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BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY HOSTS COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Library will host “Talking about Dying,” a 90-minute community discussion, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the main library, 12375 SW Fifth Street. This event offers Oregonians an opportunity to reflect on what stories and influences shape their thinking about death and dying and to hear different perspectives and ideas from fellow community members.

Death is part of the human experience; all of us have experienced loss, and all of us will die one day. Yet conversations about death and dying are difficult and often avoided even with our closest family members and friends. Participants will explore essential questions: What do we think about when we think of dying? As people we’ve known have moved closer to death, what seemed to work well for them and the people close to them? What seemed difficult? When we think about our own dying, what do we want most?

Participants will come away from this conversation with a strengthened sense of community support and collective engagement around these questions, as well as a resource list with tools and information to help them consider how to shape a meaningful approach to death and dying.

Talking about Dying is a statewide initiative by Oregon Humanities, created in partnership with Cambia Health Foundation, to bring 30 conversations about death and dying to communities across the state. These conversations will be facilitated by trained professionals working in the fields of chaplaincy, counseling, gerontology, facilitation and hospice care.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Christina Hanson, adult services librarian, at chanson@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT OREGON HUMANITIES

Oregon Humanities connects Oregonians to ideas that change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities’ programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at www.oregonhumanities.org. Oregon

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The Beaverton City Library is the second-busiest library system in the state, with more than 780,000 patrons a year at its main location (12375 SW Fifth Street) and Murray Scholls branch (11200 SW Murray Scholls Place).

For additional information regarding Beaverton City Library services, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. The Beaverton City Library is one of fifteen libraries in Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) that work communally to provide excellent countywide library service by sharing valuable resources and information with one another.

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