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ONE BOOK, ONE BEAVERTON KICK-OFF AND BOOK GIVEAWAY AT BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

BEAVERTON, Ore. – What if all of Beaverton read the same book? Can sharing in the experience of a work of literature spark meaningful discussion that brings us together as a community? You are invited to join Beaverton City Library as the community comes together to explore the outer reaches of space and, in the process, discover our common humanity.

Beaverton City Library is pleased to announce that the inaugural title for the new community-wide reading event, One Book, One Beaverton, is *The Wanderers* by Meg Howrey,

On Saturday, Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., join the library located at 12375 SW 5th St in celebrating One Book, One Beaverton at our kick-off and book giveaway. Receive a free copy of the book and stay for fun and prizes. During the month of January, the library will host a series of special events that tie into themes from *The Wanderers*, culminating in a literary event with Howrey on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.

This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. 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.

About *The Wanderers*

Howrey's gripping, near-future novel *The Wanderers* tells the story of three career astronauts, Helen, Yoshi and Sergei, who have been chosen by a private space firm to undertake the first human voyage to Mars. Prior to their mission, they must prove their psychological and physical fitness by completing a seventeen-month simulation of the Mars voyage, during which their every movement will be observed by a team of experts.

Author Meg Howrey was inspired to write the book by the real Mars500, a program run by the European Space Agency and the Russian Institute for Biomedical Problems that simulated a 500-day round-trip voyage to the Red Planet. After researching the history of space exploration and diving into astronaut memoirs, Howrey says she found herself most intrigued with "the idea of simulation and simulacra, and to what extent simulations factor into our lives in ways we don't realize."

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