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Alternative Education Fair at Eugene Public Library

Parents, teens, and kids: drop in to the Downtown Eugene Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 26, between 1 and 4 p.m. for the annual Alternative Education Fair. Admission is free.

The fair is a great opportunity to learn about alternative education programs in Eugene and Lane County. Find displays and representatives from more than a dozen local private schools, charter schools, Eugene District 4-J alternative programs, and home schooling organizations, plus other educational resources available through the Eugene Public Library's online Info Hub, including [homeschooling information](#) and the [homework center](#).



This event is co-sponsored by the Eugene Public Library and the Eugene Waldorf School. For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

City Booth Promotes Ways to Outsmart Waste

The City of Eugene and Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) are teaming up to promote ways to "outsmart waste" at the Good Earth Home, Garden and Living Show, scheduled at the Lane County Fairgrounds Jan. 18 - 20. The City's booth,



hosted by the Stormwater Education and Waste Prevention and Green Building programs, will highlight tips for preventing waste and pollution during home projects such as remodeling and construction, pressure washing, painting and yard care. EWEB's booth, featuring steps to reduce energy waste, will be located across the aisle. Stop by to learn about how to reuse and recycle construction materials, keep paint, pesticides and other pollutants out of our waterways and enter a drawing for fun prizes.

For stormwater-related questions or information, contact Stormwater Information Specialist Kathy Eva in Public Works Administration at 541-682-2739 or kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us, or go to www.happyrivers.org. For information about the Green Building

Program, contact Green Building Analyst Jenna Garmon in Building & Permit Services at 541-682-5541 or jenna.r.garmon@ci.eugene.or.us.

“Computer Institute” Offers Beginner to Advanced Classes for Computer Users

The Recreation Division’s Senior Program offers small, low-cost computer classes for adults designed to get participants up to speed with the latest in computer technology. Classes will be held at Campbell Community Center and range from the basic, “How do I turn it on?” for beginners, to Comprehensive Computer Skills for more advanced users.

Other classes teach seniors how to use social media, MS Office basics, and how to find and use City services online. Campbell Center also offers individual computer tutoring. The center’s computer lab is open for individual use Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and it’s free.

For more information about Campbell’s Computer Institute, call Tom Powers at 541-682-5318.



Plan to Attend Fix-It Fair on January 26

The City of Eugene is hosting its first Fix-It Fair in the Bethel/Trainsong neighborhood at Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Road, on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event will showcase simple and affordable ways to save money and improve the health of homes and families. A wide array of free resources will be available, including workshops and local community organizations, with information in English and Spanish. Come take advantage of this opportunity to build skills, gain access to resources and build a stronger connection to the community.

The fair will feature:

- Free workshops beginning on the hour
- Free professional childcare
- Free giveaways every hour
- Free LTD bus passes to the event
- Free food and coffee

Exhibit and workshops topics include:

- Health and Nutrition
- Water and Energy Savings
- Recycling and Reuse
- Garden and Compost Care
- Financial Health
- Healthy Communication

For more information and to find out about volunteer opportunities, call 541-682-5010 or go to www.eugene-or.gov/sustainability or www.facebook.com/CityOfEugeneFixItFair.

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Leadership Award to be Presented

Since 1988, the Human Rights Commission has selected community members to recognize with the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Leadership Award. The award is given to honor those who carry on the legacy and spirit of the work of Dr. King in the community, particularly in the areas of human rights and race relations. This year the Human Rights Commission has chosen three winners: Carla D. Gary, Emilio Hernandez Jr., and Thomas Ball. In their roles as University of Oregon Assistant Vice Presidents they collectively helped to make the university a more welcoming and inclusive environment by serving as advocates and mentors for students of color. They deserve to be recognized, thanked, and honored for their passionate commitment and hard work to further equity and human rights for communities of color, thereby making Eugene a better place for all.

The awards will be presented at 6 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom on the University of Oregon Campus at the Lane County MLK Celebration. This event is one of many to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King. For more information, please visit <http://uodos.uoregon.edu/SupportandEducation/DiversityEducationandSupport/RevDrMLKJrCelebration/tabid/191/Default.aspx> or contact Lindsey Foltz at the City of Eugene Equity and Human Rights Center at 541-682-6519 or Lindsey.m.foltz@ci.eugene.or.us