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## **FREE DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW TECHNOLOGY AFFECTS OUR HUMANITY**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Technology is often considered a cure-all to our modern challenges. It is, undeniably, a powerful tool in addressing our greatest endeavors. Whether it be automation, the iPhone, or gene editing, some say our technical capacities have outstripped our moral knowledge. Others believe they have provided us immense creativity in dealing with our biggest ethical questions.

Are these mutually exclusive? How does technology shape our moral reasoning and our perceptions of, and relationships with, one another?

This is the focus of “Is Technology Outpacing Our Humanity?” a free conversation with Manuel Padilla on Wednesday, Apr. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Manuel Padilla is the executive director of Portland Meet Portland and is a teacher and consultant in the areas of dialogue, conflict transformation, social change, and international aid and development. He has a BA in philosophy from Portland State University; an MA in peace, conflict, and development studies from the UNESCO Chair for the Philosophy of Peace; and has done peace building and human rights work both domestically and internationally. His professional interest is rooted in his deep spiritual desire to use group processes to foster cultures of encounter and vulnerability, transform conflict, and build civil society.

This program is sponsored by Oregon Humanities. Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future.

This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org) or call 503-644-2197.

Beaverton City Library is one of fifteen member libraries in Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), which works to provide responsive and efficient library service countywide through centralized catalog, courier and other services.

The city of Beaverton is home to more than 95,000 residents and is Oregon's sixth largest city. We are a friendly, active and responsive city well-known for our exceptional community services and amenities, helping Beaverton residents enjoy a high quality of life. Ranked in *Money* magazine's Best Places to Live, Beaverton truly is “The Best of Oregon.”

For more information, reminders and community news, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov). Also follow Beaverton on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton](http://www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton) or Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton](http://www.twitter.com/CityofBeaverton).

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