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“Loowit’s Legend” Author, Erin O’Connell, To Sign at Oregon History Museum in Portland

Hood River (November 15, 2012) – Local author Erin O’Connell of Hood River, OR will join over 70 other Oregon authors at the Oregon Historical Society’s Holiday Cheer, an annual book sale and author celebration on Sunday, December 2. O’Connell will be signing her 2012 title “Loowit’s Legend: the Story of the Columbia River Gorge,” a 32-page, illustrated children’s book (illustrations by Diana Thewlis of Vancouver, WA) for readers ages 4 to 9.

In its 45th year, Holiday Cheer is a chance to celebrate the rich literary talents in Oregon, and it marks the start to the holiday season at the Oregon Historical Society. Authors will be on hand to speak to readers, sign, and sell their latest books until 4pm.

This year, authors will spread throughout the museum, selling everything from cook books to children’s books, to fiction, to historical books. All featured authors have had books published in 2012, though many will have older titles on hand. A full list of featured authors and descriptions of titles can be found at <http://ohs.org/shop/holiday-cheer.cfm>.

To add to the holiday cheer, local favorite “The Dicken’s Carolers” will be strolling through the museum and performing holiday songs from 1 to 2pm. Plus, visitors can enjoy tasty holiday desserts and hot cider while getting a jump start on holiday shopping.

Admission to Holiday Cheer is \$5 and it’s free for OHS members, Multnomah County residents, and children 17 and under. Event admission also includes access to all current museum exhibits.

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About the Author

Erin O’Connell is a writer residing in Hood River, OR, where she is currently at work on several other literary projects. She has degrees in advertising and marketing, and also works as an online marketing professional. This is her first work for children.

About the Oregon Historical Society

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon’s primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000

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artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.

About Parallel45

Parallel45 is a Pacific Northwest publishing company specializing in the creation and marketing of children's picture books with unique, regional appeal. Their products strive to embody the spirit of the Pacific Northwest and capture the inherent beauty and uniqueness of the region. In the first year of the company, the primary focus will be the production of a children's book titled: *Loowit's Legend, the Story of the Columbia River Gorge*. www.parallel45publishing.com

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