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**The WJ - Skateboarding and a Whole Lot More!**

The much anticipated grand opening of the WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza is Saturday, June 21. The events planned for the day demonstrate that the new venue is not only a great location for skateboarding, but for a wide variety of other activities, as well. At 10 a.m., four events will be presented simultaneously: Eugene Recreation will provide free skateboard lessons; the Safe Routes to Schools Program will provide free learn-to-bike lessons; KIDSPORTS and the City of Eugene will present the first Annual Washington Jefferson Street 3-on-3 Invitational Basketball Tournament, and Eugene Bike Polo will host the first Annual Polo Trolls Bike Polo Tournament.



The dedication ceremony officially opening the park will be held at 1:00 p.m. with expected speakers Mayor Kitty Piercy, Skaters for Eugene Skateparks board member Janet Brown, and mural artist Esteban Camacho. All-day events include KidZone activities, a helmet give-away (while supplies last), food and retail booths, in addition to community booths offering interactive fun, and booth bingo with prizes.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., attendees can drop in to play horseshoes while they listen to music by Sol Seed. Kidical Mass leads a bike ride through the Whitaker neighborhood at 2:00 p.m., and there will be a free skate until 3:00 p.m. Music by Lafa Taylor begins at 3:30 p.m., and, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., experienced skaters will demonstrate their skills, followed by a skate competition sponsored by Tactics Boardshop. From 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Sol Seed will perform live music, followed by a performance by Strange Vice that will wrap up the event at 8:00 p.m.

The strong public-private partnership between the City of Eugene, Eugene Parks Foundation, Skaters for Eugene Skateparks and the Rotary Club of Eugene that resulted in the WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza also provided the community with a new, versatile venue for everyone to enjoy.

For more details on the grand opening events, see the complete schedule [here](#). For more information, contact Marketing Manager Carrie Peterson at 541-682-4814.

**Teen Summer Reading at Eugene Public Library**

The free Teen Summer Reading program at the Eugene Public Library helps local middle and high school students keep their reading skills up while school's out. Plus, Summer Reading is a great way to learn new things, make new friends, and have fun!

Teens 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, each teen gets to choose a free book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Teens can also enter a free raffle for gift certificates by writing book reviews at the Library website.



The summer is filled with activities for teens at all Library locations, including hands-on art, crafts, writing workshops, movies, gaming, and a talent show.

For a complete schedule of events and to enter the raffle, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library) or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.