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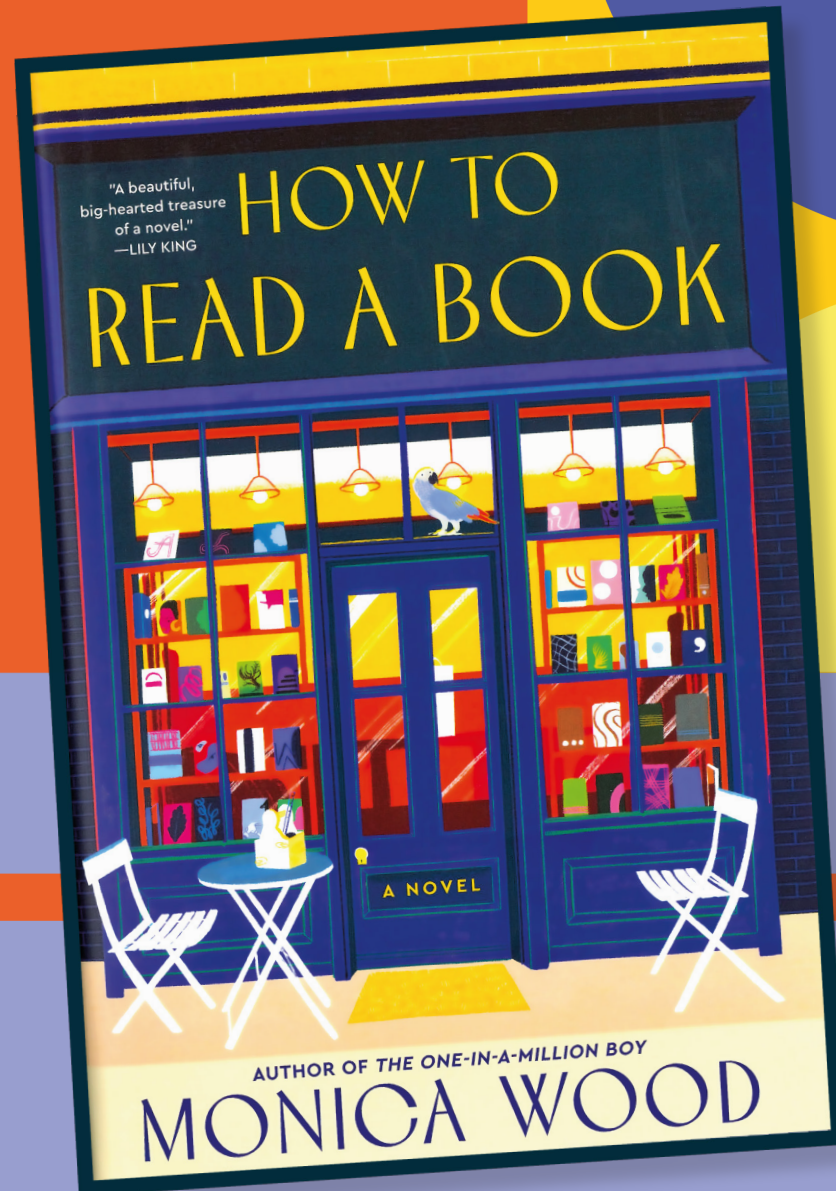


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"A REMINDER THAT GOODNESS, AND BOOKS, CAN STILL WIN IN THIS WORLD."

—THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

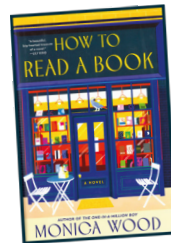
BOOK SUMMARY

Violet Powell, a twenty-two year-old from rural Abbott Falls, Maine, is being released from prison after serving twenty-two months for a drunk-driving crash that killed a local kindergarten teacher. Harriet Larson, a retired English teacher who runs the prison book club, is facing the unsettling prospect of an empty nest. Frank Daigle, a retired machinist, hasn't yet come to grips with the complications of his marriage to the woman Violet killed. When the three encounter each other one morning in a bookstore in Portland—Violet to buy the novel she was reading in the prison book club before her release, Harriet to choose the next title for the women who remain, and Frank to dispatch his duties as the store handyman—their lives begin to intersect in beautiful, transformative ways. *How to Read a Book* is an unsparingly honest and profoundly hopeful story about letting go of guilt and seizing second chances. With the heart, wit, grace, and depth of understanding that has characterized her work, Monica Wood illuminates the decisions that define a life and the kindnesses that make life worth living.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Monica Wood is a novelist, memoirist, and playwright. She is the 2024 recipient of the Sara Josepha Hale award for excellence in New England literary arts; the 2019 recipient of the Maine Humanities Council Carlson Prize for contributions to the public humanities; and the 2016 recipient of the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance Distinguished Achievement Award for contributions to the literary arts. She lives in Maine with her husband.



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DISCUSS THE BOOK

There will be many opportunities to participate in book discussion groups at the library during April. See the calendar or website for details.

PASSPORT



Print your own passport to participate in all Lake Oswego Reads events and learn about additional ways get to involved in our month of programming. Bring your passport with at least three events or bonus activities completed to Lakeridge High School on May 1st to enter a drawing for two amazing gift baskets.



For weather and program changes, visit www.lakeoswegoreads.org
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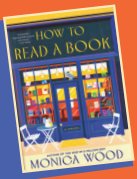


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The Lake Oswego Reads program would not be possible without the amazing generosity of our sponsors. For 19 years, many businesses and organizations have donated funding, program venues and in-kind services to support our mission to bring the community together through books. Heartfelt thanks to all who contribute to Lake Oswego Reads and especially to:



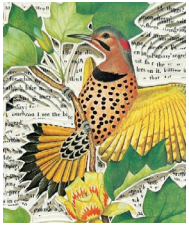


HOW TO READ A BOOK

by Monica Wood



TUES | APRIL 1 | Book Sculptures by Melody Bush



Discover the intriguing world of book art at our upcoming library exhibition featuring the works of Oregon artist Melody Bush. Through meticulous folding and hand-carving techniques, Melody breathes new life into discarded books, transforming them into elaborate pieces of art. From carefully crafted collages to intricately folded sculptures, each creation showcases Melody's dedication to preserving and repurposing old books.

Join us to explore the unique intersection of literature and

visual art in Melody's captivating collection. *On display until April 30th in the adult World Languages section, level 2 of the library. Lake Oswego Public Library, 706 4th Street.*

TUES | APRIL 1 | Librarian-Led Book Discussion



Join a group of other readers to exchange thoughts, opinions, and questions inspired by *How To Read a Book*.

A free discussion led by LOPL librarian April Younglove. Held upstairs in the library meeting room. Seating is limited to the first 10 people to arrive. **Library, 706 4th Street, 2:00 p.m.**

TUES | APRIL 1 | First Tuesday Music



Join us for an inspiring event with Michael Charles Smith, known as "Marimba Mike," for an uplifting and exciting musical performance. Michael will also delve into the fascinating mechanics of the marimba, explaining how it works and the intricacies of its sound. Don't miss this chance to explore the profound impact of music on our lives and communities with Marimba Mike. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**

WED | APRIL 2 | Oswego Heritage Council Chautauqua with LO Reads



Portland Books Through Bars formed in the mid-1990s as a sister program to Seattle Books to Prisoners, emerging with a shared mission to combat educational inequity for people who are incarcerated. Over the decades, the organization evolved into a dedicated collective working to challenge restrictive policies and advocate for the transformative power of books.

