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### **SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 100th ANNIVERSARY 1908-2008**

This April the Springfield Public Library marks its one hundredth anniversary. We're celebrating in style with a full month of special events. The "grandest" of our events is the community gala, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from noon-3:00.

All citizens are invited to the Springfield Public Library 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash. Here to welcome them will be Mayor Leiken surrounded by Charlie Brown, Portland's extraordinarily funny and fantastic juggler, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and Pig from *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*. There will also be music from the Springfield High School Jazz Ensemble and the Old Time Music Players. Children's activities taking place during the open house will include balloon twisting fun by "Tied in Knots" and a musical book walk awarding books for prizes. Of course birthday cake will be served !

Come and wish the Springfield Public Library a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at this fantastic afternoon of celebration. Here is the time line for activities that day:

- \*Springfield High School Jazz Ensemble (12:00-1:00 pm)
- \*Mayor Sid Leiken, Interim Library Director Debbie Steinman-Welcome (1:00 pm)
- \*Charlie Brown, Portland Juggler Extraordinaire and a Comic too (1:15 pm)
- \*Old-Time Music Players (2:15-3:00 pm)
- \*Birthday cake, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Pig and "Tied in Knots" Balloon Twisting Fun, a musical book walk for children with book prizes and historical displays in the library and the City Gallery. (12:00-3:00 pm)

#### Other events through out the month:

- \*Tuesday, April 8, 7:00-9:00, library meeting room - OSPA Poetry Reading featuring poets David Hedges, Karen Lindley and Jenny Root and presented by the Eugene-Springfield Chapter of the OSPA

\*Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 pm, Wildish Theatre 630 Main Street - Award winning mystery and science fiction author, Kate Wilhelm, will give a reading and share remarks about her writing. Among her numerous awards are the Hugo and Nebula, the Kurt Lasswitz Award from Germany, and the Prix Apollo from France. Her work has been translated into more than a dozen languages.

\*Monday, April 28, 5:00-7:00 pm, in the library - Dia de los Ninos! Join our celebration of the Day of the Child, recognizing the International Rights of Children with music, games and refreshments for the whole family.

Further events are listed on our website: <http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/library> or pick up a calendar at the library.

**What:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Springfield Public Library

**When:** Throughout April but with an emphasis on Gala Community event: Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** With the exception of Kate Wilhelm appearing at the Wildish Theatre (4/22), all events are at the Springfield Public Library

**Additional Information:** Contact Judy Harold 517-1859 or Carrie Schindele-Cupples 726-3766

Pictures available of Clifford and children, also of 1908 library or of children in black and white from the fifties.

Gracious sponsors of this event include: Cressey Charitable Trust; John C. Dewenter, attorney-at-law; SELCO; Siuslaw Bank; Emerald Property Mgt, Inc; Brandt Financial Services, Inc.; Springfield Utility Board; Springfield Buick; Jerry's Home Improvement Center; Pacific Source Health Plans and ING Financial Advisers and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.