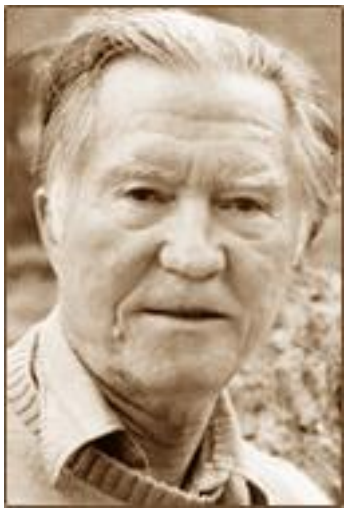
2014 - William Stafford



Lake Oswego Reads was proud to join Oregon Reads in the statewide celebration of William Stafford's centennial! Poet William Stafford had a close tie to Lake Oswego, having lived here for many years, and throughout the month of February we celebrated that tie by exploring some of his many poems and highlighting other works by this prolific author. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen weather conflicts, five events had to be cancelled, but we still hosted eighteen events that brought together community members to commemorate our venerable former Poet Laureate. Some of these events included a screening of the award-winning documentary *Every War Has Two Losers* with filmmaker Haydn Reiss, meet and greets with two artists that have created illustrations for Stafford's works, a sold-out celebration at the Newmark Theatre, a presentation by Stafford's son Kim (including a dessert hosted by the Lake Oswego Women's Club), and several wonderful poetry readings and discussions, including one with Louisiana Poet Laureate Ava Leavell Haymon. People also had the opportunity to visit the Library and view a beautiful collection of handmade quilts inspired by Stafford's poems, as well as a selection of some of Stafford's own photographs.

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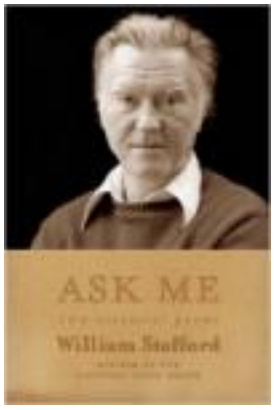
  - 

    January 7: Kickoff and Book Giveaway

    Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the 8th annual Lake Oswego Reads! Pick up one of over eight hundred free copies of *Ask Me*, a collection of one hundred of William Stafford's essential poems in celebration of the poet's centennial.

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  January 22: Meet Dennis Cunningham, Illustrator of William Stafford's The Osage Orange Tree

  Wednesday, January 22, 5:30-7:30 pm at Marylhurst University, Shoen Library: Streff Gallery, 17600 Pacific Hwy #43. While best known for his block prints, Dennis Cunningham is a multi-talented artist. He started his career as a painter, and he regularly teaches classes in metal sculpture, two-dimensional design, and pastel drawing.

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  UPDATE: Kim Stafford's Presentation on February 13

  Check this out: http://youtu.be/pmOds9pF8cg

  Tualatin Valley Community TV taped Kim Stafford's presentation on February 13.

  The program will playback on these days thru the end of May.

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  February 3: William Stafford Discussion Group #1

  Monday, February 3, 3:00 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. Join in a special William Stafford Discussion Group! Come share one of your favorite Stafford poems and discuss his life and works with your fellow poetry enthusiasts.

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  February 3: Words That Burn: A Dramatization of World War II Experiences of William Stafford, Lawson Inada and Guy Gabaldon in Their Own Words

  Monday, February 3, 7:00 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. World War II built many walls. In Europe, walls of barbed wire surrounded death camps for Jews. Here in the United States, Japanese-Americans were confined in internment camps, and conscientious objectors in Civilian Public Service camps.

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  February 4: Paula Sinclair Sings Stafford Poems and enjoy coffee donated by Chuck's Place

  Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. Singer/composer Paula Sinclair was inspired to set her most beloved poems to original music starting in 2006, interpreting the poems' feel and imagery through vocals and acoustic guitar.

