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## **Step into Theater**

*Wordcrafters Writing Workshop*

Learn the craft of playwriting from local playwrights Connie Bennett and Paul Calandrino and then submit your scene for exhibition! Wordcrafters Writing Workshop: “Step into Theater,” at 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 11 at the Springfield Public Library in the Library Meeting Room. Wordcrafters in Eugene, in partnership with the City of Eugene, is searching for new work to refresh “Step Into Theater,” a series of (very!) short plays by local authors exhibited in the stairwells of the Overpark garage on Oak Street. Participants in this workshop will get a chance to develop evocative short plays, which they can then submit to the “Step into Theater” Call for Submissions. For more information about the “Step Into...” contests and workshops, go to [wordcraftersineugene.org/stepinto](http://wordcraftersineugene.org/stepinto).

Pre-registration is encouraged to secure a seat. Call 541.726.3766 or sign up at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street in Springfield, OR. This program is generously sponsored by the Springfield Public Library Foundation.

About Connie Bennett and Paul Calandrino:

Instructors Connie Bennett and Paul Calandrino have produced the annual “Northwest Ten Festival of Ten Minute Plays” at Oregon Contemporary Theatre in Eugene for the past nine years. Short plays by Bennett, the Director of Eugene Public Library, have been produced in a number of U.S. states and Canada. Calandrino is an award-winning playwright who holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Goddard College.

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 Theater

**When:** 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 11

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

**Additional Information:** Kristen Curé, 541.726.2232, [kcure@springfield-or.gov](mailto:kcure@springfield-or.gov)

# CELEBRATE READ AN EBOOK DAY ON SEPTEMBER 16

*Download ebooks for free from the library*

Mark your calendar for September 18. Springfield Public Library is celebrating the fourth annual International Read an Ebook Day and you are invited to participate! You can come into the library starting Monday, September 11 to pledge to read an ebook and get an "I (heart) ebooks from my library" button.

The library's digital collection, Library2Go, offers you best-selling and classic eBooks and digital audiobooks available 24/7. You can browse the collection, borrow with your library card, and enjoy on your computer, tablet, smartphone or eReader. Many borrowed eBooks and audiobooks can be enjoyed immediately in your web browser or can be downloaded to the free Libby app or Overdrive app for mobile devices. Digital titles can also be enjoyed on tablets and eReader devices such as the iPad®, NOOK®, and Kindle®. No matter how you plan to enjoy, titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees.

Need help getting started with library ebooks? The library offers Book-a-Librarian appointments for one-on-one help using library services, collections, or technology. Request your 30-minute appointment by visiting the library's reference desk, calling the library at 541.726.3766 or emailing [library@springfield-or.gov](mailto:library@springfield-or.gov).

**What:** International Read an Ebook Day

**When:** 11 September – 18 September during Library Open Hours (10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday)

**Where:** Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street Springfield, OR

**Additional Information:** Contact Thea Hart, 541.726.2238, [thart@springfield-or.gov](mailto:thart@springfield-or.gov)

## SATURDAY BOOK GROUP

*Book discussion group for Springfield adults continues with six months of short stories*

At 1 p.m., Saturday, September 16 at the Springfield Library, the Saturday Book Group will meet to discuss *Tenth of December: Stories*. This collection of short stories by George Saunders was a finalist for the National Book Award. The Saturday Book Group meeting in September kicks off six months of book group discussions of various collections of contemporary short fiction, through February 2018. These book discussions are part of on-going free programs and events for adults at Springfield Public Library. Community members may ask to borrow a copy of the book at the Library's Reference Desk; no library card is required.

The book discussion group is facilitated by Springfield Public Library staff with financial support from the Springfield Library Foundation. The discussion group is for adults and will be held in the Library Conference Room.

The Saturday Book Group will continue at 1 p.m., Saturday, 14, October 2017 with Samantha Hunt's *The Dark Dark: Stories*.

**What:** Saturday Book Group meeting discussing *Tenth of December: Stories* by George Saunders

**When:** 1 p.m., September 16

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

**Additional Information:** Contact Thea Hart, 541.726.2238, [thart@springfield-or.gov](mailto:thart@springfield-or.gov)