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November is full of entertainment, enrichment and education @ Sherwood Public Library

As I write this column, the November 3rd election for the Washington County Library levy is still over a month away. This levy provides 21% of Sherwood Public Library's budget. As you plan your November, be sure to save time to vote.

I want to formally thank the members of the Friends of the Library and the Library Advisory Board for their dedication and volunteerism. Both groups support the library in unique ways. The Friends sell donated books to support library programming. As a separate non-profit, they have the latitude to be involved in advocacy for library initiatives. The Friends welcome new members to help with special projects and tasks. The Library Advisory Board is appointed by City Council and acts as a sounding board for policy and strategic planning. Both groups have been instrumental in voter education and planning for this election.

I'm delighted to share November programming designed to entertain, enrich and educate. See you at the Library!

Programs for All Ages:

International Games Day—We are celebrating with a Giant Candyland, ping pong, a Smash Bros. Wii U tournament, make-our-own-game, plus all our board games out for everyone to enjoy. Stop by and get your game on! Saturday, November 21, all day.



Programs for Teens & Adults:

Census Data for Community Analysis--Want to make more data-driven decisions for your business or organization? Learn how to access data by Zip Codes and Census Tracts through hands-on activities and a presentation from Linda Clark, Data Dissemination Specialist for the Census Bureau in Oregon. Coffee, tea & pastries provided. Registration encouraged. Wednesday, November 4, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Basics of Going Solar—Experts from Solar Oregon teach homeowners about solar energy, the benefits, processes, cost and incentives associated with installing solar on their home or business. Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m. Registration required.

Fall Writing Workshop—Author Marie Buckley leads each group with a warm-up exercise and thematic writing session. No experience is necessary. Bring writing tools and expect a fun atmosphere with plenty of positive feedback. Dates and themes this month: November 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (The Jungle) and November 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m (Fine Arts).

DIY Craftshop—Unleash your inner crafter at our monthly craft series inspired by Pinterest. Thursday, November 19, 3:30 p.m. Supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 12+.

Teen Movie Night--Enjoy a movie on the big screen! Movie selection is made by the group. Psst...parents, some movies are PG-13. Call for a list of the movies. Bring your own snacks and enter through the parking-lot lobby. No other library services will be offered during this after-hours program. Friday, November 20 6-8:30 p.m. For 6-12th graders only.

“Thanksgiving Tales”--Award-winning storyteller Ken Iverson weaves stories to embrace the awkwardness of Thanksgiving dinners gone wrong and the Thanksgiving dinners that, unexpectedly, go so very right. Please, no young children. Wednesday, November 18, 6:45 p.m. at Sherwood Center for the Arts (across the street from Cannery Square). Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Youth & Family Programs:

Homework Help—Tutoring is free. No registration required. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m. For 3rd-12th grades.

STEM Busy Builders—Play with LEGO and Duplo bricks, and more, to exercise engineering and creative thinking skills. Drop-in November 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 2+

Fiction Friends—Finally, a book club for 6th-8th graders! Bring your book-loving self to this program and discuss *Written in Stone* by Roseanne Parry with like-minded tweens. Snacks provided. The first seven to register receive a free copy of the book. Thursday, November 12, 3:30 p.m. at the Young Adult tables.

Paperback Pals—The monthly book discussion group for 3rd-5th graders talk about Margarita Engle's *Mountain Dog*. The first seven to register get a free copy of the book. Snacks provided. Wednesday, November 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Children's Area. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Family Storytime—Enjoy stories, songs, music and movement together at this interactive program for everyone. Craft time included! Saturday, November 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Squish, Mush, and Play—The research is clear: kids learn creativity through productive play. Kids will experience sensory stimulation with gluten-free dough, kinetic sand, and more. Parents, chill out in the room while your kids pump neurons. Wednesday, November 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 2+

The Library will be closed on November 11 for Veteran's Day and November 26-27 for Thanksgiving. Materials may be returned in the Pine Street book drops. Find 24/7 access at wccls.org.

Note: All library programs are free to attend and open to the public. Unless otherwise stated, programs are held in our Community Room. See sherwoodoregon.gov/library for more events, including storytimes. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, email askusSPL@wccls.org, or call us at 503-625-6688. Sherwood Public Library is a Washington County Cooperative Library Services member library located at 22560 SW Pine St., Sherwood, OR.

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