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BEAVERTON CIVIC THEATRE FREE PREVIEW: “THE HUNDRED DRESSES”

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Join Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW 5th St. for a special preview event for the upcoming production of *The Hundred Dresses*.

The free 50-minute event will occur on Tuesday, May 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. and feature a preview of the upcoming production, a chance to meet the cast, and a short talk by costume designer Sandi King exploring the show's themes of discrimination and bullying through the lens of what people wore during the 1930s.

In *The Hundred Dresses*, Wanda Petronski just wants to join the fun of having friends like everyone else. But in 1930s small town America, a Polish immigrant doesn't easily fit in. When Maddie's best friend Peggy starts to tease Wanda, Maddie knows it isn't right. When the teasing doesn't stop and the Petronskis move to get away from the town's prejudices, Maddie is wracked with guilt. She soon realizes that allowing her friend to be a bully is just as bad as acting that way herself. Determined not to let her fear get the best of her again, Maddie braves the scorn of her classmates and stands up to them, making an unlikely friend in the process.

This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. For preview event information, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. For more information on *The Hundred Dresses*, visit www.beavertoncivictheatre.org.

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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Caption: A free 50-minute preview event for the upcoming production of *The Hundred Dresses* is Tuesday, May 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Beaverton City Library located at 12375 SW 5th St.