

Oregon Humanities Discussion About Aging and Intergenerational Friendship

Aging is a life-long experience that is both universal and different for everyone. While most of us agree that people of different generations have wisdom to offer those who are ahead of or behind them in life's journey, barriers to connection often persist between generations. Many of these barriers



are rooted in our ideas about age and aging. Where do these ideas come from, and how do they impede or encourage relationships across generational differences? How do we acknowledge both the universality of aging and the differences we experience? How do we create meaningful connections with others of different ages and life stages?

This is the focus of "Just a Number: Aging and Intergenerational Friend-

ship," a free conversation with Jennifer Sasser and Simeon Dreyfuss on Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 pm at the Vernonia Public Library. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Vernonia Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Dreyfuss is a writer and independent interdisciplinary scholar. He was on the faculty of Marylhurst University for twenty-three years. His essays, stories, poems, scholarly articles, and journalistic publications have appeared widely. He is currently coeditor of *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*.

Sasser is an educational gerontologist, transdisciplinary scholar, and community activist. She has worked in the field of gerontology for more than half her life, beginning as a nursing as-

sistant and aging advocate before focusing on research, writing, and teaching. She is the author of *Aging: Concepts and Controversies* and of the forthcoming book *Gerontology: The Basics*.

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 Shannon Romtvedt at (503) 429-1818 or shannonr@vernonia-or.gov.

Oregon Humanities (921 SW Washington, Suite 150; Portland, OR 97205) 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's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Upcoming Events

Food for Fines Fundraiser

October 16 - October 31
Bring non-perishable food or personal care items to the library and \$1 in fines or lost/damaged fees will be forgiven from your account in exchange for each item. All donations benefit Vernonia Cares. Food for Fines 2017 is made possible with a grant from Vernonia High School Community 101 students.

Just a Number: Aging and Intergenerational Friendships

Thursday, October 19, 6:30-8 pm
Conversation Project program sponsored by Oregon Humanities and hosted by the Friends of the Vernonia Library. Facilitators for the program are Simeon Dreyfuss, writer and independent scholar and Jenny Sasser, educational gerontologist.

Kids Book Group

Friday, October 13, 4-5 pm
First meeting. For kids with reading levels ranging from grades 3-5. Come by the first meeting to help choose titles and meet group members. Contact Shannon at the library shannonr@vernonia-or.gov if interested in being on a contact list.

Movie Night

Tuesday, October 17, 6 pm
Featuring: *Hidden Figures* (PG)
Relax and enjoy a movie and popcorn at the library. Call or visit the library for movie titles.

Library Halloween Party!

Saturday, October 28
2-2:30 pm: Short movie and Snack - Featuring *Monsters vs. Aliens* *Mutant Pumpkins from Outer Space* (27 min.)
2:45-3:45 pm: Craft Time - Decorate Halloween treat bags, make play-doh monsters and spider magnets. For kids and families Pre-K through Grade 5.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

Wednesday, October 18, 6 - 7:30 pm (alternate meeting time this month)
Usually the 3rd Thursday of every month, 6-7:30 pm. For writers with all levels of experience.

Knitting Group

Saturday, October 21, 10 am-12 pm
For all levels of knitting experience. Contact Caitlin at boylandknitworks@gmail.com if interested.

Book Discussion Group

Monday, October 30
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm
Selection for October 30: *Circles of Confusion* by April Henry
Contact the library to reserve a book for the discussion.

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 am
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0-3. Older siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am
Stories and a craft/activity for children up through age 5.
October Features:
Community Helpers!
Special Visitors include:
Friday, October 6: Dentist
Friday, October 13: Cub Scouts
Friday, October 20: Taekwondo Instructor
Friday, October 27: Police Officer

Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5
Tuesday, Thursday: 1 - 7
Saturday: 10 - 4
Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818
E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

New Video Commemorates Old Oregon News Stories

Vernonia resident who produced the video has donated a copy to the local library

Former Vernonia resident Ray Etheridge has donated a new DVD to the Vernonia Library called *From Oregon, Film at 11 - Fun Stories of the 1970s-80s*.

Etheridge, a 1970 VHS graduate, began his 35 year career in television as a news cameraman at KATU in Portland. The DVD is a collection of ten "feature stories" from Ray's private collection, which were originally shot and edited on 16mm film back in the days before video cameras.

The program takes the viewer

to an old-fashioned cattle ranch in eastern Oregon, a thunder egg mine, and a restaurant which proudly serves "the worst food in Oregon." You also visit a woman who publishes a newspaper out of her mobile home, a rowing club on the Willamette River, a close up look at Blitz Beer's "Schludwiller" beer truck, and a VHS football homecoming from over 30 years ago.

Etheridge photographed and edited all of the original material, and the DVD was produced with his wife, Migdalia. The contributing reporters are Pat Wilkins, Bill Boaz, and Jim Hyde. The DVD is now available at the Vernonia Library, or available for download from Amazon.



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