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Summer Reading for Kids

Beaverton City Library offers a Summer Reading program to encourage children of all ages to read this summer. To participate, sign up online at BeavertonLibrary.org/SRP or in person at Beaverton's Main or Murray Scholls library branches by July 23.

Participants keep track of time spent reading fiction, non-fiction, eBooks, comic books, newspapers, magazines or blogs. After completing 15 hours of reading, they can return to the library for a free paperback book and a folder full of coupons for free food and activities.

The library also offers free summer events for all ages. From Make a Family Band for little ones to Game Truck for teens, there is something for everyone. Event calendars and more information is also available on the library website.

Rose Festival Starlight Parade -- One of the Rose Festival's most popular events, the Portland General

Electric/SOLVE Starlight Parade, will fill the streets of downtown Portland Saturday, June 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m., offering funky, eclectic fun for everyone. From traditional marching bands and floodlit floats, to glow-in-the-dark umbrellas and unique hand-built entries, you'll see the best of Portland's diverse community groups together in one whimsical pageant.



Rose Festival City Fair -- The Portland Rose Festival's City Fair on the downtown waterfront is open for the next two weekends of June 1-3 and June 8-10. City Fair is the Pacific Northwest's biggest, best and family-friendliest carnival, and includes gentle Kiddie Land rides, tried and true family favorites and over-the-top twisters for older, more adventurous thrill seekers.

"Left Hook" -- "Left Hook," fully staged new drama about gentrification and community displacement in 1970's Portland, inspired in part by the Knott Street Boxing Club, premiers Thursday, May 24 as part of the Vanport Mosaic Festival with shows continuing through June 10 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland. For tickets and more information about the Memorial Day weekend festival, visit vanportmosaic.org.

Church Fashion Show – Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church is inviting the community to its 10th annual Scholarship Fashion Show and Dinner, coming Friday, June 1 at 6 p.m. to the historic church located at 3138 N. Vancouver Ave. Tickets are \$30 and will benefit a Drum Major Scholarship Program.

Gorge Shuttle Returns -- The Columbia Gorge Express bus service by the Oregon Department of Transportation has made its seasonal return, now going as far east as Hood River. For the next two weeks, the bus departs Friday through Sunday from the Gateway Transit Center to Rooster Rock State Park, Multnomah Falls, Cascade Locks and Hood River. On June 11, the bus will start service seven days a week, year-round.

Sister Act -- Portland actress Kristin Robinson performs the title role in "Sister Act," the feel-good musical based on the 1992 smash hit film, now playing at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. Shows run through June 10. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$37 for seniors. Call the box office at 503-635-3901 or visit Lakewood-center.org.

Norman Sylvester -- 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, June 1 at the Mock Crest Tavern; Saturday, June 2 at Catfish Lou's; Sunday, June 3 at the Garages in Beaverton; Friday, June 8 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; and Saturday, June 9 at the Spare Room. Good in the Hood -- Legendary R&B performer Howard Hewitt will headline the multicultural

Good in the Hood Celebration, June 22-24 at King School Park. This year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the naming of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary school and pay tribute to Portland's civil rights history. Activities include live bands every day, a kid's area, multicultural food, crafts, marketplace vendors, Portland Farmers Market, free health screens and more.

'Fences' at Portland Playhouse -- Lester Purry stars in 'Fences,' the August Wilson play about a husband, father, former athlete and garbage collector trying to define himself in 1950s Pittsburgh. With its African-American narrative, the Portland Playhouse play tackles issues of mental health and the impacts of racism. Now playing through June 10 at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St

Juneteenth -- Portland's annual Juneteenth celebration, free family fun open to everyone and commemorating the end of slavery, will be held Saturday, June 16. A parade will start the festivities at 11 a.m. beginning at the Safeway store on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and proceeding to the Emanuel field at North Russell and Williams where activities with music, food, hip hop cardio, a kids area and raffle will follow from noon to 6 p.m. On Thursday, June 14 the Billy Webb Elks Lodge will host a Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant. Visit juenteenthor.com or call 971-930-5862.

Robot Revolution -- A new exhibit at OMSI brings some of the most innovative robots from all over the world. Learn about the skills robots possess that mimic and often surpass human capabilities in "Robot Revolution," now showing through Sept. 7.

Zoo for All -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a new discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by brining a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

Discount Tickets -- Low income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.



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