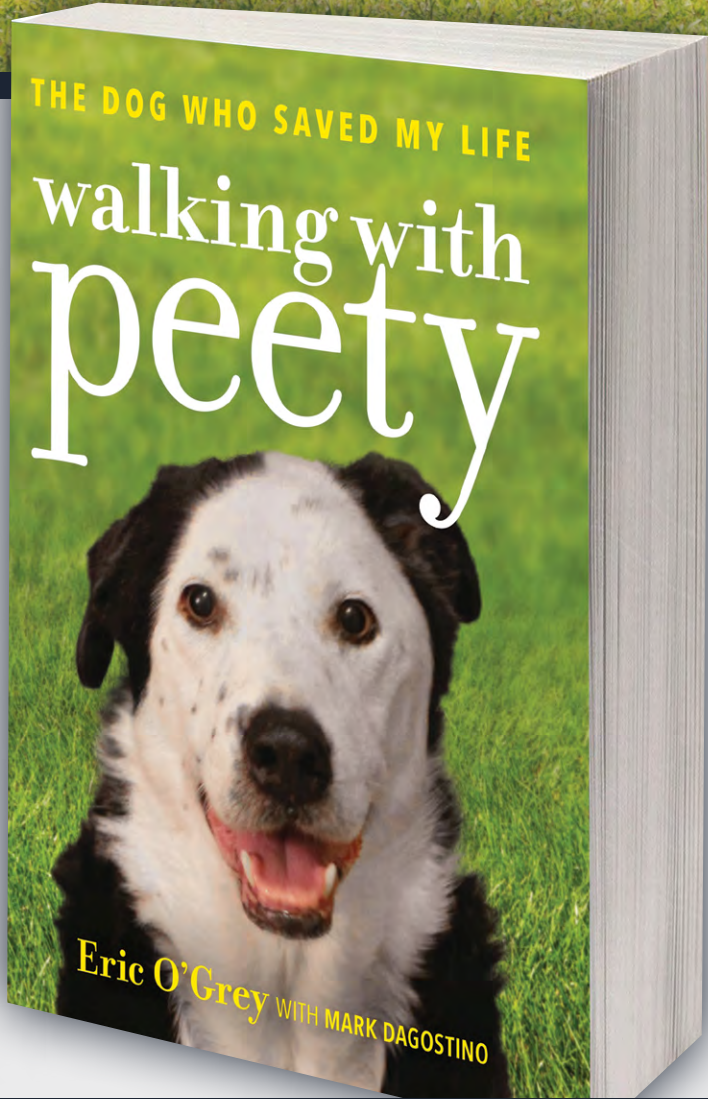


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# SALEM READS:

ONE BOOK,  ONE COMMUNITY



Salem Reads fifth season features:

***Walking with Peety*** by Eric O'Grey  
**Read the Book. Discuss the Topics. Enjoy the Programs.**

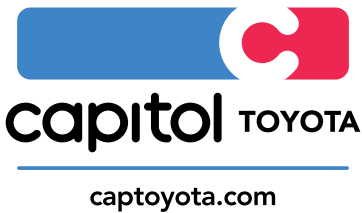
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Eric O'Grey, Author

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

» **Tuesday, December 8 | 4-6pm** Y  
**Salem Public Library at Broadway,  
1400 Broadway NE**

## ***Walking with Peety* Book Giveaway**

Pick up a free copy to keep of the Salem Reads chosen title, *Walking with Peety*. Limit: One per visitor. The book can also be purchased at Friends Book Store, Salem Book Bin, and Reader's Guide. We hope you will join us for the fifth season of Salem Reads in February 2021.

» **Wednesday, February 3 through  
February 25** Y  
**Elsinore Fine Art Gallery, 444 Ferry Street SE  
M-F 9am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, groups of 10  
or less welcomed with masks**

## ***Walking with Peety* inspired Art Exhibit**

View the work of local professional artists inspired by reading *Walking with Peety*. Exhibit on display until February 25. Visit [salemlibrary.org](http://salemlibrary.org) or [here for more information](#).

