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**Kids Dig In: City Supports Waste Prevention Education in Bethel School District**

The City's Waste Prevention and Green Building Program in partnership with Bethel School District's Energy and Water Education program have created a multi-year collaboration to enhance resource conservation education and programming in schools throughout the district. Through increased participation in resource conservation (e.g. waste, energy, water) programs, area youth increase awareness of the importance of waste diversion, the benefits of composting and recycling, and advanced materials management concepts.



An example of this year's programming was showcased recently on the Bethel School District's website [homepage](#). 'Garbage In, Garbage Out,' shows fourth and fifth graders sorting through five days of garbage at Clear Lake Elementary as part of a waste audit. Another audit will determine the effectiveness of waste reduction lessons.

Using math and science skills, the Clear Lake students performed a waste audit in the cafeteria, determining what material was food waste, what was recyclable, and what should head to the landfill. Students will now take part in six weeks of waste awareness lessons and then perform another waste audit to determine if there's been any change in habits. Clear Lake is also planning a Waste-Free Lunch on Earth Day, with a goal of creating as little garbage as possible.

For more information on this and other waste prevention programs, contact Stephanie Scafa at 541-682-5652.

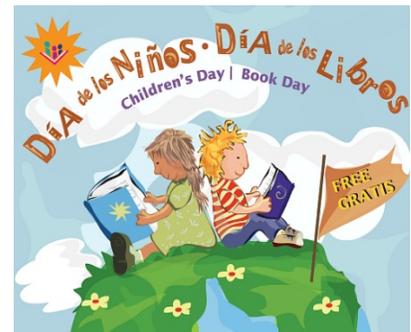
**Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros at Eugene and Springfield Public Libraries**

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is an international holiday honoring children, culture, and books. Local families are invited to celebrate at a bilingual festival including storytelling, live music and dance, creative activities, games, library card sign-ups, refreshments, and free books for kids to take home.



Join in the fun at the Springfield Public Library on Saturday, Apr. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., and at the Eugene Public Library on Sunday, Apr. 26, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. This year's featured performer is audience-favorite Carmen "T" Bernier-Grand, an award-winning children's book author,

storyteller, and educator.



Come to the Springfield Public Library on Saturday, Apr. 25, between 1 and 4 p.m., for free events starting with a performance by Carmen "T" Bernier-Grand, followed by music and dance with Mariachi del Sol, Alma de México Ballet Folklórico, and El Taller de Son Jarocho, plus hands-on activities for children.

On Sunday, Apr. 26, visit the Downtown Eugene Public Library, between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m., for free events starting with a performance by Carmen “T” Bernier-Grand, followed by music and dance by Mariachi los Patos, and hands-on activities led by groups including Eugene Arte Latino with Jessica Zapata.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is sponsored by the Eugene Public Library, Springfield Public Library, Community Health Centers of Lane County, Downtown Languages, Eugene School District 4J, Springfield Public Schools, Bethel School District, SELCO, Springfield Arts Commission, Relief Nursery, Early Learning Alliance, Joan Gray and Harris Hoffman, Lane ESD Migrant Education Program, and United Way of Lane County. For more information, please contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 (press 5 for Spanish) or visit the Library website at [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).