Speakers from Portland Books Through Bars and other local organizations will dive into their history, their work, and how it relates to our LO Reads 2025 selection, *How To Read A Book* by Monica Wood. This event is free and open to the public. **Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th St. Doors at 5:00 p.m., event at 5:30 p.m.**

THURS | APRIL 3 | History of Drunk Driving Laws



Under pressure, Violet, one of the three main characters in *How to Read a Book*, drives under the influence and causes a crash that kills another driver. Convicted of manslaughter, Violet is sentenced to two years in prison but is released six months early on good behavior. What would Violet's story

have been if her DUI crash had occurred in Portland, Oregon, rather than Portland, Maine? Two presenters, Lake Oswego attorney Peter Glazer and Clackamas County District Attorney John Wentworth, will cover the history of drunk driving laws in Oregon and how prosecutions are handled these days. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**

SAT | APRIL 5 | Lake Oswego Reads Celebration of Books

Join us for a presentation by book sculpture artist Melody Bush at 11:00 a.m., followed by a book swap. Everyone who brings a book to trade will be eligible to win a one-of-a-kind book sculpture by Melody Bush! **Library, 706 4th Street, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



SUN | APRIL 6 | Anatomy of a Book: Craft Class



LOPL librarian Alicia Yokoyama, along with Creativebug's Jody Alexander, will introduce you to the art of bookmaking. Learn basic terminology and tools to create a finished book perfect for sketching, journaling, or gifting. This free program is for ages 13+ and all materials are provided. Registration is required and limited to 10. Please register by emailing loref@lakeoswego.city or by calling (503) 675-2540. **Library, 706 4th Street, 2:00 p.m.**

MON | APRIL 7 | Lake Oswego Reads Art Show



Join artists for a memorable evening as they explain the art they created after reading *How To Read a Book*. The artwork will be displayed throughout April at the Lakewood Center for the Arts. Artists include Mary Burgess, Leslie Cheney-Parr, Susie Cowan, Bonnie Garlington, Mini Giri, Dave Haslett, Shobha Jetmalani, Dyanne Locati, Terri Neal, Debby Neely, Maria Olaya, Kara Pilcher, Jan Rimerman, Kim Smith, Leanne Streit, Beth Verheyden, Lisa Wiser, Natalie Wood, Jim Wylder, and Beth

Yazhari. Light refreshments will be served. **Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State Street. Reception at 6:00 p.m., presentation 6:45 p.m.**

TUES | APRIL 8 | Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program



Lewis and Clark professor Reiko Hillyer discusses the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, which brings fifteen people incarcerated at the Columbia River Correctional Institution and fifteen undergraduate students together in courses taught by Lewis & Clark College faculty. For both students and faculty, the experience is powerful and transformative. "None of us will ever look at the world the same way," one student said. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**

WED | APRIL 9 | The Book Business



Kent Watson, Principal Director of Book Dimensions, will provide a crash course in book publishing—from acquisition to sales, including, editorial, financial, production, publicity, and marketing. He will also discuss book distribution, online, independent and chain booksellers. By the end of this presentation you will know the entire book business is made up of people that care about what you are reading and what you will be reading in the near future. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**

SAT | APRIL 12 | The Oregon Way and Staff Wellness at Coffee Creek



Join the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for a fascinating discussion with Coffee Creek Correctional Facility Superintendent, Nichole Brown, about The Oregon Way and how it affects the carceral system. This innovative program aims to foster cross-cultural professional learning and development for frontline staff in the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Norwegian Correctional Service. The goal is to produce higher standards of professionalism and more healthy and productive working environments in each participating system. **Oswego Heritage House, 398 Tenth St, 10:00 a.m.**

SUN | APRIL 13 | Create a Resilience Map



All of the main characters of *How to Read a Book* have experienced at least one major loss and need to use different tools, such as courage and affinity, to rebuild new lives. Together, we will identify our own tools of resilience, and with black paper, colored pencils, and acrylic markers we will create a colorful map of personal tools we have personally used after a major life change. No artistic experience necessary. Intended for adults 18+. Pre-registration required. Limited to 12 participants per class. This same class is being offered twice to accommodate more participants. Kindly sign up for only one. Please register by emailing niland@lakeoswego.city or by calling (503) 675-2538. **Library, 706 4th Street, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

