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## CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS WITH BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Dia de los Muertos begins Tuesday, Nov. 1, and ends Wednesday, Nov. 2. Celebrate the holiday with three different events at Beaverton City Library Main, 12375 SW Fifth St, and Murray Scholls, 11200 SW Murray Scholls Pl.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to noon, kids ages 2-11 with their families can take part in the day's festivities with fun crafts, including sugar skull decoration, masks and pasta skeletons, at the main library.

At the Murray Scholls branch, celebrate on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 5 p.m. Kids ages 2-12 with their families can drop in for fun crafts with sugar skulls and more.

A Dia de los Muertos celebration for all ages, featuring Grupo Ritual Azteca Huitzilopochtli, will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at the main library. Aztec dance captain Jose Carlos will set up an authentic altar with *cempaxochitl* (the "20-petaled flower"), sugar skulls, candles and other goodies to honor our *muertitos*. Attendees can join the Aztec dancers in making a flower petal path to invite our ancestors to the celebration, and feel free to bring a photo of a past loved one to add to the altar. The Dia de los Muertos dance ceremony commences with large standing drums, ayoyote seed rattles and armadillo guitars. The Mictlantecutli ("The Rest Keeper") dance will be taught to anyone ready to learn. Come ready to dive into an ancient cultural tradition and to move your feet!

These programs are free and open to the public; no registration is required. For more information, visit [www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org) or call 503-644-2197.

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**Caption:** Join Beaverton City Library for Dia de los Muertos festivities from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5. Activities for all ages include crafts and dancing. *(Photo/Grupo Ritual Azteca Huitzilopochtli)*