» **Friday, January 22 | 9am**

## **KMUZ 100.7 Radio Show, Talking About Art**

Host Joel Zak presents an interview with *Walking with Peety* author Eric O'Grey and speaks with local artists participating in the Salem Reads Art Exhibit on display at the Elsinore Fine Art Gallery February 3-25.

» **Wednesday, January 27 | 8am**

## **KMUZ 100.7 Radio Show, Willamette Wakeup**

Host Melanie Zermer will present an interview with *Walking with Peety* author Eric O'Grey.

» **February 1 through 27 | Anytime** Y

## **Salem Reads: At Home and On the Go**

Be inspired by *Walking with Peety* all month long! Earn badges and prize drawing tickets by reading, viewing movies, showing up at Salem Reads events, and getting out into the community for the centerpiece Salem Stroll (see below) or other on-the-move experiences!

An All-Ages Challenge powered by Beanstack; sign up and track your progress at: [www.cityofsalem.beanstack.org/reader365](http://www.cityofsalem.beanstack.org/reader365)

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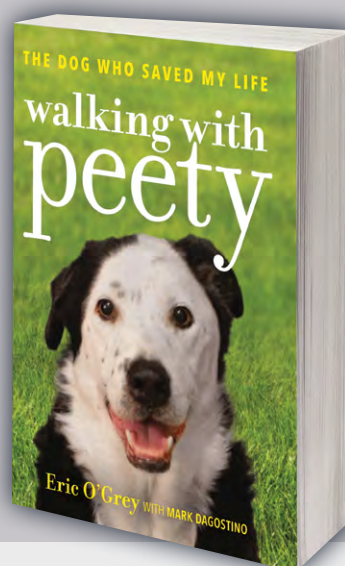
## **Walking With "Your Peety" - Salem Stroll**

As a special part of our All-Ages Challenge, take a walk with your furry friend, your human friends, or on your own during Salem Reads month. Walk options include 1K, 3K, or 5K paths at Salem's Riverfront Park as laid out by the Willamette Wanderers. Beginning walkers encouraged! Routes are accessible to all abilities, anything on wheels, and pet-friendly. Sign up and register at: [www.cityofsalem.beanstack.org/reader365](http://www.cityofsalem.beanstack.org/reader365)



Y = Youth (ages 10-18) High Appeal Event

» **Thursday, February 4 | 7-9pm** Y  
**Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access  
information on the day of the event at [salemlibrary.org](http://salemlibrary.org)**



## ***Walking with Peety* author Eric O'Grey speaks**

Eric O'Grey will speak about his memoir, the story of finding health and love with a shelter dog.



» **Friday, February 5 | 12-1pm** Y  
**Live on Zoom Webinar, register after January 11, 2021  
at [www.salemcityclub.com](http://www.salemcityclub.com)  
Salem City Club members free, non-members \$5**



**BJ Andersen**

## **Salem City Club presents Willamette Humane Society**

BJ Andersen, Executive Director of the Willamette Humane Society, believes that *Walking with Peety* and the Willamette Humane Society value something in common: the power of the people-animal bond. Join us to hear Andersen speak about the Willamette Humane

Society, the challenges and rewards of working in animal welfare, successfully matching companion animals with people, and the positive impacts of pets on people in our community.



» **Saturday, February 6 | 2-3:30pm** Y  
**Live on Zoom; Sign up to receive Zoom access  
information on the day of the event at [salemlibrary.org](http://salemlibrary.org)**

## **How to Find Your New Best Friend: Pet Adoption Information Session**

Join members of the Willamette Humane Society and Marion County Dog Services staff as they discuss adopting a shelter pet. They'll answer questions such as: What is the life of a shelter dog like? What are the benefits of adopting an adult dog instead of a puppy? What kinds of backgrounds do rescue animals have? What do I need to know to ensure a dog is a good fit? How long does it take to settle in and bond with an adopted animal? Do I have to do dog sports to keep my pet happy and exercised?



