.

Hurt is a proud member of the disability community. As the second of three generations to share a hereditary neuropathy, she devotes her personal and professional life to disability advocacy. She holds a master of rehabilitation administration degree from the University of San Francisco. Her professional experience includes facilitating community advocacy and youth peer support activities and serving as director of a parent advocacy organization.

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 last in a series of Conversation Project events. This event is free and open to the community.

What: Conversation Project; free community discussion about perceptions of disability

When: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 19

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

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

Teen Program at Springfield Public Library

Pizza & Poetry

Celebrate National Poetry Month with PIZZA (and poetry.) Come share a favorite poem or one you have written and nosh on your favorite food, PIZZA. Plus, we will be announcing the winners of our 2017 Teen Poetry Contest and there will be PIZZA. Join us at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25 in the Library Conference Room at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. This event is free and intended for teens.

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

What: Teens on Tuesday: Pizza & Poetry

When: 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25

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

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

Free Family Event

Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day)

Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day) is an international holiday honoring children, culture, and books. Local families are invited to celebrate at a bilingual festival including: live music and dance, creative activities, games, library card sign-ups, light refreshments, and free books for kids to take home. Join in the fun at Springfield Public Library from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, and at Eugene Public Library from 1- 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 30.

This year's featured performance is the group Nuestro Canto of Portland and their bilingual show *Legends of Mexico/Leyendas de México*. In addition, the Springfield event will showcase the performances of local youth groups including Springfield High School's Mariachi del Sol, Folklórico Dance by Alma de México as well as a performance by students from Springfield's Native Youth Program and Guy Lee Elementary School. We invite families from all traditions and backgrounds to celebrate with us. Springfield Public Library is located at 225 Fifth Street, inside City Hall. For more information call 541.726.3766 or visit www.wheremindsgrow.org. For more information about the Eugene event, contact Eugene Public Library at 541.682.5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library, or Springfield Public Library at 541.726.3766.

Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros is sponsored by Eugene Public Library, Springfield Public Library, Community Health Centers of Lane County, Downtown Languages, Eugene School District 4J, Springfield Public Schools, Bethel School District, SELCO, Springfield Arts Commission, Relief Nursery, Early Learning Alliance, Joan Gray and Harris Hoffman, Lane ESD Migrant Education Program, and United Way of Lane County.

Evento Gratis para familias

Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day)

Diviértete en el Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day), una fiesta internacional que celebra niños, culturas, y libros para toda la familia. El festival bilingüe de todo un fin de semana incluye música, bailes en vivo, actividades creativas, carnetización e inscripciones para poder usar la biblioteca, refrigerios, y regalos de libros para niños. La entrada es gratis.

Ven a los eventos gratis en la Biblioteca Pública de Springfield entre la 1:00 y las 4:00 de la tarde, el sábado 29 de abril. El evento principal de este año será protagonizado por la reconocida group Nuestro Canto de Portland y su espectáculo bilingüe Leyendas de México. También habrá la música del Mariachi del Sol, baila del grupo Alma de México Ballet Folclórico y música de los estudiantes del Programa de Jóvenes Nativos y de Guy Lee escuela primaria.

La Biblioteca Pública de Springfield está ubicada en 225 5th Street, dentro del ayuntamiento. Para más información, llama al 541.726.3766. La entrada es gratis.

Visita la Biblioteca Pública de Eugene el domingo, 30 de abril entre la 1:00 y las 4:00 de la tarde, para disfrutar más eventos. La Biblioteca Pública de Eugene está ubicada en la esquina de la avenida 10 con la calle Olive (100 West 10th). Para más información, llama al 541.682.5450 (para español marca el 5). La entrada es gratis.

El Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros está patrocinado por las Bibliotecas Públicas de Eugene y Springfield, Community Health Centers of Lane County, Downtown Languages, Eugene School District 4J, Springfield Public Schools, Bethel School District, SELCO, Springfield Arts Commission, Relief Nursery, Early Learning Alliance, Joan Gray & Harris Hoffman, Lane ESD Migrant Education Program, and United Way of Lane County.

What: Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day)

When: 1-4 p.m., April 29 and 30

Where: Springfield Public Library (Saturday), Eugene Public Library (Sunday)

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

Willama-Library Book Group

Discuss: The Worst Hard Time, by Timothy Egan

As only great history can, Timothy Egan's book, "The Worst Hard Time," captures the very voice of the times: its grit, pathos, and abiding courage. Combining the human drama of Isaac's Storm with the sweep of The American People in the Great Depression, The Worst Hard Time is a lasting and important work of American history. Join the discussion May 2, 2017, 10:30 a.m., in the Library Conference Room, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR.

This free and open to the public monthly book group is brought to you by the joint efforts of Willamalane Park and Recreation District and Springfield Public Library. No registration is required.

What: Willama-Library Book Group

When: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 2

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

Additional Information: Amy Orre, 541.726.4609, aoorre@springfield-or.gov

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