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**"BIZARRO" CARTOONIST AT THE LIBRARY FOR BANNED BOOKS WEEK**

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#### ***"Bizarro" Cartoonist at the Library for Banned Books Week***

Celebrate freedom of expression with "Bizarro" cartoonist Dan Piraro at the Downtown Eugene Public Library on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m. Admission is free.



The award-winning "Bizarro" creator will deliver an entertaining and informative illustrated talk in honor of Banned Books Week. Among people concerned about censorship, newspaper cartoonists rank high. Amid the constant flood of feedback about their work from readers and publishers, cartoonists directly experience others' impulses to censor messages that are disagreed with, feared, or not understood.

Piraro's single-panel "Bizarro" is published daily in over 360 papers, including Eugene's Register-Guard. The cartoon is a unique concoction of surrealistic imagery, social commentary, philosophical musings, and a witty play on words. His humor is inspired by a mix of real-life situations and his eccentric imagination. Piraro has a rare talent for ruffling feathers with scathing commentary on the mindlessness of modern life, then smoothing them down with disarming humor, charm, and self-deprecating humility.

In person, Piraro's intriguing perspective on life flows beyond the cartoon frame into a wide-ranging comedic conversation. He stirs up controversy, inspires revelations, and pokes fun at everyone along the way, including himself.

Beloved by readers worldwide, Piraro has a vast reach, including blogs and social media sites that receive tens of thousands of visitors daily. He has won many awards including "Cartoonist of the Year" from the National Cartoonists Society in 2009 and "Best Panel Feature" from the National Cartoonists Society for an unprecedented three consecutive years from 2002 through 2004. He writes and draws a new cartoon every day, 365 days a year.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).