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## AROUND THE CITY

### **Summer Reading for All Ages: Dream Big at Eugene Public Library**

Summer Reading helps kids keep their reading skills up while school's out. This year's Summer Reading theme at the Eugene Public Library is "Dream Big" – and all ages are welcome to join in the fun.



Children, teens, and adults can visit any Eugene Public Library location – Downtown, Sheldon, or Bethel - to sign up and pick up a calendar of free events.

At sign-up, kids and teens each get a free book, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Each time they visit the Library, children can also enter a raffle for family passes to City of Eugene pools or local museums.

Adults get a coupon for a free coffee from Novella Cafe or \$1.00 off a purchase at Second Hand Prose Book Store, both located at the Downtown Library, plus a tote bag and themed booklists. Adults and teens are invited to enter free raffles for gift certificates by writing book reviews on the Library website.

A full summer of exciting events for all ages will include hands-on arts and writing workshops, live music, author talks, storytelling, comedy, and the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. For more information, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library) or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450.

### **Internal Zero Waste Effort Underway**

As a longtime leader in recycling and sustainability, the City of Eugene is joining a growing number of municipalities and businesses that are implementing zero waste programs. The goal of Eugene's zero waste efforts is to keep 90 percent of the waste created by City operations out of the landfill by 2020.

Eugene's internal Zero Waste program kicked off this spring and the organization is already seeing benefits. City staff and Sanipac have conducted waste audits across numerous City facilities including downtown offices, the Roosevelt Yard, and a variety of fire stations. The audits help identify ways to improve existing recycling or add new services that will reduce the amount of material going to the landfill.

Each location has an internal recycling coordinator, who is working with fellow employees to find waste reduction and recycling solutions that reflect the business needs of the site. Additionally, Sanipac is tracking and reporting the amount of waste being hauled from each site to help measure success.



Across the organization, staff continues to identify ways to reduce the amount of waste produced. For example, when the metal brooms used in street sweepers wear out, stormwater operations staff rebuilds them instead of buying new brooms. This saves money and prevents the creation of 2,000 lbs. of waste material each year. In addition, the City's *Love Food Not Waste* composting program, which helps local businesses turn food scraps into compost, is providing food-waste bins in strategic locations to collect food waste.

The Zero Waste project is an opportunity for the City of Eugene to demonstrate leadership, resourcefulness, and ingenuity. For more information, contact Anne Donahue at 541-682-5542 or Matt McRae at 541-682-5649.

### **Wastewater Receives Recognition for SHARP Certification**

In a May 23 ceremony, the Public Works Wastewater Division received recognition from the Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division (OR-OSHA) for successfully completing the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) certification for five years. The program manager and two consultants from the Eugene field office presented Wastewater with a plaque and flag commemorating their "graduation" from the program.

Wastewater employees worked hard to continuously improve their safety program, including achieving three consecutive years without a lost-time injury, and succeeded in receiving renewed certification each year.

As a result of graduation from SHARP, Wastewater receives a three-year exemption from scheduled OR-OSHA inspections. This significant achievement demonstrates that Wastewater has become self-sufficient with its safety program and is now recognized by OR-OSHA as a leader and resource among a small group of elite Oregon employers who have achieved this status. Wastewater employees were invited to attend the ceremony. Also in attendance were City Manager Jon Ruiz and Public Works Director Kurt Corey.



**Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program staff and Public Works Wastewater Safety Committee**

For more information, please contact Safety/Loss Control Program Manager Craig Sorseth at 541-682-5762.