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Ways of Seeing: Exploring Image, Detail and Place

Wordcrafters Presents Free Writing Classes at Springfield Public Library

Sharpen your language and descriptions in poetry and prose during the Wordcrafters Writing Workshop, "Ways of Seeing," starting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 13 in the Library Meeting Room, at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. Presenters Katie Haemmerle and Leah Gomez will lead participants through various exercises designed to gather images and sensory details through memory and direct observation.

Pre-registration is encouraged to secure a seat. Call 541.726.3766 or sign up at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. 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

When: 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 13

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

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

Teens on Tuesday @ 4:30

Pi Day Party

Irrational numbers are the best party numbers. Come celebrate Pi Day at the Springfield Public Library. Make pie, eat pie, play with pi. The party begins at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14 in the Library Meeting Room, at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. 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: Pi Day Party

When: 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14

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

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

Free Discussion of Immigrants and Refugees in Oregon

March 15 event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project

Global displacement is on the rise, thanks to intractable conflicts, economics, and climate change. Oregonians have and will continue to see the results of international migration in our neighborhoods. How might we build more informed, responsive, resilient, and vibrant communities? This is the focus of "The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon," a free conversation with Manuel Padilla at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15 at 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 the Springfield Public Library, and sponsored by Oregon Humanities and the Springfield Library Foundation.

Padilla has done peace work in Haiti, Chad, and Washington, DC, working with internally displaced people, immigrants, and refugees. Currently he implements reconciliation workshops in refugee contexts with the Jesuit Refugee Service, works with youth through restorative justice frameworks, and volunteers with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Circles of Support and Accountability program.

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 third in a series of Conversation Project events that are hosted by the City of Springfield's Committee for Diversity and Inclusion and Springfield Public Library on the third Wednesday of the month 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 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; free community discussion about immigrants and refugees

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

Where: Library Meeting Room located inside City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

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

Lego Club

Early-Release Day Brick-Building Fun!

Children of all ages are invited to join the Springfield Public Library for their monthly brick-building madness! From 2-4 p.m., Friday, March 17, Springfield Library will blanket the floor with your favorite bricks. Make anything you like and decorate the library with your creations until April! Lego Club supports creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, and social skills in a fun and low-key environment.

There is no age requirement or registration required for this program; it is free and open to the community. Drop by for part or the entire two-hour program.

What: Lego Club

When: 2-4 p.m. March 17

Where: Children's Area, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

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

Mixed Media

Exploring the Art of Russia

Kids between the ages of 7 and 12 and their families are invited to this monthly meeting of Mixed Media Art at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18 at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. We're continuing our global art trek with a visit to Russia. Participants will learn a bit about Russia's geography before getting to create their own, Russian-inspired art.

This program is sponsored by the Springfield Art's Commission and a generous grant from the Grey Family Foundation. This program is designed to challenge kids and tweens interested in art and art history. 2017's Mixed Media season is themed around Geography. Family members attending with their children are also invited to get creative! There is no registration required for this program; it is free and open to the community.

What: Mixed Media Art Workshop

When: 10:30 a.m. – noon, Saturday, March 18

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

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

Read to a Greenhill Dog

Practice your reading skills with an adorable, furry friend.

Children and emerging readers are welcomed from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, March 18 to read to a dog at Springfield Public Library! This program is based on the national READ initiative, which is designed to provide friendly, non-judgmental audiences for struggling readers to practice reading aloud. Children may sign up for a 15 minute time slot at the children's reference desk in the Library upon arrival. Participants may have additional time after all those who have signed up have had time.

This service is provided by Greenhill Humane Society's staff and volunteers. There is no advanced registration required for this event; it is free and open to the community.

What: Read to a Greenhill Dog

When: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 18

Where: Children's Area, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

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

Saturday Book Group

Newly formed book discussion group for Springfield adults continues with Dashiell Hammett's The Maltese Falcon

At 1 p.m., Saturday, March 18 at the Springfield Library, the Saturday Book Group will meet to discuss *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett, the 2017 National Endowment of the Arts Big Read for Eugene-Springfield. Community events are planned in conjunction with the NEA Big Read of *The Maltese Falcon*, including presentations, theater performances, live music, movie nights, and more.

"We have received many requests for additional book discussion groups at Springfield Public Library," said Thea Hart, Adult Services Librarian at Springfield Public Library. "I am very excited that our Library continues to increase the number and the variety of free events for adults in our community. The Library's mission is to be a community hub for lifelong learning and our new Saturday Book Group will make discussing literature more accessible to adults who are not available during weekday morning hours."

The Maltese Falcon is one of the best detective novels ever written and a classic private eye story. Hammett's deeply observed and morally serious tale could also be considered a brilliant literary work, a love story, a thriller, and a dark, dry comedy. The book discussion group is facilitated by Springfield Public Library with support from the Springfield Library Foundation. The discussion group is for adults and will be held in the Library Conference Room.

The NEA Big Read of *The Maltese Falcon* is a collaboration of Eugene Public Library, Springfield Public Library, and Oregon Contemporary Theatre, with community partners Eugene School District 4-J, Bethel

School District, Springfield Public Schools, Bijou Art Cinemas, Radio Redux, Friends of Eugene Public Library, and Eugene Public Library Foundation.

The Saturday Book Group will continue at 1p.m., Saturday, May 13.

What: Saturday Book Group meeting discussing *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett

When: 1 p.m., Saturday, March 18

Where: Library Conference Room [inside the library] located at 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, OR

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

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