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## News Release

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### New Community Book Club

Cowlitz County Health Department is launching a new Community Book Club featuring a national bestseller, "The Ghost Map" by Steven Johnson. This book club is for everyone in the community. A public forum discussion on the book will be led by Dr. Jennifer Vines, Deputy Health Officer, on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kelso Senior Center, 900 Grade Street, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

The Health Department is inviting community members to join us in reading and discussing how the cholera epidemic in London changed the way we think of the spread of disease and population-based health. This book will keep you interested and wanting to read more. Grab the book for a quick read, and join us for free coffee and snacks, as well as good discussion.

Come pick up your FREE copy of "The Ghost Map" at the Health Department while supplies last. You may also check out the book from your local public library, or purchase it online.

**"Steven Johnson gives us history at its best: colorful, connected, and compelling. At the core is a medical mystery, or what today would be called an epidemiological detective story...A masterpiece of historical writing."**

**- The Seattle Times**

Check out the flyer and book club schedule on the health department website [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/health](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/health). For more information or questions regarding the new book club, contact April Stewart at 414-5586, or Jessica Bell at 501-1228.

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