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**Summer for Teens at Eugene Public Library**

Teens are invited to drop in at all Eugene Public Library locations - Downtown, Bethel, and Sheldon - to sign up for Summer Reading and join in free, fun events. Summer Reading helps to keep students' reading skills up while school's out, while introducing teens to new ideas, new friends, and new things to do. This year's theme is "Heroes!"



Each teen who signs up, gets to choose a free book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of Eugene Public Library. Plus, teens can win gift cards in a free raffle by reviewing books, movies, or music at the Library website; each review is an entry.

A wide variety of activities for teens at all library locations includes art and writing workshops, book groups, movies, Dr. Who Club, and a talent show. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library) or call the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316.

**Open House: Latinos and Eugene Parks**

'Bienvenidos' or 'welcome' is something all Eugene's Latino community members should feel in Eugene parks. A local study done in 2012 identified that Eugene's Latino community members do not always feel welcome. The City's Office of Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement (HRNI), in partnership with the University of Oregon Center for Latino/and Latin American Studies (CLLAS), has been working with staff in the City's Parks and Recreation division doing specialized outreach with the Latino community as part of the Parks & Recreation System Plan. The plan will guide the development and operation of Eugene's parks, trails, recreation facilities and sports fields for the next 10 years. These outreach efforts will help create a park and recreation system that is welcoming to everyone in the community.

Outreach activities were conducted in May and over 350 members of the Latino community provided input. Common themes and key findings have been drafted. The final outreach step will be to share what was learned with community leaders, and others who work with the Latino community, and to collect their input. To this end, a Latinos and Eugene Parks Open House will be hosted by the City of Eugene Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement Office on Tuesday, June 30, from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Sloat Room on the first floor of the Atrium, 99 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



For more information, contact Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement staff, Lorna Flormoe, at 541-682-5670 or [lorna.r.flormoe@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lorna.r.flormoe@ci.eugene.or.us).

### **Outlook: Eugene Drinking Water Supplies**

Water availability has been in the news a lot lately with California facing another year of drought conditions and Oregon experiencing record low snowpack levels. What does all this mean for the McKenzie watershed and Eugene's drinking water supply?

Recent modeling suggests the McKenzie River will be at 60 percent of normal flow. It is unlikely that Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) will be required by the State of Oregon to restrict water use. However, depending on weather conditions later this summer, voluntary reductions or restrictions are not out of the question. EWEB staff will monitor several key criteria throughout the summer that could trigger the need for water restrictions. The criteria include daily water consumption, daytime temperatures and stream flows.

Whether or not mandatory restrictions are put in place, wise water use is especially important this year to keep as much water in the river as possible for fish and other users downstream. For this reason, EWEB is asking customers to be more vigilant about water consumption.

To support water conservation, local water utilities have an established Green Grass Gauge (GGG) program that has become a popular and effective tool to manage outdoor irrigation (typically the largest demand for summertime water use). Weekly watering recommendations are posted on Facebook and Twitter, from mid-June through late-September, to help avoid overwatering. The public may subscribe to a weekly watering recommendation e-mail update sent directly to a personal mailbox at [eweb.org/ggg](http://eweb.org/ggg).

For more water conservation tips, and other resources regarding water supplies, visit [eweb.org/2015drinkingwater](http://eweb.org/2015drinkingwater).