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**LAKE OSWEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SPONSOR AN
OREGON CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM FROM
THE OREGON COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES**

The Lake Oswego Public Library is pleased to sponsor an Oregon Chautauqua program by Mark Eifler entitled *Lewis and Clark and the International Competition for Oregon*. This free, public program will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Library located at 706 4th Street, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The Pacific Northwest coast was a hotbed of international competition between 1775 and 1815, when four nations—Spain, Russian, Great Britain, and the United States—sought control of the region. By the time of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, it was apparent that the key to regional dominance focused on the mouth of the Columbia River. Most students of American history are familiar with the scientific goals President Jefferson established for Corps of Discovery, but Jefferson also had his eye on political and economic power as he sought to map the vast territory recently purchased from France.

Although the Expedition did not make direct contact with representatives of the other nations, historian Mark Eifler will discuss the remarkable geopolitical ramifications of Lewis and Clark's journey: the end of Spain's already weak hold on the Pacific Northwest, a frenzy of Russian activity to seize the coast, and a further opening of the door for British fur traders.

Mr. Eifler's program is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. OCH is dedicated to providing opportunities for life-long learning in communities throughout Oregon. For more information about OCH or Oregon Chautauqua, please call Carol E. Hickman at (503) 241-0543.

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