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BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY HOSTS A WORLD WITHOUT SECRETS: PRIVACY AND EXPECTATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Library will host “A World Without Secrets: Privacy and Expectations” on Monday, June 6, at 6 p.m. at 12375 SW Fifth St. Wendy Willis, executive director of Kitchen Table Democracy, will lead participants in an exploration of the history of privacy in the United States. Willis will discuss how our principles hold up in the world of corporate information gathering and government surveillance and ask what the costs and benefits are to living in a society where almost everything about us is discoverable and discussed.

A poet, essayist and national leader in civic engagement and collaborative governance, Willis serves as the executive director of the Kitchen Table Democracy, a national nonprofit organization housed at Portland State University and devoted to improving democratic governance. Her first book of poems, *Blood Sisters of the Republic*, was released in 2012. In addition to publishing poetry and essays in a variety of national and regional journals and serving as an adjunct fellow in poetry at the Attic Institute, Willis has served as a federal public defender and as the law clerk to Chief Justice Wallace P. Carson Jr. of the Oregon Supreme Court. She graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown Law Center and holds a BA from Willamette University and an MFA in poetry from the Rainier Writing Workshop at Pacific Lutheran University.

This program is made possible by funding from Oregon Humanities, and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197.

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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 at 12375 SW Fifth Street and Murray Scholls branch at 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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