

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Annual Book Sale Fundraiser for Eugene Public Library

The annual Friends of Eugene Public Library Book Sale will be held Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Lane County Fairgrounds Performance Hall. All proceeds support Eugene Public Library programs and services, including Summer Reading for children and teens.



The Book Sale is the Friends of the Library's major fundraiser each year. During the course of the year, thousands of local readers donate items, and over 300 volunteers work on the Book Sale. In 2009, the event took in nearly \$90,000 to support Eugene Public Library programs and services.

Shoppers can browse and choose from thousands of gently used and like-new books – as well as DVDs, audio books, sheet music, and CDs. The bargain prices will amaze: only \$1 for most small paperbacks and \$1.50 for most hardbacks and large paperbacks.

The book sale will offer rare and specialty books in the "Individually Priced" section, recent bestsellers in "Good as New", and in the "Children's" area, a large selection of books, DVDs, and CDs. Book sets will be set aside and specially priced. Media tables will feature audio books, DVDs, and a huge number of music CDs.

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

Patrons Say It Best

Recreation staff are preparing the next Summer Recreation Guide - a whopping 84 pages of activities, classes, programs and summer camps for all ages and abilities. The guide also contains patrons' stories recounting their experiences with the Recreation program.

Carissa Whitsell's story starts with a one-day tandem bike clinic for people with vision impairments offered by Adaptive Recreation. That one activity led her to win three gold, one silver, and two bronze medals in tandem-racing at three Paralympics Games. In the picture at the right, Carissa is on the left with her tandem "pilot" McKenzie Woodring.



Elliott Aronin, an 82-year-old, tells the story of how he became a volunteer for the Adult Services program, "I enjoyed being a patron, so I thought why not give back to the City?" For over 18 years, he has done just that.

Parent Robert Lewis shared the story of the great time his sons had at the "Quest for Crusoe" camp offered by the Youth and Family Program at Peterson Barn, "I want to express my gratitude to you for providing such a wonderful week for Bryce and Brandt. Thank goodness for the Recreation Division."

Another patron was very complimentary about an Adaptive Recreation camp her hearing daughter attended for children who are deaf or have a hearing impairment. "Katie has been exposed to a little bit of sign language and deaf culture as a result of having a deaf child in her preschool, but this camp provided a much fuller experience. She learned that kids, parents and teachers who are deaf are fun, interesting and caring."

Read these stories and more in the Summer Recreation Guide which will be delivered to Eugene residents' mailboxes in mid-April.

Eugene Climate and Energy Action Plan - Completion of Public Forums

Over 50 community members attended the final public forum for Eugene's Climate and Energy Action Plan on March 5. Forum participants discussed actions that the community could take to prepare for climate change and rising fuel prices. Discussions focused on topics related to urban natural resources, including managing urban vegetation, reducing flooding impacts, and protecting the drinking water supply. This was the last in a series of six forums, each of which focused on a specific area of concern:

- Buildings and Energy
- Food and Agriculture
- Land Use and Transportation
- Consumption and Waste
- Health and Social Services
- Urban Natural Resources



Over the next several months, City staff and project partners will finalize the draft Climate and Energy Action Plan which will include recommendations to help the community reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, and to prepare for changes in the local climate and fluctuations in the price and availability of oil.

The draft Climate and Energy Action Plan will be available for review in May 2010, and the final plan is scheduled for City Council adoption later this year. For additional information, contact Matt McRae at 541-682-5864 or at matt.a.mcrae@ci.eugene.or.us.

Community Conversation: Anti-Hate Forum

The City of Eugene Human Rights and Police commissions will hold a panel discussion April 21, 2010, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the downtown Baker Center, 975 High Street. The forum will provide community education and awareness about hate crime and hate speech, as well as identify resources for prevention and response. Panelists will examine questions from legal, civil, academic and community perspectives. Following the panel, there will be a facilitated discussion giving community members the opportunity to develop questions, share stories, perspectives and ideas, and develop a community action plan for prevention and response.

The panel features the following guests:

- Diane Sykes - Oregon Department of Justice Civil Rights Program
- Chicora Martin - Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance
- Dave Fidanque - American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon
- Dr. Randy Blazak - Coalition Against Hate Crimes

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