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Free Discussion about LGBTQ Acceptance

The April 26 event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project.

A majority of Americans now accept gay and lesbian relationships, but the queer population is made up of a diversity of communities and experiences. Are all queer people accepted, tolerated, and embraced everywhere? Where are we made to feel welcome? Where do we feel unwelcome and unsafe? How do race, language, gender identity, family structure, faith, where we work, and where we live shape how we are seen, welcomed, and accepted?

This is the focus of "Where are Queer People Welcome?," a free conversation with Jill Winsor at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26 at the City of Springfield, Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street. This program is jointly hosted by Springfield Public Library and City of Springfield and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Jill Winsor is a nerdy queer feminist who happens to work as a policy advocate. In Jill's role at Neighborhood Partnerships, she works to explore new resources, tools, and policy concepts to improve the financial stability of Oregon communities. Her advocacy is informed by the decade she spent on the front lines of social service provision in public healthcare settings. She spends a lot of time thinking about how we construct community and firmly believes that good policy is possible when space is created for the active participation of the communities most impacted.

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.

For more information about this free community discussion, please contact Vahana Keene at 541.726.3671 or vkeene@springfield-or.gov. Due to the sometimes sensitive nature of these conversations, we do request that prior notice be given if members of the media plan to attend so that we may prepare the participants for that possibility.

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