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### **ADDITIONAL OPEN HOURS TO BEGIN AT THE SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY**

*New hours start Friday, Aug. 15 at 10am with an official kickoff Saturday, Aug. 16 at 10am*

An original puppet show performed by librarians will kick off the addition of more open hours at the Springfield Library on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 10am. A light reception will also welcome patrons taking advantage of the new opening time.

Thanks to additional funding, the Springfield Library will be open longer on Fridays and Saturdays beginning Friday, Aug. 15, 2014 at 10am. "We are grateful for the opportunity that the Mayor, Council, and City Budget Committee have given us to serve our community better," said Library Director, Rob Everett.

In a statement, Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg said, "The library is a huge asset to the community. It's wonderful that we are able to offer extended hours at the library. The City Council and budget committee members recognized the need to meet community demand for more library service and stepped up to the plate by approving additional library hours." The funding provides for the library to open four additional hours per week, and in order to accommodate the request, an additional part-time staff position was created.

The library received over 300 responses to a survey, offered both online and at the library, requesting feedback about open hours. Everett stated, "A clear majority of survey respondents asked for increased hours on Friday and Saturday. Currently the configuration that best serves all three needs; patron desire, youth programming opportunity, and adequate staffing levels, is to add two hours at the beginning of the day Friday and two hours at the beginning of the day Saturday."

Beginning Aug. 15, 2014, the library hours will be: Mondays and Tuesdays, 10am-8pm; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-6pm; Fridays and Saturdays 10am-5pm; Sundays closed

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**Where:** Springfield Library Meeting Room, 225 5<sup>th</sup> St. Springfield OR 97477

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