

Events & Announcements

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Vigil for Sterling and Castile

Vonchae, 5, and his mother attended the "Not This Time" Vigil, July 7 at Westlake Park in Seattle. More than 1,000 people attended the vigil and march for Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, whose deaths at the hands of police were the impetus for vigils and rallies all over the country.

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eligible to compete in the categories of piano, strings and brass/woodwinds/percussion.

Following the initial judging of application CD's by select area musicians, the three top candidates in each category will compete January 8, 2017 in front of an audience at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver for the scholarship prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. First place finishers then perform their winning selections with Maestro Brotons and The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra at our April 22 & 23, 2017 concerts at Skyview Concert Hall. New this year: selected Young Artist Competition winners may be invited to perform solo as part of VSO Chamber Music Series.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 309 W 39th St, Vancouver.

Complete information and an application are available at vancouverSymphony.org. Deadline for all submissions is Dec. 4, 2017.

RACC Opportunity: Night Lights

Night Lights is seeking artists to apply for the 2016-2017 season to present new or recently developed works. The call is open to individual artists, collectives or curators in Oregon to submit works to be shown in October, November, or February. Submissions of recently developed works will receive an honorarium of \$1,000. The program is also providing one additional opportunity to create new work through an Artist Residency with Portland Community Media (PCM) for the March 2017 installation of Night Lights. This artist will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 to complete a new work to be shown during that month.

Night Lights is a monthly time-based public art event that promotes digital media, urban intervention, and technological innovation. On the First Thursdays of October through April, select artists are able to showcase their work on the North Wall of the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) Offices (411 NW Park Ave, Portland, OR) and claim public space for their artistic practice.

Past projects have included large scale digital media projections, live performance of dance and sound, and collective showings by students and professional artists alike. This is a collaboration between Regional Arts & Culture Council and Portland Community Media.

Deadline for submissions is August 8, 2016. Proposals can be submitted [HERE](#).

For more information about the submission process, please attend our Information Session on Thursday July 14th, 6:30-8:00pm at RACC offices (411 NW Park Ave, Portland, OR). Contact Salvador Mayoral IV smayoral@racc.org to RSVP.

Questions about submissions? Please email Sarah Turner, Portland Community Media Public Programs Manager atsarah@pcmtv.org.

More info at <https://racc.org/public-art/public-art-email-list/>

Seattle News Briefs**The 2016 King County Fair Starts July 14**

The gates to the oldest county fair west of the Mississippi open on Thursday, July 14. The 154th edition of the King County Fair will be held over 4 days at the Enumclaw Expo Center.

Attractions include pig racing, truck pulls, amusement rides, Mutton Bustin', the K9 Kings Flying Dog Show, rock climbing, Eric Haines Comedy Rocket, paintball, trampolines, exhibits and more.

General Admission is \$7 a ticket with presale tickets now available at area Safeway Stores. Children under 5 can enter in for free each day while members of the military and seniors over the age of 65 get the discounted price of \$5 per day.

The Enumclaw Expo Center at 45224 284th Ave SE in Enumclaw. For more information about the 2016 King County Fair see the website at <http://www.kingcofair.com>.

Seattle Public Library Offers Digital Comics Workshop

The Seattle Public Library will offer a two-day workshop on how to use an iPad tablet computer to create comic books, graphic novels and zines from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 16 and July 17 at the Delridge Branch, 5423 Delridge Way S.W.

Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required for both workshop dates by calling or visiting the branch.

This workshop is intended for teens and adults, ages 14 and up. iPads will be provided for attendees to use during the workshop.

This beginner's workshop is a two-part introductory series on how to use the ArtRage and Halftone 2 applications to create comics and more. No prior skills with comics are necessary.

The only prerequisite is proficiency working with tablet computers.

For more information, call the Library at (206) 386-4636.

Lake City Farmers Market Hosts ASL Story Times

The Seattle Public Library invites families to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with an American Sign Language (ASL) storyteller from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, July 14 and Aug. 18 at the Lake City Farmers Market on Northeast 125th Street and 28th

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Columbian Tech Center Park, SE Sequoia Circle at SE Tech Center Drive, Vancouver.

Seattle Metro**THURSDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 14 - 17**

THE 2016 KING COUNTY FAIR: The King County Fair is a time-honored tradition that promotes agriculture in King County. Attractions include pig racing, truck pulls, amusement rides and so much more. General admission is \$7 a ticket with presale tickets now available at area Safeway Stores. 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. - midnight Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday, Enumclaw Expo Center, 45224 284th Ave. SE. Enumclaw.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

19TH CENTURY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Several cannon firings punctuate an evening of 19th Century fun with the Fort's re-enactors! Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner and join in the scavenger hunts, games, contest, and dancing of the mid-1800's. This is all available with paid admission to the museum. 6 p.m. Fort Nasqually Living History Museum, 5400 N. Pearl St. Tacoma.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

CELEBRATE SOUTHEAST ASIAN CULTURE AT SALTWATER STATE PARK: This free event is in its third year. Celebrate southeast Asian Culture with members of the South Puget Sound Chinese, Cambodian, Hmong, Loatian, Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese communities through performances of traditional music and dance, children's activities and lots of food. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saltwater State Park, 25205 8th Place S. Des Moines.

MONDAY, JULY 18

LOCAL MYSTERY AUTHOR REBECCA MORRIS READS AT THE GREENWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY: Local author Rebecca Morris reads from her latest true crime novel, "A Killing in Amish Country, Sex, Betrayal and a Cold-Blooded Murder". Co-written with Gregg Olsen. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Greenwood Library, 8016 Greenwood Ave. N. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

CELEBRATING CULTURES RETURNS TO PEARRYGIN LAKE STATE PARK: This is a free evening concert: Featuring cowboy and fisher poets and old-time music. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the East shore of Pearrygin Lake State Park, 561 Bear Creek Rd., Winthrop.

Avenue Northeast.

Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

The story times will be presented in front of the Lake City Branch and will be in ASL with voice interpretation. ASL-fluent staff will be on hand to answer questions about the Library.

For more information, call the Lake City Branch at (206) 684-7518 or Ask a Librarian.

DEEL to Increase Per-Child Payments for Preschool

Mayor Edward Murray announced today that the Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) is making enhancements to the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) after a successful first school year that served 280 students in 15 classrooms.

In order to maintain the high-quality standards of the program and facilitate SPP's expansion across the city, the City will raise the payments to its early learning providers by an average of 21 percent in Year Two. Funding to each provider varies based upon their funding structure.

In addition to the rate increase, City Council approved additional enhancements to the program this spring, including expediting the curriculum waiver, updating the student selection process to be more "parent friendly," and allowing providers who serve targeted populations to reserve a select number of spaces in their classroom to enroll on their own.

To accommodate the higher payment structure, DEEL will adjust the program's expansion targets. SPP was projected to reach 2,000 children by year four. DEEL has now adjusted this target to 1,615 children annually by the fourth year.