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Teachers Learn about City Resources to Add Interest to Lesson Plans

City of Eugene staff from several City departments gave a two-hour presentation to 42 teachers in the Bascom-Tykeson Room at the Downtown Library last Thursday, Jan. 22. The purpose was to let teachers know about the wide range of City resources available to them to add interest and local content to their lesson plans, as well as to inform them about activities for children. Examples of these resources include field trips to Skinner Butte, Delta Ponds and WREN's west Eugene wetlands - a water quality curricula - Public Works Day, Community Emergency Response Team trainings for teens, pedestrian and bicycle safety classes for kids, Outdoor Environmental Education, and homework help offered by the Eugene Public Library. For a full description of programs outlined at the presentation, view [Teaching Resources](#).



For more information, contact Stormwater Information Specialist Kathy Eva in Public Works Administration at 541-682-2739 or kathy.a.eva@ci.eugene.or.us.

Keep New Year's Resolutions Going Strong - with Commit to Fit!

As January comes to an end, so do the fitness resolutions many people made at the beginning of the New Year. To help patrons stay on track with their New Year's fitness resolutions, Recreation Service's Aquatic's program presents Commit to Fit.



Here's how it works: patrons sign up for Commit to Fit at either Echo Hollow or Sheldon pool and fitness centers. During February, Aquatics staff will track how often they come to either pool to work out, lap swim, attend a fitness class, or use the weight room. With every five visits, participants are entered in a prize-drawing to be held on Feb. 28. The more they work out, the better their chances and - not coincidentally - the more likely they are to stick to their resolution to Commit to Fit!

For more information about the Commit to Fit program, call Aquatics Section Manager Rich Fay at 541-682-6336.

Celebrate Asian Cultural Diversity

Bring family, friends, and loved-ones to the two-day Asian cultural heritage festival, the Oregon Asian Celebration, on Feb. 14 and 15, at the Lane Events Center. Enjoy cultural performances, music, fine art, children and youth activities, as well as demonstrations of crafts, cooking, and martial arts.



Celebrate Valentines' weekend with special activities such as the canoodle-noodle eating contest and more. Visitors can tempt their taste buds with exotic and traditional cuisine of different Asian countries, and spend time strolling through the Asian Marketplace for special souvenirs, trinkets, and keepsakes.

The doors at the Lane Events Center open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15, and close at 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6 for one day; \$10 for two days; and free for children ages 12 and under. Tickets are available for pre-sale at all Oregon Community Credit Union branch locations or at the door on event day. The event is produced by the Eugene-Springfield Asian Council. For an up-to-date schedule of activities and events, visit www.AsianCelebration.org. For more information, contact Kathy Madison at 541-682-6342.

Innovative Map Maker Dave Imus at Eugene Public Library

Award-winning cartographer Dave Imus made national news with the publication of his innovative map, "The Essential Geography of the United States of America." Imus will give an illustrated talk, "Classical Cartography: The Missing Genre," on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 6 p.m., at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. Admission is free.



Imus will discuss his work and the field of classical cartography, the type of map-making that explains geography, which is an approach not traditional in North America. According to Imus, "The goal of the Essential Geography of the United States of America is to reveal this country's basic geographic sculpture so more people can see its intricacy, beauty, and value."

Slate magazine called The Essential Geography "the greatest paper map of the United States you'll ever see." According to writer Barry Lopez, "Like a beautifully illustrated manuscript, the map engages both sides of the human brain."

Dave Imus founded Imus Geographics in 1983, originally working under contract for street map publishers, including Rand McNally. His interests expanded to making maps of scenic areas in Oregon, and then to other areas, in recent years in partnership with cartographer Pat Dunlavey. He has won top national honors in ACSM/CaGIS (Cartography and Geographic Information Society of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping) annual map design competitions for a number of projects.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.