

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Engineers Week Starts at the Seattle Public Library

In recognition of National Engineers Week, Feb. 22-28, The Seattle Public Library and Pacific Science Center will host a full month of programs that introduce children and teens to the wonder of engineering and the importance of science literacy.

For kids aged 4-12, Pulleys, Weights and Strings, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the South Park Branch, 8604 Eighth Ave. S. at S. Cloverdale St., 206-615-1688.

How do construction cranes lift heavy metal beams? How can a tow truck pull a two-ton car out of a ditch? What's the easiest way for someone to lift 300 pounds? By using pulleys! Budding young engineers will assemble different pulley arrangements and measure pull length and pull forces while discovering the everyday applications of pulley-based mechanical advantage. For ages 6 up. No registration required.

Library events are free and everyone is welcome. Visit www.spl.org/engineersweek for more information.

Workshops Announced for Applicants to Large Projects Fund

The Neighborhood Matching Fund, a program of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, is hosting six workshops for those interested in applying to the Large Projects Fund this May. The Large Projects Fund awards matching funds of up to \$100,000 to neighborhood groups for community-building projects. Attendance at one of the six workshops is required in order to submit a Large Projects Fund application.

The mandatory workshop will provide an overview of the Neighborhood Matching Fund, the qualities of a strong application, and the review process. Neighborhood and community groups interested in the fund are invited to attend. Workshop dates and locations are as follows:

- Thursday, February 19, 6 – 8 p.m., Casa Latina, 317 17th Ave S.
- Tuesday, March 10, 6 – 8 p.m. High Point Community Center, 6920 34th Ave SW
- Wednesday, March 18, 6 - 8 p.m. , Northgate Community Center, 10510 5th Ave NE
- Tuesday, April 1, 6 – 8 p.m., Garfield Community Center, 2323 E. Cherry St.
- Thursday, April 9, 6 – 8 p.m., El Centro de la Raza, 2524 16th Ave S.

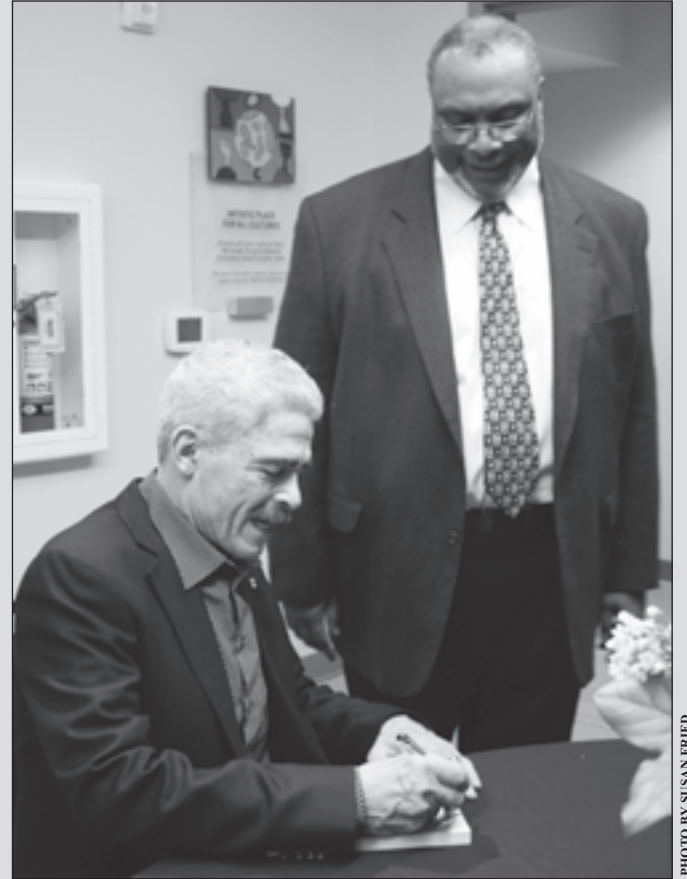
To attend a workshop, RSVP at surveymonkey.com/s/LPFWorkshop2015 or contact us at NMFund@seattle.gov or 206-733-9916. To request childcare or interpretation services, contact us at least 3 days prior to your preferred workshop.

Bellevue Police Dept. Hosts Coffee with a Cop

On Feb. 18, officers from the Bellevue Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

Black History

Dr. Carver C. Gayton autographs his new book on the life of his enslaved ancestor for University of Washington American History Professor Dr. Quintard Taylor, Thursday Feb. 5 at the Northwest African American Museum. The book, "When Owning a Shilling Costs a Dollar The Saga of Lewis G. Clarke, Born a 'White' Slave," is about Lewis Clarke, Gayton's great-grandfather who was a famous abolitionist and whose life story influenced the writing of Harriet Beecher Stowe.



All community members are invited to attend. The event begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at Top Pot Doughnuts, located at 10600 NE 9th Pl. Please contact Detective Amanda Jensen with questions: 425-452-6915 or CrimePrevention@bellevuewa.gov.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Bellevue's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

Learn How to Start a Business at The Seattle Public Library

Entrepreneur and business coach Jeff Levy will present an overview on how to start and run a business from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium.

Library events are free and open to the public. Seating is limited and registration is suggested. Parking is available in the Central Library garage for \$6 after 5 p.m.

At the workshop, Levy will share stories from his experience as a business owner and manager. Attendees will learn the fundamentals of starting a business, including incorporation, financing, stakeholder development and how to write a business plan. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer period.

Levy is a nationally recognized consultant and coach to individuals interested in exploring self-employment. Levy was a founding member of Windswept Capital, president and COO of Spider Staging Corporation, an officer at Flow International, and executive vice-president and principal of SafeWorks LLC. He is the co-author of "Making the Jump into Small Business Ownership."

This event is co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA) Seattle District office.

For more information, call the Central Library at 206-386-4636 or www.spl.org.

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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 February 13

SWEETHEART SOIREE. Pull that prom outfit out of the closet, grab your little ones and boogie on over to Ravenna for an evening of retro fun! 6:30 – 8 p.m. \$3 admission. All ages welcome. Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna NE. Seattle, 98104

BELTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY. Staff will pass out treats from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and during the Beltown Artwalk from 6 – 7 p.m. Belltown Community Center, 415 Bell St.

Saturday February 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY: DON'T FORGET YOUR SWEETHEART!

NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY. Come celebrate what makes Ballard great – our neighbors. Our extended hours Saturday public swim (12:30 – 2 p.m.) will have fun activities, prizes and snacks. Ballard Pool, 1471 N 67TH St.

Sunday February 15

ENJOY INDOOR FUN ON RAINY DAYS AT WHITE RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM. Free fun day. For over two decades the Museum's permanent exhibits have offered kids and adults a chance to discover and learn inside with educational and authentic settings. Free admission on Sunday Feb. 15. 918 H St. SE. Auburn.

FREE DROP OFF TAX HELP. This service is free and available to individuals. Reservations are not required. The free services are not available for businesses tax returns. Please bring all documents for tax preparation. This is an all day event. Highpoint Branch Library, 3411 S Raymond St.

Saturday February 21

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2015. Come out and bring your family and friends to help celebrate the year of the sheep! 11 a.m. Hing Hay Park, 409 Maynard Ave. S.

Sunday February 22

BITTER LAKE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER. Bring the whole family and enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice or coffee. Make this a fun family tradition. Volunteers are needed at this event please call 684-7524. \$5 kids under 4 eat for free. 9 a.m. – noon Bitter Lake Community Center, 13035 Linden Ave. N.