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  February 5: Hear Stafford Bibliographer, Jeremy Skinner

  Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 pm at Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th Street. Jeremy Skinner will speak about the history of William Stafford's life as a writer from what he learned while developing the recently published master work *William Stafford: An Annotated Bibliography*.

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  CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER! February 6: Art Unveiling Reception & Month-long Art

Show

Because of this afternoon/evening's snow threat, we are canceling the LO Reads Art Unveiling Reception at Graham's Stationery & Chrisman's scheduled for tonight. However, when the weather cooperates, please come enjoy the art which will remain on display through February!

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  February 7: Lewis & Clark College Two-day Symposium CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER

  Day #1: Friday, February 7, 3:00 - 5:15 pm; Day #2: Saturday, February 8, 9:30 - 6:00 pm. 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road, Portland, Miller Hall. Free, but please register (link at bottom of page under "Web Links). A free two-day symposium, "You Must Revise Your Life" – Stafford at 100, a Celebration and Reassessment...
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  February 7: Centennial Celebration at the Newmark featuring Li-Young Lee and Ted Kooser: SOLD OUT!

  Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm at Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland. Tickets $19 - $57 at: http://www.portland5.com.

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  February 8: Children's Program: Little Big Foot Puppet Show CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER

  Saturday, February 8, 11:00 am at Lake Oswego Public Library. Little Big Foot is lost in the woods. The other animals offer comfort while he tries to find his dad. Enjoy a humorous musical adventure in an enchanted forest with a magical puppet cast by Penny's Puppet Productions.

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  February 9: Lake Oswego Reads Bike Ride-CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER

  Sunday, February 9, 12:15 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. William Stafford was often seen riding his bike around Lake Oswego. Join former mayor Jack Hoffman and Police Chief Don Johnson for a refreshing, picturesque bike ride past the home of William Stafford, along River Road, and ends at Foothills Park. Be sure to stay for the poetry reading following...
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  February 9: Docent Led Walk and Poetry Reading by Anushka Nair and Others at the Stafford Stones CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER

  Sunday, February 9, 1:30 pm at the covered shelter in Foothills Park,199 Foothills Rd. Enjoy a poetry reading in beautiful Foothills Park at the historic Stafford Stones, a ring of basalt columns engraved with William Stafford's poetry.

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  February 10: Film Screening of Every War Has Two Losers and meet the Director, Haydn Reiss

  Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm at Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S State Street. Since 1994, Haydn Reiss has been making a series of documentaries on poets. These include *William Stafford & Robert Bly: A Literary Friendship* and the award-winning *Rumi: Poet of the Heart*.

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  February 13: Enjoy Dessert and Hear Kim Stafford Speak

  Thursday, February 13 at Lake Oswego High School Cafeteria and Auditorium, 2501 Country Club Road. Dessert - 6:00 pm, Kim Stafford - 7:00 pm. Following a complimentary community dessert buffet hosted by Lake Oswego Women's Club in the Lake Oswego High School Cafeteria, William Stafford's son Kim will be speaking in the high school's...
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  February 14: William Stafford Discussion Group #2

  Friday, February 14, 1:00 pm at Adult Community Center, Acorn Room, 505 G Avenue. Join in a special Valentine's Day Edition William Stafford Discussion Group! Come share one of your favorite Stafford poems and discuss his life and works with your fellow poetry enthusiasts. In celebration of the holiday feel free to bring in one of his more romantic poems.

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  February 16: Henry Carlile Poetry Reading

  Sunday, February 16, 7:00 pm at Holy Names Heritage Center, 17425 Holy Names Drive. Poet Henry Carlile will read from his most recent publication, *Oregon* . A native of San Francisco, Carlile grew up in the Pacific Northwest. His poems have appeared in American Poetry Review, Poetry, Shenandoah, Southern Poetry Review, and numerous other journals.

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  February 19: Meet the Illustrator of Everyone Out Here Knows: A Big Foot Tale, Angelina

Marino-Heidel

Wednesday, February 19, 11:45 am at Oswego Lake Country Club, 20 Iron Mountain Blvd. $21 per person for lunch. Register by calling 503-636-3634. Meet the Illustrator of *Everyone Out Here Knows: A Big Foot Tale*, by Angelina Marino-Heidel This newly released children's picture book has already received acclaim and endorsements.

