

Upcoming Conversation Project Discussions at Regional Libraries

Free programs are part of Oregon Humanities' statewide project

The Banks and Scappoose Libraries will be the hosts for two separate discussion programs as part of Oregon Humanities Conversation Project.

How do recipes work? Why do we collect them? Who do we write them for? How can recipes help us connect and create communities across time, distance, and culture?

This is the focus of "Stone Soup: How Recipes Can Preserve History and Nourish Community," a free conversation with Jennifer Roberts on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Banks Public Library Community Room, 42461 NW Market St. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Banks Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities. Participants are encouraged to bring any treasured recipes they'd like to share with the group. These recipes may end up in a story-based collection compiled throughout this Conversation Project program.

Roberts is a writer and independent scholar who lives in Josephine County. She received her PhD in English literature from the University of Minnesota, where she discovered her fascination with the history of science and medicine. Studying alchemy and early pharmacology sparked her interest in recipes of all kinds. She is currently working on a novel set in the seventeenth century that involves witchcraft, alchemy, and, of course, recipes.

For more information about this free community discussion, please contact Susan Cackler at (503) 324-1382 or susanc@wccls.org.

Technology is often considered a cure-all to our modern challenges. It is, undeniably, a powerful tool in addressing our greatest endeavors. Whether it be automation, the iPhone, or gene editing, some say our technical capacities have outstripped our moral knowledge. Others believe they have provided us immense creativity in dealing with our biggest ethical questions. Are these mutually exclusive? How does technology

shape our moral reasoning and our perceptions of, and relationships with, one another?

This is the focus of "Is Technology Outpacing Our Humanity?" a free conversation with Manuel Padilla on March 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Scappoose Public Library, 52469 SE Second Street. This program is hosted by Scappoose Public Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Manuel Padilla is the Executive Director of Portland Meet Portland and is a teacher and consultant in the areas of dialogue, conflict transformation, social change, and international aid and

development. He has a BA in philosophy from Portland State University; an MA in peace, conflict, and development studies from the UNESCO Chair for the Philosophy of Peace; and has done peace building and human rights work both domestically and internationally. His professional interest is rooted in his deep spiritual desire to use group processes to foster cultures of encounter and vulnerability, transform conflict, and build civil society.

For more information about this free community discussion, please contact Jeff Weiss at (503) 543-7123 or jweiss@scappooselibrary.org.

Columbia County Job Fair

If you have been searching for a job or a new career, you will want to stop by the Columbia County Job Fair on April 6, 2018 from 10:00 am -3:00 pm at the Columbia City Community Hall, 1840 2nd Street.

Come meet employers who want to help you get a job either locally or regionally. This event will open early at 9:00 am for an hour just for Veterans. If you are seeking a job, please dress for success and bring your resume.

Keep It Local Columbia County, along with media sponsor KOHI 1600 AM radio, will host the upcoming Columbia County Job Fair. KOHI 1600 AM will be broadcasting live at the event to provide vendors a chance to share on the radio what they do and who they are looking to hire. Please follow the Keep it Local Columbia County Facebook page for updates on this event, such as vendors and other poten-

tial opportunities for job seekers. Keep It Local Columbia County believes in helping our communities thrive; hiring locally is one way to do that. If you need a ride, you can take the CC Rider to Columbia City. It's about ½ mile from the bus stop making it easy to get to and from the event.

KOHI owner Marty Rowe has been putting this event together for the past 12 years with the help of former Worksource employees. He reached out to Keep it Local Columbia County Director, Natasha Parvey, who attended the event last year with the idea of Keep It Local Columbia County hosting to raise funds for their programs. "I felt like it was a perfect fit to promote local businesses and provide a resource to citizens," said Parvey. "It gives us an opportunity to connect the dots. Putting resources in one spot helps employees who want to work and getting people to work only helps strengthen our local economy creating economic vitality."

Rowe, who has a passion for Columbia County, felt strongly that the event should continue because over 300 potential employees attended last year. "There is a need for communication between job seekers and local employers that is not getting met and so that is why I wanted to keep it alive," explained Rowe.

Have a business that is hiring? Join us at the only Columbia County Job Fair. Space is limited and sold first come first served. You can download Vendor Application Job Fair 2018 from the www.KeepItLocalCC.com/events or email keepitlocalcc@gmail.com to secure your opportunity to meet over 300 employees. Facebook event Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/176082213005523/>

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

4th Annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Thursday, March 1, 6:30 pm
Featuring "The Cat in the Hat" and a reading of *Green Eggs and Ham*, followed by birthday cake, pictures with the Cat, craft and activity stations, scavenger hunt, and Seussish goodie bags for participants! Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Animal Friends Storytime – Lizards!

Friday, March 16, 10:30 am
Stories with a special animal visitor. Karen Peters will be bringing in her lizard friends to visit. Simple craft to follow. For young children and families.

St. Patrick's Day Pre-Parade Craft

Saturday, March 17, 12:30 pm
Come by the Library before the parade to listen to a St. Patty's story and make something green to wear to the parade.

Become an Oregon Season Tracker

Tuesday, March 20, 6 - 8 pm
Contribute to science in your backyard. Complete a computer based training on your own and then attend a local skill building and Q&A workshop where you will receive your certified rain gauge and other materials. Cost \$40/family, includes rain gauge and materials. Register: <http://bit.ly/ORSeasonTrackerTraining> or call Sonia at OSU Extension: (503) 397-3462.

Ongoing Programs

Kids Book Group

Friday, March 9, 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
Selection for February: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. For kids and families. Reading level

and grade level interest of titles will vary, ranging from grades 3-6. If interested in the book group and would like to be on the contact list, call or visit the library (503) 429-1818 or email shannonr@vernonia-or.gov.

Knitting Group

Saturday, March 17, 10 am - Noon
For knitters with all levels of experience. You're welcome to bring your own materials or project. If you need materials or have questions, contact Caitlin at boylandknitworks@gmail.com.

Writer's Group

Thursday, March 15, 6 - 7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience. Meeting for March will be at the Fire Department Meeting room.

Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion for March 26: TBA

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

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

Family Storytime

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm
in February and March. Stories and a craft. Planned for families with pre-schoolers but older and younger children welcome.

No Friday 10:30 am storytimes in February and March. They will resume in April.

Library Hours & Contact

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

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