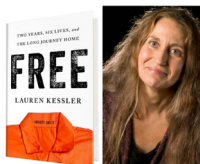
SUN | APRIL 13 | ONLINE: A Bookish Affair



Welcome to A Bookish Affair! Open to all devotees of romance and happily-ever-afters. We read widely in the genre, focusing on diverse voices and including every kind of love story. Be prepared to feel the love and expand your heart. We will be meeting on Zoom to discuss the romance novel *Thirsty* by

Mia Hopkins, which explores some of the same themes as our Lake Oswego Reads selection. Registration is required. Contact librarian Shannon Sedell at ssedell@lakeoswego.city to register. **Virtual event, 11:00 a.m.**

TUES | APRIL 15 | Everything Changes Everything



Lauren Kessler is an award-winning narrative nonfiction writer who specializes in exploring invisible subcultures in our midst. The author of fifteen books, she has written about the gritty world of a maximum security prison, grueling world of ballet, and surprisingly vibrant world of those with Alzheimer's. Her upcoming book, *Everything Changes*

Everything, explores love and loss, wounds and healing, and the search for the answer to the question so very many of us face in times of upheaval, transition or disconnect: What now? **Lake Theater & Café, 106 North State Street. Doors open 6:30 p.m, presentation at 7:00 p.m.**

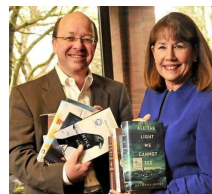
WED | APRIL 16 | Housing and Resource Navigation After Release



Program Director at Insight to Wellbeing, Bekah Raftery, will discuss their work with groups in prisons across Oregon, guiding participants to discover that they are not broken and don't need fixing. Their mission is to empower individuals to reconnect with their innate strength and potential, fostering growth, self-understanding, and lasting change. Ms. Raftery will be joined by program participant Santy Sanchez. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**



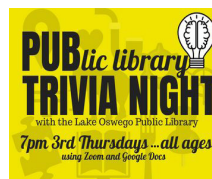
THURS | APRIL 17 | Lakewood Center Luncheon & Presentation



Please join the Lakewood Center Associates to learn more about the history of the Lake Oswego Reads program. Library Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Niland will be joined by retired library staff Bill Baars and Cyndie Glazer, creators of the wonderful Lake Oswego Reads program, to discuss the program's origins, share special stories about past presentations and answer all

audience questions. This is sure to be a fun time! **Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St., 10:00 a.m.**

THURS | APRIL 17 | ONLINE: LOPL Trivia!



Meet your hosts, LOPL librarians Jamie and Carissa, and take part in a special Thursday night full of good old-fashioned brain games. We will have fun trivia questions, Lake Oswego Reads tie-ins, and another Powell's gift card on the line! **Register at www.lopl.org/trivia. Virtual event, 7:00 p.m.**



TUES | APRIL 22 | The Restorative Justice Formula

Join Miles Range, the Executive Director of Nosce Mediation & Consulting, as he provides an overview of restorative justice and the plan for implementing a deeper program in Clackamas County. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**

WED | APRIL 23 | Live Man Walking: What Do We Do with the Guilty?



Join death row investigator and author Rene Denfeld as she discusses the devastating impact of mass incarceration in Oregon. How do we fix the damage that has been done? What do we do about people who break the law? There will be time for an audience Q and A. **Library, 706 4th Street, 5:30 p.m.**

THURS | APRIL 24 | Librarian-Led Book Discussion

Join a group of other readers to exchange thoughts, opinions, and questions inspired by *How To Read a Book*. A free discussion led by LOPL librarian Josh Macias. Held upstairs in the library meeting room. Seating is limited to the first 10 people to arrive. **Library, 706 4th Street, 1:00 p.m.**

