

The Smithsonian Institution,
the American Library Association, and the Cottage Grove Public Library present:
“Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean To Be Human”?
All Events Free! February 17 to March 12, 2016 Everyone Welcome!
For more information: Cottage Grove Public Library: 541-942-3828: cottagetrovepubliclibrary.org

Wednesday February 17th, 6-8 PM

Science Program: Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean To Be Human?

How can scientific discoveries on human evolution connect with larger understandings of what it means to be human? Join **Dr. Rick Potts**, paleoanthropologist and curator of the Human Origins Exhibit, as he explores the main themes and messages of the traveling exhibit. The talk and following conversation will explore how fossils, archeological remains, and genetic studies shed light on our connection with the natural world and the origins of sharing, caring, and innovation. **Andrea Eller**, Doctoral Student, Lab Manager and Assistant Curator of the Comparative Osteology Collection at the University of Oregon, Department of Anthropology, will give a presentation on the activities of she and her team. Her work focuses on detecting signatures of variability selection in monkeys and apes, and her team is exploring the role of climate when interpreting the fossil record and other biological data.

Thursday February 18th, 6-8 PM

Exploring the Meanings of Human Evolution: A Community Conversation

How do scientific discoveries about human origins relate to people’s personal understanding of the world and their place in it? **Drs. Connie Bertka** and **Jim Miller**, co-chairs of the Smithsonian Institution’s Broader Social Impacts Committee, will encourage a community conversation about human evolution that helps us to understand each other’s perspectives, to identify areas of common interest or concern, and to explore the variety of ways human evolution connects to personal meaning. They will be joined by **Drs. Rick Potts** and **Briana Pobiner** from the Smithsonian’s Human Origins Program.

Monday February 22, 6-8 PM

Human Origins Full Moon Celebration!

Full Moon Celebration! Indigenous music! “Cave Painting”! Everyone Welcome.

Thursday February 25, 6-8 PM

Cottage Grove Wisdom Seekers Tour and Discussion

Exhibit tour and discussion: “What does it mean to be Human”? Everyone Welcome!

Saturday February 27, 1:30-3:30 PM

Human Origins Tour and Family Art Event

“Cave Painting” with Tinika at the Library! Come join in the fun! Everyone Welcome!

Thursday March 3, 6-8 PM

Human Origins Oregon: 15000 Years of History

Presentation and talk with **Dennis Jenkins**, U of O Museum of Natural History Archaeologist.

Monday March 7, 6-8 PM

U of O Anthropology Department Presentation & Panel Discussion

Andrea Eller, and the Osteology Lab Team, Colin Brand, Julia Arenson, and Carly Pate, will present current work and opportunities within the world of contemporary Anthropology. Everyone Welcome!

Thursday March 10, 6-8 PM

Science and Human Origins: What does the Evidence Say?

Speakers: Ann Gauger & Richard Sternberg. Hosted by local Cottage Grove Churches.

Saturday March 12, 2:30-3:30

Oregon’s Native American Cultures, Artifacts and Traditions

University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History family friendly event!