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BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY HOSTS AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY AND JAZZ

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Jazz poetry, like the music itself, encompasses a variety of forms, rhythms, sounds and the feel of improvisation. Forerunners of the style include Vachel Lindsay, who read his poetry in a syncopated and rhythmic style for audiences, and Langston Hughes, who collaborated with musicians.

In honor of National Poetry Month, join Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW 5th St for an afternoon of poetry and jazz on Saturday, Apr. 7 from 1 to 2 p.m. Performing lyrical poetry in the style of the late Langston Hughes will be local author and poet Emmett Wheatfall and local jazz musicians Louis Pain, Renato Caranto, Ed Coleman III and Nathan Olsen.

Emmett Wheatfall is one of Portland's premier African American poets. He has published five books of poetry and released three lyrical (to music) albums, as well as one non-lyrical poetry album. Mr. Wheatfall has performed in jazz and blues venues in the Portland area, including the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit 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."

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