SAT | APRIL 26 | Hybrid: Building Bridges Book Group

Through the reading and discussion of acclaimed works of fact and fiction, we seek greater appreciation of the rich diversity of life, to build understanding, empathy, and connection in our world. Join us to discuss our April selection of *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. To register for the virtual option, contact Alicia Yokoyama at ayokoyama@lakeoswego.city or (503) 534-4228. **Library, 706 4th Street, 10:00 a.m.**

SUN | APRIL 27 | Create a Resilience Map



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SUN | APRIL 27 | Prison Theatre Symposium



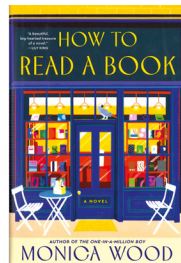
Please join Carla Grant, Patrick Walsh, Lavonne Starr Meyers, and Josh Underhill, as they discuss the transformative experiences of bringing theater performances to a number of Oregon prisons, as well as how theater can aid in the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth of incarcerated populations. **Library, 706 4th Street, 2:00 p.m.**

TUES | APRIL 29 | World Cinema Series: The Painter and the Thief



Join us for a screening of *The Painter and the Thief*, a Norwegian documentary about a painter who befriended the criminal who stole two of her paintings. This lesson in the art of forgiveness will be shown with English subtitles. There will be a brief introduction before the film, offering valuable cultural context. *The Painter and the Thief* is part of the Lake Oswego Public Library's World Cinema Series, a monthly event showcasing diverse international films. Admission is free and no ticket is required. **Lake Theater and Café, 106 N State Street, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

THURS | MAY 1 | LO Reads Author Presentation: Monica Wood



Join us for an engaging evening with our featured LO Reads 2025 author, Monica Wood! Thanks to the Friends of Lake Oswego Public Library, Ms. Wood will be with us for an in-person presentation on May 1 to discuss her book *How To Read a Book* and to answer questions from the Lake Oswego community. Remember to bring your copy of the book if you would like it autographed by the author. This event is free but a ticket is required. Tickets will be available at the library beginning April 1st. **Ways to watch: Lakeridge High School Auditorium,**

1235 Overlook Drive. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7:00 p.m. Alternately, you can watch this event broadcast live on TVCTV television channels. It will also be streamed on the Library's Youtube channel. Passport drawing will take place at the event. Winners need not be present to win.

LAKE OSWEGO READS
AUTHOR PRESENTATION:

Monica Wood

May 1st, 2025 7:00 P.M.



Please check the website www.lakeoswegoreads.org to register for programs and for all updates throughout the month of April.

Events for Families and Children

APRIL 1 - 30 | STORYWALK®: I Am A Story



Take a walk through West Waluga Park to read our newest StoryWalk® installation, *I Am A Story*, by Dan Yaccarino. From Cave Drawings to the invention of the printing press and beyond, this history of stories and how we share them will inspire you and remind you of the power of a story. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. **West Waluga Park, 15775 Waluga Drive, during park hours.**

APRIL 1 - 30 | ArtBar: Make Your Own Book



The ArtBar is stocked with materials for you to make your own book. Start with a blank slate and create your own book design. Decorate the cover and pages with markers, stickers or crayons. All that will be left is for you to write your own story. For all ages. **Children's Library, 706 4th St, during open hours.**

FRI | APRIL 11 | LO Reads Arbor Month Kids Event



We'll combine the beginnings of a book, trees and paper, for this fun activity designed to celebrate Arbor Month and LO Reads. All materials will be provided to make your own handmade paper. Use the special paper to make a tree note, or add some tree parts directly to your paper as you make it.

Children's Library, 706 4th St, 11:00 a.m.

