



Does a border have meaning? Find out as **Laila Lalami** explores those human-made demarcations that divide the world in “The Border and Its Meaning: Forgotten Stories,” a theme of this year’s Northwest Women Writers Symposium. Lalami’s novel, *The Moor’s Account*, has won the attention of critics, which include the American Book Award, the Arab American Book Award and Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. It was also a Man Booker Prize long list and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Lalami’s book is an imagined memoir of the first black explorer of America, a Moroccan slave, that reflects the travel narrative stories common in that era. *The Moor’s Account* offers readers an alternative narrative of the 1527 Spanish expedition to what is now known as the U.S. Gulf Coast. Lalami, born in Rabat, Morocco, also writes the “Between the Lines” column for *The Nation*, teaches creative writing at UC Riverside and serves as a critic-at-large for the *Los Angeles Times*.

This event is the seventh part of the annual Northwest Women Writers Symposium sponsored by the UO Center for the Study of Women in Society in cooperation with the Eugene Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and the author will be present for autographs. The event is 6 to 7 pm Wednesday, April 25, at the downtown library and is FREE.

— Henry Houston

Preschool Storytime, 10:15 am & 11am, downtown library. FREE.

SPL After School Club: Random Acts of Kindness, 3:45pm, Spfd Public Library, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

Family STEAM, enjoy hands-on fun & learning together w/ science, technology, etc., 4pm, Sheldon Library, 1566 Coburg Rd. FREE.

Legos, 4pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

Babies-Toddlers Storytime continues. See Thursday, April 19.

Children’s Intro to Ki-aikido continues. See Monday.

Family Swims at warm saltwater Tamarack Pool continues. See Saturday.

LECTURES/CLASSES Climate Change Research Symposium, 8:30am-5pm, MNCH, 1680 E. 15th Ave. FREE.

Use newspapers online, 3:30-5:30pm, downtown library. FREE.

Quack Chats Pub Talk “Blockchain 101: Everything You Need to Know About Cryptocurrency,” 6-7pm, Ax Billy Grill 999 Willamette St. FREE.

“Exploring the Wide Open Gravel Roads of Oregon,” 6:30-8pm, Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. FREE.

Responding to Life’s Challenges in a Meaningful Way, 7-8:15pm, Sweaty Ganesh Yoga Studio, 820 Charnelton St. \$10 sug. don.

Samba Ja Community Brazilian Percussion Ensemble, practice for performance approved members, introduction & beginners please see Monday listing, 7:30pm, Corestar Cultural Ctr., 439 W. 2nd Ave., dearsambaja@gmail.com. FREE.

Dance Fitness continues. See Monday.

Intro to Ki continues. See Monday.

Talks at the MNCH continues. See Thursday, April 19

LITERARY ARTS Writer Laila Lalami talks Pulitzer prize finalist book *The Moor’s Account*, 6-7pm, downtown library. FREE.

Reading Like a Writer w/ author J.C. Geiger, 7-9pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette St. FREE.

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Some Exclusions

Internationally known garden and living soil experts **Jeff Lowenfels** (author of *Teaming with Microbes*) and **Dr. Mike Amaranthus** will be at our Eugene location on Friday, April 20th, for two presentations and a book signing.

Go to **OCGFAM.com** to reserve your free seat for one of the two presentations.

Special Guests
Jeff Lowenfels and Dr. Mike Amaranthus



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