Arts & Culture

Lake Oswego has significant arts and culture resources including:

Arts Council of Lake Oswego

The Arts Council of Lake Oswego, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was created in 1999 to ensure the arts are an integral part of the lives of the citizens of Lake Oswego. The Arts Council was formed by members of The Lake Oswego Arts Commission, a City Commission, to ensure a continuation of support for arts education, present exhibits, tours, lectures and to maintain the City of Lake Oswego's permanent art collection.

Programs include:

- Gallery Without Walls: Award-Winning Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit on the Streets of Downtown
    - The downtown Gallery Without Walls, Lake Oswego's signature public art program, began in 2002 and today includes 30 rotating sculptures and 30 sculptures in the permanent collection.
    - The City owns over 200 pieces of public art in its permanent collection; including 2-D art in a variety of mediums that can be seen on display on the walls at City Hall, the Library, the West End Building and the newly opened Project 510 Museum – operated by the Arts Council, at 510 1st Street.
- People's Choice Award: Public Vote to select the annual acquisition of a permanent sculpture
- The Chronicle Invitational Exhibition: An exhibition chronicling themes pertinent to Lake Oswego and the Pacific Northwest.
- Docent-Led Tours: Public Educational Tours of the Gallery Without Walls Sculpture Collection
- Follow Your Art!: An Annual Celebration introducing the public to the new sculpture in the rotating Gallery Without Walls
- Public Art Committee: Manages & Maintains the Public Art Collection on behalf of the City
- Arts-In-Education: Art Literacy Program in Elementary Schools
- Neighborhood Public Art Program: launched in 2011 by the Arts Council, this program develops gateways in different parts of the community.

Lakewood Center

- The Lakewood Theater Company, located in the Lakewood Center for the Arts, began in 1952 and now produces over 10 shows per year with an annual audience of over 40,000. It is the oldest continually operating nonprofit theater company in the Portland area.
- The Lakewood Center for the Arts also houses a children's theater, arts pre-school, dance studios and more. Each year 100,000 people visit the Center to participate in arts activities.
- The Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts attracts 25,000 visitors each June. The Festival is produced by the Lakewood Center with community partners and includes visual arts, a juried exhibit, and performance stage.

The Library and Parks & Recreation Departments Offer Many Cultural Events

- The City's Parks and Recreation Department offers art, music, drama and dance classes for youth and adults, and puts on cultural activities including summer movies in the parks, concerts, performances, dances and more. Lake Oswego's Parks and Recreation Department produces concerts in the parks throughout the summer that draw thousands of community members.
- The Public Library presents a variety of programs for all ages, throughout the year, to meet the recreational, cultural, and informational interests of the community. Regular programming includes summer reading clubs for children, teens, and adults, preschool storytimes, craft programs for children and teens, a Teen Advisory Board, college and career programs, Teen Read Week, and special guest performances for children and teens. Programs of interest for adults include computer instruction, music concerts, and programs covering topics such as book clubs, snowshoeing, and gardening.

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