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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WORKSHOP: Attend this free workshop and learn how to prevent lead exposure in your home. Great for households that have or expect children – especially those living in homes built before 1978. Qualified participants will receive a free kit of safety and testing supplies at the end of the workshop. 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 5329 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP: attend this free workshop and learn how to stop drafts in your home, especially around doors and windows. Learn how to save energy and increase comfort. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave.

FREE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ENTRANCE – EVENING: The first Friday night of each month everyone gets in free to the Portland Children's Museum. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., 4015 SW Canyon Rd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

FOREST THERAPY WORKSHOP: What will you notice when you relax your mind and connect with nature? This meditative and relaxing experience is hosted entirely outdoors, rain or shine. We will engage in about a half mile of slow walking, and non-vigorous activity. This is a free event. Pre-registration is required, please call (360) 382-0936, ext. 224. 10 a.m. – noon, Columbia Springs, 12208 SE Evergreen Hwy, Vancouver.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

FREE CLASS: SAFE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT IN OLDER ADULTS: Who should attend this free class? Individuals who provide care for an aging family member or loved one, as well as those that work in professional caregiver settings. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Souther Rooms, 9205 SW Barnes Rd.

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, JAN. 11 – 13

BOOKAPALOOZA 18: Bookapalooza '18 will feature books for kids and adults in a wide variety of genres. Books will be bargained price at \$1 for most hardbacks and paperbacks. There will also be DVDs and CDs for \$1. Hours all three days are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fort Vancouver Regional Library, District Operations Center, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

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ART WALK: Head to historic Pioneer Square for the January Dirt

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Ballots Mailed for Jan. 23 Election

The U.S. Postal Service began mailing ballots Jan. 3 for the Jan. 23 Special Election. Multnomah County voters who do not receive a ballot by Jan. 11 should call the county elections office at (503) 988-3720. Voted ballots must be received by 8 p.m. Jan. 23. A voted ballot can be sent to the elections office with one first-class stamp or by dropping it off at any official ballot drop site in Oregon. Official ballot drop sites include all Multnomah County Library locations and eight 24-hour official drop sites. To find the nearest official ballot drop site, go online to bit.ly/MultCoDropSites.

Voters are encouraged to return ballots promptly because of the possibility of inclement winter weather. For more information about the Jan. 23 Special Election, please visit www.mcelections.org.

Portland News Briefs

FVRL District Now Offers Kanopy Streaming Service

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is ringing in 2018 by offering Kanopy, a free film streaming service offering more than 30,000 foreign-language films, indies, documentaries, instructional videos from The Great Courses, classics and more.



FVRL has 18 branches, all now offering Kanopy. Kanopy is available to Fort Vancouver Regional Library cardholders on any device with access to the internet via <http://fvrl.kanopystreaming.com> or by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. Kanopy also provides captions and transcripts and JAWS screen readers for those with visual and/or hearing difficulties.

Some key titles include Sundance Film Festival winner, Mother of George, the Oscar nominated documentary, I am Not Your Negro, rare films like Francis Ford Coppola's Dementia 13, A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night, and Two Days in Paris, and recent film festival favorites Dior and I, Bad Rap, Hunt for the Wilderpeople, Reset and I Am Another You.

Kanopy is now available in major cities like Seattle, Los Angeles, New York City, Baltimore, Brooklyn, Columbus, Austin, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Phoenix in offering Kanopy to its users. Through a partnership with more than 4,000 libraries around the world, more than 5 million Kanopy users can stream movies and documentaries from award-winning filmmakers, see film-festival picks, and experience the best in independent and classic film, world cinema, and critical favorites.

The San Francisco based Kanopy was founded in 2008 by CEO Olivia Humphrey as an educational tool for 3,000 colleges and universities worldwide, and is now available to public library systems around the globe. The library expansion began in early 2016 and Kanopy is now available in more than 200 library systems and over 1200 individual public library locations across the US.

Vancouver City Council Seeks Applications for Vacant Council Seat

The Vancouver City Council is seeking applicants to fill the vacant Council Seat 1. Council Seat 1 will be vacant as of Jan. 1, 2018, due to the conclusion of Councilmember Jack Burkman's term and the inabil-

ity of the elected candidate to qualify for office (Scott Campbell, who won the Council Seat 1 position in the Nov. 2017 election, passed away before the election).

The council appointee will only hold office until the November 2018 general election and, if interested and qualified, could run for election then (applicant must have been a resident of the city of Vancouver for two continuous years prior to Nov. 6, 2018, in order to run for office).

Application forms can be found at www.cityofvancouver.us/council-vacancy or picked up at the visitor check-in desk in the lobby at City Hall (415 W. 6th St.).

Applicants must hold no other public office or employment under the Vancouver city government, have lived within the Vancouver city limits for 30 days prior to appointment, and be a qualified elector (over 18, a citizen of the U.S., and have no felony conviction, unless a certificate of discharge has been obtained).

Oregon College Savings Plan Giving Babies \$25

New and expecting parents have another reason to celebrate this New Year's Day: Their babies can get a jumpstart on saving for college through the Oregon College Savings Plan's \$25 Baby Grad incentive program.

Starting Jan. 1, when an account is opened for a child before their first birthday, \$25 is automatically contributed to the account within three months.



Since the program launches New Year's Day, children born after Jan. 1, 2017 qualify. Anyone can open the account, but only the first account to list the child as the beneficiary will receive the incentive.

The program is meant to help new parents see the benefit of saving for college as early as possible. The sooner parents start saving, the longer their money has the opportunity to grow.

To celebrate the launch of the program, the Oregon College Savings Plan is giving an additional \$529 to the first baby born at Salem Hospital in 2018. Salem Health is partnering with the plan to get information out to their families about the benefits of saving for college.

For the past three years, the Oregon College Savings Plan ran the Baby Grad program as a three-month pilot. More than 2,300 accounts were opened and \$11.7 million saved since 2015. Every dollar spent on the incentive resulted in \$200 being saved by families for college.

Money saved in the Oregon College Savings Plan is invested and grows tax-free. It can be used to pay for tuition, books, room and board, fees and other educa-

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