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## STAYCATION AT BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY: SERIES OF SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Be a tourist in your own backyard, try your hand at new skills and projects, immerse yourself in great new reads, and enjoy your summer “Staycation” with Beaverton City Library! Wednesday, July 20 through Thursday, July 28, the main library (12375 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St) hosts six programs to encourage adults to kick back, relax and have fun during the summer.

These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, visit

[www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org) or call 503-644-2197.

### **Pacific Northwest Reading Cafe**

**Wednesday, July 20 | 12-1:30 p.m. | Cathy Stanton Conference Room & Meeting Room A**

This is a book discussion group meeting to discuss books written by Northwest authors or written with a setting in the Pacific Northwest. You can bring a lunch along to enjoy while we discuss the books! Free and open to the public; no registration required. This month’s book: *Glaciers: A Novel* by Alexis M. Smith.

### **Three-Minute Thespians**

**Wednesday, July 20 | 6-8 p.m. | Auditorium**

Is your inner actor aching to perform? Come read scenes with us! No experience required, just enthusiasm and willingness to participate. We’ll take turns reading two-to three-minute long scenes from a variety of plays with other actors. Don’t sweat the spotlight—it’ll be fast and fun! Free and open to the public; no registration required.

### **Fight Like a Knight: Medieval and Renaissance Combat**

**Saturday, July 23 | 11 a.m. – noon | Meeting Rooms A & B or South Lawn (weather permitting)**

While many people associate martial arts with eastern traditions, such as judo, karate and kung fu, Europe also had its own rich culture of fighting arts. This demonstration by Indes Western Martial Arts will highlight some of the more exciting elements of historical fencing, including the longsword and dussack. This is an opportunity to see how hand-to-hand combat looked in Europe hundreds of years ago. The Fight Like a Knight program includes demonstrations of medieval and Renaissance fighting techniques, interspersed with relevant bits of history and information. Suitable for all ages. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

### **Repair and Recycling Fair**

**Saturday, July 23 | 2-4 p.m. | Meeting Room A**

Repair Fair Oregon will organize skilled volunteers to fix broken items. The volunteers may be able to repair small appliances like blenders or coffee makers, jewelry, bikes or clothing that needs a new button or a zipper fix. Master Recyclers will also be on hand to answer recycling questions. Meeting new people, learning useful skills and keeping usable items out of the landfill—good things can happen at a Repair and Recycling Fair!

**Recommended Reads****Tuesday, July 26 | 6:30-8 p.m. | Cathy Stanton Conference Room**

A monthly book discussion group. Free and open to the public; no registration required. This month's book: *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff.

**Book Club Night Out with Ruth Wariner****Thursday, July 28 | 7-8:30 p.m. | Meeting Rooms A & B**

Join us for an evening with Ruth Wariner, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Sound of Gravel*, "a riveting, deeply-affecting true story of one girl's coming-of-age in a polygamist doomsday cult." The Portland author will be available to talk with attendees and also sign copies of her book. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

Sign up for WCCLS Reads, our summer reading program for adults, through July 31. Sign up online at [www.wccls.org/asrp](http://www.wccls.org/asrp) or at Beaverton City Library, read books and submit book reviews all summer long, and be entered into prize drawings! Join a community of readers to discover your next great read.

For additional information regarding Beaverton City Library, visit [www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://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.

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**Caption:** The Fight Like a Knight demonstration of medieval and renaissance fighting techniques is one of several programs in this summer's "Staycation" for adults at the Beaverton City Library from July 20 to 28. Fight Like a Knight will be held on Saturday, July 23. (Photo/Indes Western Martial Arts)