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14TH ANNUAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL - Beaverton City Library Hosts Kickoff Event and National Storyteller Geraldine Buckley -

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) hosts its 14th Annual Storytelling Festival – Art of the Story – Saturday, Apr. 21 through Saturday, May 5.

The festival features three professional storytellers: Geraldine Buckley (Frederick, Maryland), Rick Huddle (Portland, OR) and Habiba Addo (Portland, OR and Ghana, West Africa), and adult story slam contestants: Ellen Wolfson, John Wylder, Kristin Olson-Huddle and Maggie Lott. The festival features 11 public storytelling performances held by WCCLS member libraries, schools, cultural, senior and recreational venues.

On Saturday, Apr. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m., the festival kicks off with the Adult Story Slam Contest hosted by Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW 5th St. Audience members will be invited to cast their vote to determine which adult slam contestant will receive a cash prize and be invited back to kick off the May 5 Festival Finale showcase of storytellers.

On Thursday, May 3 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Beaverton City Library is partnering with the Elsie Stuhr Center and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) to bring featured national teller Geraldine Buckley to the Manzanita Room at the Elsie Stuhr Center (5550 SW Hall Blvd) for a matinee show of stories and humor.

The festival is supported in part by grants from WCCLS, the Regional Arts and Culture Council, Friends Groups of WCCLS member libraries and Recology. Generous in-kind services are provided by Pamplin Media Group, Courtyard by Marriott, THPRD, Glenn & Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center, Sherwood Center for the Arts, Reedville Catering, Smockville Brewhouse, Stash Tea and the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy.

Directions to the performance venues and additional festival details are available at www.wccls.org/festival. Festival newsletters are available at WCCLS member libraries.

2018 Storytelling Festival Events:

Saturday, April 21

Beaverton City Library: 7-9 p.m.

Adult Story Slam Contest (Adult program)

Ellen Wolfson, John Wylder, Kristin Olson-Huddle and Maggie Lott

Saturday, April 28

North Plains Elementary School: 3-4 p.m. (hosted by North Plains WCCLS)

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Rick Huddle | Open Up & Say HA! (Adult program & ages 6+)

Sunday, April 29

Cedar Mill Library: 2-3 p.m.

Habiba Addo | Journeying - Are We There Yet? (Adult program & ages 6+)

Monday, April 30

Aloha Library: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Habiba Addo | The Myths in the Elements (Adult program)

Tuesday, May 1

Forest Grove Library: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Habiba Addo | The Beautiful Lessons in Our Fantastic Messes (Adult program & ages 6+)

Tuesday, May 1

Walters Cultural Arts Center (Hillsboro): 7-8 p.m. (co-hosted by WCCLS)

Rick Huddle | The Stifling South (Adult program)

Wednesday, May 2

Tigard Library: 7-8 p.m.

Geraldine Buckley | Destination? Slammer! True Tales of Life and Laughter (Adult program)

Thursday, May 3

Elsie Stuhr Senior Center: 1:30-2:30 p.m. (co-hosted by Beaverton City Library)

Geraldine Buckley | Devils on Horseback and other Odd Journeys (Adult program)

Thursday, May 3

Banks Library: 7-8 p.m.

Geraldine Buckley | More Than Meets the Eye – Stories of Faith & Wonder (Adult program)

Friday, May 4

Garden Home Library Annex: 7-8 p.m. (co-hosted by West Slope Library) (Adult program)

Geraldine Buckley | Inadvertent Adventures - Tales to make you laugh and think

Saturday, May 5

Festival Finale Showcase Concert: 6:15-9 p.m. (Adult program & ages 12+)

at the Sherwood Center for the Arts (hosted by Sherwood Library)

Reception: 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. with complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres in partnership with Reedville Catering. No host beverages will be for sale by Smockville Brewhouse.

Showcase Concert: 7-9 p.m.

- Student slam winner
- Adult slam winner
- Habiba Addo | In Memorial For my dear cousin Fritz Teye Maatey. Never Forgotten.
- Rick Huddle | 100 years from now... Odd jobs & life missions.
- Geraldine Buckley | Upturned: Handling life's unexpected adventures with humor and heart.

These programs are free and open to the public; no registration is required. For more information, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. Call 503-846-3222 no less than 3 business days prior to a festival event to schedule assistive listening devices or sign language interpreters.

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.

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