SAT | APRIL 12 | Storytime and Picture Book Giveaway



Bring the entire family to the Children's Library for a reading of the picture book, *How to Read a Book*, by Kwame Alexander. Copies of the book will be available for free, while supplies last, thanks to generous community support of the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library. **Children's Library, 706 4th St, 10:30 a.m.**

THURS | APRIL 17 | Teen Book Club



The Lake Oswego Public Library invites teens to read diversely and meet on the Third Thursday of every month for snacks and a lively book discussion. In April, we will be discussing Lake Oswego Reads selection *How To Read a Book* by Monica Wood. All participants are eligible to receive a free copy of the book. Pick-up available at the front desk of the Library in April. **Library, 706 4th St, 6:00 p.m.**

TUESDAYS | APRIL | Teen Book Tok

A weekly book suggestion and review based on books of similar themes to our LO Reads selection, *How To Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Every Tuesday in April. On Instagram Reels.

Support Portland Books Through Bars

Join us in making a difference by donating to the Portland Books Through Bars drive throughout the month of April located near the library's front entryway. Here's how you can help:

- **Donate Gently Used Books**
- **Grant a Book Wish**
- **Donate Postage**

Portland Books Through Bars works tirelessly to provide books to those behind bars, offering opportunities for education, empowerment, and connection. Let's ensure more people have access to the transformative power of reading. Together, we can make a difference—one book at a time!

Learn more about this organization at www.pdxbooks.org.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		LIBRARIAN-LED BOOK DISCUSSION (LIBRARY) 2 P.M. FIRST TUESDAY MUSIC (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>	OSWEGO HERITAGE COUNCIL CHAUTAQUA WITH LO READS (OSWEGO HERITAGE HOUSE) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	HISTORY OF DRUNK DRIVING LAWS (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>		LO READS CELEBRATION OF BOOKS (LIBRARY) 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>
ANATOMY OF A BOOK: CRAFT CLASS (LIBRARY) 2 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	LO READS ART SHOW (LAKEWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS) 6 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	INSIDE-OUT PRISON EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH REIKO HILLYER (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	THE BOOK BUSINESS (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>		KIDS' EVENT: LO READS ARBOR DAY (LIBRARY) 11 A.M. <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	THE OREGON WAY & STAFF WELLNESS AT COFFEE CREEK (OSWEGO HERITAGE HOUSE) 10 A.M. KIDS' STORYTIME & PICTURE BOOK GIVEAWAY (LIBRARY) 10:30 A.M. <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
CREATE A RESILIENCE MAP (LIBRARY) 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. ONLINE: A BOOKISH AFFAIR (VIRTUAL) 11 A.M. <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>		EVERYTHING CHANGES EVERYTHING (LAKE THEATER & CAFE) 6:30 - 8 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	HOUSING & RESOURCE NAVIGATION AFTER RELEASE (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	ASSOCIATES LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION (LAKEWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS) 10 A.M. TEEN BOOK CLUB (LIBRARY) 6 P.M. ONLINE: LOPL TRIVIA (VIRTUAL) 7 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
		THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FORMULA (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	LIVE MAN WALKING: WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE GUILTY? (LIBRARY) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	LIBRARIAN-LED BOOK DISCUSSION (LIBRARY) 1 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>		HYBRID: BUILDING BRIDGES BOOK GROUP (LIBRARY/ONLINE) 10 A.M. <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
CREATE A RESILIENCE MAP (LIBRARY) 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. PRISON THEATRE SYMPOSIUM (LIBRARY) 2 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>		WORLD CINEMA SERIES: THE PAINTER AND THE THIEF (LAKE THEATER & CAFE) 5:30 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">29</p>		LO READS AUTHOR PRESENTATION: MONICA WOOD (LAKERIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM) 7 P.M. <p style="text-align: right;">1</p>		<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>

EVENT ADDRESSES

Lake Theater and Cafe
106 N State Street

Lake Oswego Public Library
706 4th Street

Lakeridge High School Auditorium
1235 Overlook Drive

Lakewood Center for the Arts
368 S. State Street

Oswego Heritage House
398 Tenth Street

West Waluga Park
15775 Waluga Drive

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