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**STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE:  
BOB STRAUB'S BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF OREGON**

*Author Charles K. Johnson and Professor Dr. Mark Henkels will present*

On Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 3pm, a presentation and discussion about the former Oregon Governor Robert W. Straub will take place in the Library Meeting Room.

A man of intelligence, drive, creativity and fascinating contradictions, Governor Straub overcame personal challenges and inevitable comparisons to his charismatic predecessor and friendly Republican rival, Tom McCall, to have a lasting impact on Oregon and the nation.

Biographer Charles K. Johnson will be discussing his book, *Standing at the Water's Edge: Bob Straub's Battle for the Soul of Oregon*, which chronicles the life and work of the former Governor. Johnson is a Portland writer, fundraiser and activist. A native Oregonian, he has been active in environmental politics since childhood and was instrumental in making a home for the Robert W. Straub Archives at Western Oregon University's Hamersly Library.

Joining Mr. Johnson for the discussion will be Dr. Mark Henkels, professor of political science and the current Chair of the Social Science Division at Western Oregon University. His research interests are in state government, especially Oregon politics, public policy and the challenges created by the aging of our society.

**What:** Standing at the Water's Edge: Bob Straub's Battle for the Soul of Oregon

**When:** Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 3pm

**Where:** Springfield Library Meeting Room, 225 5<sup>th</sup> St. Springfield, OR

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