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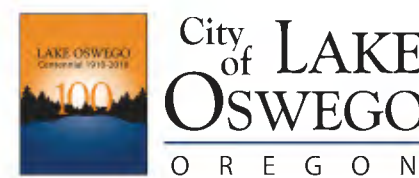
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Passport

Pick up a "Passport" at the Lake Oswego Library or at any Lake Oswego Reads event and get it stamped at each Lake Oswego Reads event you attend throughout February. Bring your passport, with at least three stamps, to the final event at the Library on February 28. The drawing will be at 8:00 pm and you must be present to win the prize.



About the Author

Naomi Benaron was born and raised in Boston, MA and currently lives in Tucson, AZ. She is a graduate of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Antioch University, Los Angeles, and Scripps University of Oceanography, San Diego. She has lived on a sailboat, worked on a Kibbutz, and traveled extensively. Her novel *Running the Rift* won the 2010 Beilwether Prize for fiction, a prize awarded for a first novel that has discussed social engagement within its literature. She is also the author of *Love Letter from a Fat Man*, a collection of short stories, which won the 2006 G. S. Sharat Chandra Prize for Fiction. She currently teaches at the UCLA Writers' program and mentors Afghan women through the Afghan Women's Writing Project, an online space where the women of Afghanistan can write in safety and freedom. She is a marathon runner and an Ironman triathlete.

High School

Both Lake Oswego high schools are participating in Lake Oswego Reads for the seventh year. Lake Oswego High School and Lakeridge High School will incorporate themes from *Running the Rift* in selected English class curriculum and art classes.

Book Summary

This novel tells the story of Jean Patrick Nkuba, a boy with Olympic dreams in the 800 meter race, and his family as they struggle to survive the Hutu-Tutsi conflict in Rwanda. Despite the troubles the characters experience, the novel celebrates love and unity as powerful forces of hope.

Lake Oswego Reads

Lake Oswego Public Library invites the entire community to participate in this year's Lake Oswego Reads program. The success of the past six years' programs demonstrates our community's love of books, intellectual pursuits and thoughtful discussion. During the month of February the Library, local schools, businesses and organizations will offer special programs and festivities connected with *Running the Rift*. The food, music, and history of Rwanda, will be celebrated and explored. Read or listen to the book by checking it out at the Library, downloading it or purchasing it at Graham's Book & Stationery. *Running the Rift* is also available on Kindle that can be checked out at the Library. Attend an event even if you have not read the book!



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Running the Rift

Schedule of Events

All events are free except when noted

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| January 7 <i>Running the Rift</i> Kick Off Event & Book Giveaway (Library) 6:30 pm |  |  | | JANUARY 31 Film-Documentary with Co-Director Emmanuel Habimana (Lewis & Clark College) 7:15 pm | Presentation by Carl Wilkens (Lake Oswego City Hall) 7 pm | Opening Party featuring a Dance Demonstration (Step it Up Studios) 7 pm |
|  | Olympians Panel Discussion (Lakewood) 7 pm | Rwandan Music: performed by Eric Sifa (Library) 7 pm | Victoria Trabosh's Life Changing Story (Heritage House) 7 pm | Art Unveiling Reception & Month-long Art Show (Graham's & Chrisman Gallery) 6-7:30 pm | Book Discussion (ACC) 1 pm | •Peace Corps/Tyler Russ (Heritage House) 10 am • Read Across America Concert (Library) 11 am (Graham's) 1-2:30 |
| | Presentation by Evan Thomas Ph.D. (Library) 7 pm | Lopez Lomong's Story (Lakeridge HS) 7 pm | • Performing Arts Presentation (Library) 1 pm • Movie: Rwanda Do Scars Ever Fade? With Paul Freedman (Arts Council) 7 pm | Valentine's Day | Book Discussion (Library) 4 pm | Three Different Stories from Rwandan College Students (Library) 11 am |
|  | Presidents' Day | Tracing the Political Pulse of Rwanda Through Time (Library) 7 pm | Hear the Author: Portrait of the Author as a Young? How a Scientist Came to write about Rwanda (LOHS) 7 pm | Book Discussion (Moonstruck) 7 pm | •Rwandan Luncheon (ACC) 12 pm \$5 •Cooking Class (In Good Taste) 6 pm \$65 | 8K Fun Run (Library) 9 am |
| | Trivia Bowl Competition (Chuck's) 7 pm | Book Discussion (Library) 7 pm | Adam Bacher - A Day in the Life (Marylhurst) 7 pm | Geological Extravaganza (Library) 7 pm |  |  |

Event Addresses

Adult Community Center (ACC)
505 G Ave. 503.635.3758

Arts Council of Lake Oswego
510 1st St. 503.675.3738

Bank of America
400 4th St. 503.635.1561

Chrisman Picture Frame & Gallery
480 Second St. 503.635.5326

Chuck's Place
148 B Avenue 503.675.7861

Graham's Book & Stationery
460 2nd St. 503.636.5676

In Good Taste Cooking School
6302 SW Meadows Rd. 503.248.2015

Lakewood Center for the Arts
368 S. State St. 503.635.6338

Lake Oswego City Hall
Council Chamber 380 A Ave.

Lake Oswego High School
2501 Country Club Rd.
503.534.2313

Lake Oswego Library
706 Fourth St. 503.636.7628

Lewis & Clark College
Council Chamber-Templeton
0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd.
Portland 503.768.7000

Marylhurst University
17600 Pacific Hwy #43
503.636.8141

Moonstruck Chocolate Cafe
45 South State St. 503.697.7097

Oswego Heritage House
398 10th St. 503.635.6373

Oswego Lake Country Club
20 Iron Mountain Blvd.
503.636.3631

Step it Up Studios
101 A. Ave. 503.744.0105

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