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» **Tuesday, February 9 | 7-8pm**  
Live on Zoom; [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)

**Virtual Book Club**

Pass a pleasant evening in the comfort of your own home while sharing your thoughts about the story and themes of *Walking with Peety*.

» **Wednesday, February 10 | 7-8:30pm**  
Live on Zoom; The workshop is free. Space is limited. [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)



**Meredith Krugel**

**Practicing Mindfulness Workshop**

Mindfulness is a practice of paying attention, on purpose, to the present moment non-judgmentally. Learning and refreshing the practice of mindfulness may enrich your sense of wellbeing, your relationships, and your appreciation of daily life and help you cope with stressors.

In this workshop, we will discover mindfulness experientially while focusing on the present moment in our mind, hearts and bodies. This session will be led by Meredith Krugel, a registered nurse and Licensed Clinical Social Worker who is also a certified mindfulness teacher.

» **Monday, February 15** Y  
Deadline to enter February 15, Voting starts February 19, Awards February 27

**Furry Best Friends Photo Contest**

Think your pets are the most adorable and photogenic pets around? Of course you do! Now, you have a chance to prove it. Salem-area pet owners are invited to submit up to two photos (per household) of the pets that share their homes. We will be awarding prizes in the following categories: Pets in Clothes; Pets in Nature; Pets and their People; Pets at Home; Pets with their Animal Friends. Judges will narrow the entries to a Top 10 in each category, with the final decision made by public voting in late February. Visit [salemlibrary.org](#) for a link to the online entry form, or [sign up here](#).



» **Tuesday, February 16 | 7-8pm**  
Live on Zoom; The workshop is free. Space is limited. [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)

**Zentangle Workshop for Beginners**

Come learn a drawing practice that anyone who can draw these letters: CISO, can do. In learning these simple patterns and techniques, you can increase your creativity, reduce your stress, and find a new creative outlet to add to your life experience. This workshop is taught by Linda Lockwood, certified Zentangle instructor.



» **Wednesday, February 17 | 10-11am**  
Live on Zoom; [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)



**Susan Gallagher**

**Walking: Shoes and Getting Started**

Are you inspired by *Walking With Peety* to begin your own journey to an active, healthy lifestyle? Join Susan Gallagher of Gallagher Fitness Resources as she discusses why being “on your feet” matters, how to get started, and the basics of how good shoes make a difference to your walking success. Q&A to follow.

» **Thursday, February 18 | 7-8:30pm**  
Live on Zoom; [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)

**Dog Trivia Night with Kelly Williams Brown**

Join Salem-based, nationally acclaimed author Kelly Williams Brown for a night of pub-style trivia all inspired by Eric O’Grey’s relationship with the prince of pets. Dogs, dogs, and more dogs will inspire the questions and the prizes for this night of trivia fun.



» **Saturday, February 20 | 9am-12pm**  
Live on Zoom; The workshop is free. Space is limited. [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)

**Memoir Writing Workshop**

Ready to start writing your memoir? Melissa Hart will teach you how to choose a theme and/or era around which to shape a memoir. She’ll help deepen your understanding of setting, characterization, dialogue, narrative arc, and theme. You’ll come away with a solid sense of how to begin your memoir and sustain its creation from the first to the final page.

» **Wednesday, February 24 | 10-11am**  
Live on Zoom; [Sign up to receive Zoom access information on the day of the event at salemlibrary.org](#)

**Virtual Book Club**

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» **Saturday, February 27 | 9am-11am** Y  
Salem Public Library at Broadway, 1400 Broadway NE



**Everyday Biking in Salem**

At 9am, the HUB Repair Stand Bus will open and offer free bike safety checks and minor repairs as time allows. From 9:30 to 10:30am, local bike experts, Angela and Gary Obery, will lead an onsite Q&A for anyone wanting advice on gear, routes, and strategies for adding bike rides to your everyday life. Stop by and have your questions answered, pick up resources, and enter to win a door prize.



