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Eugene Airport Gears Up for the BCS National Championship

The Eugene Airport (EUG) will be busy this week with Oregon Ducks fans headed to the BCS National Championship game in Glendale, AZ. Between Wednesday, Jan. 5, and Monday, Jan. 10, EUG will serve about 8,100 departing passengers, an increase of 66 percent compared to last January. The busiest travel day is Saturday, Jan. 8. Airport, airline, and Transportation Security Administration staffing has been increased to accommodate this busy time in the terminal.



All regular and charter passengers traveling on Saturday, Jan. 8, with departures between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., are advised to arrive at the Eugene Airport two hours before their flight. There will be plenty of parking available in the long-term lot as the holiday travel season has passed.

For bowl game travel tips go to <http://www.flyEUG.com> and for more information contact Eugene Airport Director of Communication and Development Cathryn Stephens at 541-682-5430 or cathryn.e.stephens@ci.eugene.or.us.

Events for Mystery Lovers at Eugene Public Library

Novelist L.J. Sellers will present a free talk titled "Why Read Crime Fiction?" at the Downtown Eugene Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m.

Crime fiction has long been considered inferior to literary fiction, but Sellers argues that the genre is rich with social commentary and complex character studies - and is also psychologically beneficial. In this entertaining talk, she will discuss what crime fiction offers individual readers as well as the culture as a whole. Sellers will also highlight the provocative social issues she's tackled in her own novels, including the Detective Jackson mystery/suspense series set in Eugene. When not plotting murders, she enjoys performing stand-up comedy, cycling, and social networking.



And for mystery lovers, it would be a crime to miss the Friends of the Library's Used Mystery Novel Sale on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Downtown Library. Readers will choose from thousands of popular, gently used detective stories and spy thrillers priced at just \$1.00 each. All proceeds go to support the Eugene Public Library. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Eugene Stroke Support Group Meets Weekly

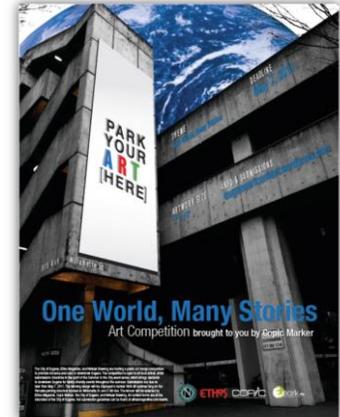
The Adaptive Recreation Program hosts a free support group for individuals and families/caregivers who have had a stroke or assist someone who has experienced a stroke. Meetings may consist of speakers, videos or open forums. Beginning Jan. 5, the group will meet every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hilyard Community Center. For more information, call Patty Prather at 541-682-5311.

Parking Garage Art Contest – Take Two

The City's Public Art Program and Epark are working together again to add color and vibrancy to a downtown parking garage. An art contest, which opened this week, is being held to design artwork for the Arcade garage on 8th Avenue and Willamette Street. The winning piece will replace last year's winner, "The Spirit of Summer."

This year's theme for the parking garage art is "One World, Many Stories." The City is partnering with Ninkasi Brewing Company, Ethos Magazine, and Copic Marker to sponsor the contest and provide first, second and third place prizes for contributing artists. Submissions are due by May 7, 2011.

A link to the contest website is <http://eugeneartcontest.wordpress.com>. For more information, contact Isaac Marquez at 541-682-2057.



Bicycle Advocate and Planner Shares Story of Bike-Friendly Transformation

In the last 20 years Portland has made its name as one of the nation's most bike-friendly cities. *Joyride: Pedaling Toward a Healthier Planet* tells the story of the transformation of Portland into a bicycle mecca, plus much more.



On Thursday, Jan. 13, author Mia Birk shares behind-the-scenes details of how she and her team helped Portland earn its reputation for bicycling. The event at the Oregon Electric Station, 27 East 5th Avenue, begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a lecture at 6:30 p.m. Birk will share stories and inspiration for moving Eugene forward in making cycling a rational, everyday option for even more members of the community. The event will end with a question and answer session and a book signing.

The event is presented by LiveMove a student organization at the University of Oregon (UO) that studies and promotes active transportation. It is co-sponsored by the Sustainable Cities Initiative at the UO and the City of Eugene. The presentation is a part of the

LiveMove speaker series: "Movers and Shakers: Connecting People and Places."

Birk was Portland's bicycle program manager from 1993 to 1999. She is currently the CEO and principal planner for Alta Planning + Design. She is also co-founder of the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation, Cities for Cycling Project, and Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, and adviser to the Post Carbon Institute.

For more information, including details of a staff presentation, please contact Lindsay Selser, transportation planning technician, at lindsay.r.selser@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-5094.