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  February 20: Poetry Slam!

  Thursday, February 20, 3:30 pm at Lake Oswego High School, Black Box, 2501 Country Club Road. Everyone is welcome to hear high school students from Lakeridge and Lake Oswego participate in a William Stafford Poetry Slam. At this noncompetitive performance students will recite their favorite Stafford poems.

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  February 21: William Stafford Discussion Group #3

  Friday, February 21, 1:00 pm at Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course Restaurant, 17525 Stafford Road. Join in a special William Stafford Discussion Group! Come share one of your favorite Stafford poems and discuss his life and works with your fellow poetry enthusiasts.

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  February 22: Stafford Exhibit Tour with Doug Erickson

  Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am at Lewis & Clark College, Aubrey R. Watzek Library Atrium, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road, Portland. Admission is free but registration is required. **RSVP to Cyndie Glazer at (503) 675-2538** or **cglazer@ci.oswego.or.us**.

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- February 25: Stafford Literary Landmark Plaque Dedication with a poetry reading by Anushka Nair

  Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. The American Library Association has selected the Lake Oswego Library as a Literary Landmark honoring William Stafford.

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  February 25: Hear Louisiana Poet Laureate Ava Leavell Haymon

  Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. Ava Leavell Haymon has published several poetry collections with the Louisiana State University Press and her poems have appeared in journals nationwide. She has also been awarded several prizes, including the Louisiana Literature Prize for poetry, the L.E.

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  February 26: William Stafford Discussion Group #4

  Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm at Lake Oswego Public Library. Join in a special William Stafford Discussion Group! Come share one of your favorite Stafford poems and discuss his life and works with your fellow poetry enthusiasts.

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- March 7: Antiphony / Epiphany: Visual Responses to William Stafford Presented by the Arts Council of Lake Oswego

  Friday, March 7, 6:00 pm at 510 Museum & ARTspace, 510 First Street, Lake Oswego. Hear artist Dennis Cunningham speak about his linocut illustrations from Stafford's short story, "The Osage Orange Tree" which will be on exhibit, along with Poetry Broadsides loaned from the Lewis & Clark archival collection from February 7 to the end of...
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- February and March: "The Osage Orange Tree" Linocuts and Poetry Broadsides Exhibit

  Dennis Cunningham's linocut illustrations for Stafford's short story "The Osage Orange Tree" will be on exhibit, along with Poetry Broadsides loaned from the Lewis & Clark archival collection at 510 Museum and ARTspace, 510 1st St.

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- February: Stafford Photograph Display in the Stairway

  Photographs taken by William Stafford will be on display at the Lake Oswego Library during the month of February. This exhibit features works from the William Stafford Archives housed at Lewis & Clark College. Over the course of 40 years William Stafford accumulated many thousands of photographs of fellow poets, family, friends, and Lewis & Clark College faculty.

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- February: William Stafford Art Exhibition

  The interpretations of William Stafford's poetry by 18 talented artists will be on display throughout the month of February in Graham's Book & Stationary, 460 2nd St. Art by Lake Oswego High School and Lakeridge High School will be on display during February at Chrisman Picture Frame and Gallery, 480 2nd St.

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  - January and February: William Stafford Inspired Quilt Display

    Step into Stafford's beloved flora and fauna of Oregon as seen through the eyes of local quilters.

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  - January: Lewis & Clark College Student Art Display

    Nine Lewis & Clark College art students were selected to create visual responses to Stafford's poetry. This exhibit will be on display at the Lake Oswego Library during January.

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  - Kim Stafford Talk Pre-Show Slideshow

    On February 13th, 2014 Kim Stafford, son of William Stafford, gave a presentation at Lake Oswego High School, preceded by dessert. On this evening he spoke of his father's writing habits and the effects it had on his life. Here is the slideshow that went before his talk.

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