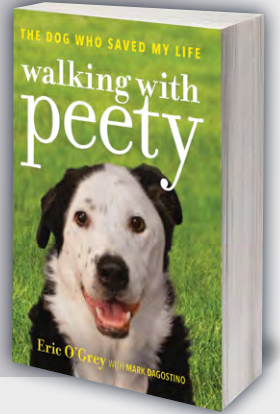
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## »» Salem Reads

Salem Reads is a community reads project that invites everyone in Salem to read the same book, take part in discussions, and enjoy related programs throughout the month of February 2021. The Salem Public Library Foundation sees Salem Reads as an opportunity to increase the Library's visibility, and act as a catalyst to bring the community together for discussions relevant to our time. Our selection of *Walking with Peety*, allows broad community engagement as we offer programs on topics of importance to our city.

Salem Reads' chosen title, *Walking with Peety*, will be given away Tuesday, December 8 (details on page 2). 300 books will be distributed in a drive-through style pick up at the Broadway Branch, 1400 Broadway NE. If you miss the giveaway, we have 45 library copies in circulation. Place a hold and pick it up through the Library's Curbside Service.


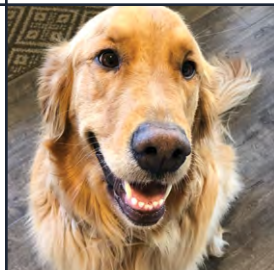

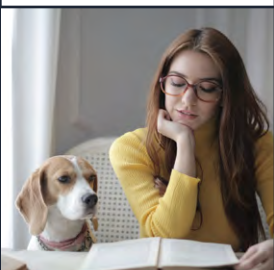


## FEBRUARY 2021

*Walking with Peety* by Eric O'Grey

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> <b>Jan 31- Feb 15:</b> <b>Submit pet photos</b> <b>for contest</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Feb 1-27: All-Ages</b> <b>Online Activity</b> <b>Challenge</b> Salem Reads: At Home and on the Go <a href="#">Register online</a>	<b>2</b> <b>Feb 2-27: Salem</b> <b>Stroll-Walking with</b> <b>your Peety</b> Salem Reads: At Home and on the Go <a href="#">Register online</a>	<b>3</b> <b>Art Exhibit Opens</b> 444 Ferry St SE Groups of 10 or less welcome with masks	<b>4</b> <b>Eric O'Grey, Author</b> <b>Talk</b> Zoom 7-9 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Salem City Club</b> <b>presents Willamette</b> <b>Humane Society</b> Willamette Humane Society Zoom   Noon-1pm	<b>6</b> <b>Pet Adoption Info</b> <b>Session</b> Willamette Humane and Marion County Zoom 2-3:30pm
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Virtual Book Club</b> Zoom 7-8pm	<b>10</b> <b>Mindfulness</b> <b>Workshop</b> Zoom 7-8:30pm		<b>12</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Pet Photo Contest:</b> <b>Deadline</b>  <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Zentangle</b> <b>Workshop</b> Zoom 7-8pm	<b>17</b> <b>Walking: Shoes and</b> <b>Getting Started</b> Zoom 10-11am	<b>18</b> <b>Dog Trivia Night</b> Zoom 7-8:30pm	<b>19</b> <b>Voting starts for</b> <b>Pet Photo contest</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Memoir Writing</b> <b>Workshop</b> Zoom 9am-noon
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Virtual Book Club</b> Zoom 10-11am		<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Everyday Biking</b> <b>in Salem</b> Library on Broadway 9-11am  <b>Pet Photo Contest:</b> Winners announced online
		For easy access to live links, please go to our website, <a href="http://splfoundation.org">splfoundation.org</a> , and use the dropdown Salem Reads tab.		 Like Salem (OR) Public Library on Facebook and get Salem Reads updates.		

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