

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Creating Life through Art



Kenyan transplant Jacob Wachira Ezigbo shares his work in an exhibit 'Roots' at the Alberta Street Gallery.

A Portland artist who grew up in Kenya is bringing his mixture of traditional and abstract art to the Alberta Street Gallery. Jacob Wachira Ezigbo is known for creating life through his paintings, photography and other art forms. He paints figurative abstractions in beautiful palettes, inspired by his life of a transplanted Kenyan artist.

“Growing up in the oldest slum, Mathare Valley, in Nairobi, Kenya, allowed me the opportunity to live with every tribe in my country,” says Ezigbo. “I learn by watching people and living in this communal environment allowed me the chance to see more than most.”

Work by Ezigbo will be featured through the month of October at the Alberta Street Gallery, 2724 N.E. Alberta St., and an artists’ reception will be held at the gallery on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. To learn more about Ezigbo’s work, visit jacobwachiraezigbo.com.



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Library’s Fall Used Book Sale

Oregon’s largest used book sale, organized by the Friends of the Multnomah County Library, takes place this weekend at the Double-Tree Hotel Exhibit Hall at Lloyd Center.

The sale opens on Friday, Oct. 23, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., for members of the library support group. New members who donate \$10

at the door will also be welcomed. Admission is free to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale boasts of 100,000 items at great prices. Hardcover and quality trade paperbacks start at \$2, mass market paperbacks and children’s books at 50 cents,

CDs at \$2, and DVDs at \$3. Also available are audio books, LPs, video games, pamphlets, sheet music, and maps – all sorted and in good condition. Monday will be 50% off discount day on all remaining items.

For more information, visit friends-library.org or call the organization at 503-224-9176.