

Portland and SW Washington

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Storytime!



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Tishaa Blackwell reads during Black Storytime at the Kenton Library, Sundays from 2-2:30, 8226 North Denver Ave. The African and African American experience comes alive for children from birth to age 6 accompanied by an adult and other family members. Have fun with books and stories, songs, and movement activities. For more information go to www.multicolib.org/events/black-storytime, or call 503-988-5370.

Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk; curator and archivists Eliza Canty-Jones, Jeffrey Hayes and Jack Falk; and longtime photographer for *The Skanner News* and former Portland Artist Laureate, Julie Keefe. The event is free, for more information go to www.ohs.org.

Community Discussions on Race and Policing

Widespread protests in response to the deaths of black men at the hands of police in 2014 have prompted national conversation over issues of race and policing.

In February, Oregon Humanities invites Portland-area community members to talk about the challenges of how we protect ourselves in a series of community discussions on race and policing. The discussions will be led by trained facilitators and will take place at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave., Portland. Facilitated by Elliott Young, professor of history at Lewis & Clark College.
- Saturday, Feb. 14, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Kenton Library, 8226 N Denver Ave., Portland. Facilitated by Reiko Hillyer, assistant professor of history at Lewis & Clark College.
- Saturday, Feb. 28, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Rockwood Library, 17917 SE Stark St., Portland. Facilitated by Wendy Willis, executive director of Policy Consensus Initiative.

Events are free and open to the public. Oregon Humanities is planning two additional events for later in February. Visit oregonhumanities.org for the latest information.

Now Accepting Entries for 17th Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon invites teachers, children's programs and parents to submit their children's posters to this contest, which celebrates fair housing and inclusive communities. This year's theme is "Together We Make a Neighborhood."

Prize-winning entries will be selected on their originality, content, design, appeal, technique and craftsmanship. Ten winners receive cash prizes; grand prize is \$100. All eligible participants who provide their name and address on the back of their entry will receive a certificate of participation.

Children in grades 1 through 8 will be judged in three different age groups. Entry deadline is by the end of the business day on March 6, 2015. Mail entries to Fair Housing Council of Oregon, 1221 SW Yamhill St. #305, Portland, Oregon, 97205.

For contest brochures, lesson plans and other help available for planning a poster art event, contact Rebecca Wetherby at rwetherby@fhco.org, 503-223-8197 ext. 111 or go to www.fhco.org/contest.htm.

PPB Needs Volunteers for Training Advisory Council

The Portland Police Bureau is seeking community members to serve on its Training Advisory Council. The PPB Training Division provides a critical role in the Portland Police Bureau and public safety in the City of Portland. The Training Division protocols and processes provide officers with the tools they need to keep themselves and the city safe, and also reflect the values of the community.

Applicants should complete the application form and return it to the PPB Training Division by Feb. 27, 2015. TAC members will meet a minimum of four times each year and will be expected to commit additional hours outside of regular meetings. A two-year commitment is required, as is passing a criminal background check and signing a non-dis-

closure agreement.

The application form can be found here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/512065>

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the next quarterly public meeting on Feb. 5, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the PPB Training Division Complex, 14902 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR.

The Skanner News Celebrates Photo Archives Project

The Skanner News marks our 40th anniversary in publication – and partnership with the Oregon Historical Society – with a reception and chat about *The Skanner News* photo archives, Feb. 8 at the OHS lobby, 1200 SW Park Ave.

Speakers include *The Skanner News* Publisher Bernie Foster and Executive Editor Bobbie Dore Foster; Oregon

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Friday January 30

WORLD FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION. Featuring American Folk Music with Aram and Sarah Arslanian, Pre-Hispanic Dance & Japanese Taiko Dancing. 6:30 p.m. Suggested Donation at the door. \$5 adults, \$2 Children. Franklin Elementary School Gymnasium, 5206 Franklin St. Vancouver.

Saturday January 31

TOWN HALL MEETING. Join State Sen. Chip Shields, House Speaker Tina Kotek, and State Rep Lew Frederick at a Town Hall meeting. They want to hear your priorities for this legislative session. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. P.C.C. Cascade Campus, Moriarty Auditorium on the corner of N. Albina and N. Killingsworth.

Sunday February 1

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY: REMEMBER TO WATCH OUR SEAHAWKS BRING HOME ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP!!! GO HAWKS!!!!!!!

THE WAKE OF VANPORT. Documentary screening. Community members, local historians, artists, media makers and educators collaborated to turn oral history interviews into short and powerful pieces of digital audio and visual narrative. 3 – 4 p.m. Midland Branch Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave.

Monday, Feb. 2

OREGON WOMEN AND PROGRESSIVE ERA REFORM AND REACTION (1890'S TO WORLD WAR 1).

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Jensen. One hundred years ago women in Oregon faced many challenges and debated questions that resonate in our own day. 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Arrive early for seating. First come, first seated. McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. Free and open to the public.

COMMUNITY DAY AT MUSIC MILLENNIUM. Refreshments throughout the day: Also featuring song writers circle at 7 p.m. with Greg Paul, Lyle Ford and Jack McMahon. 3152 E. Burnside.

Thursday February 5

DIANE RUSSELL: PORTRAITS OF THE PORTLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL. First Thursday art reception, 5 p.m. Antoinette Hatfield Hall, 1111 SW Broadway. Portrait paintings and drawing by Portland artist Diane Russell will be on display through March 3, 2015.