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Spokane Public Library Open House for New LevelUp Space

Spokane, Washington – The Spokane Public Library will hold an open house at the Downtown Library on Friday, November 4th to celebrate the newly opened coworking space entitled, LevelUp. The open house is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a ribbon cutting and presentation from Library Director Andrew Chanse and Mayor David Codon at 2 p.m., followed by live music and an open art gallery as part of a First Friday event at 6:30 p.m.

The main area of LevelUp serves as a Coworking Space for individuals and groups to work, collaborate, and learn. Custom-made community tables with power and USB plugs along with a long laptop bar allows customers to bring their devices into the space. iMac computers loaded with design software are available for use as well as access to a high quality color printer. This space also houses a Bloomberg Terminal, giving Spokane residents access to an enormous wealth of real-time financial information from the market each day. Spokane Public Library is the second public library in the country to offer this service.

“Spokane is a very business-oriented community.” said the library’s Executive Director Andrew Chanse. “In addition, there are many entrepreneurs and business people working out of their homes who have always used library space and resources as a place away from home to do business. The hope and expectation for LevelUp is that it will make a difference in how Spokane innovates and creates economic opportunities,” Chanse said. “When people come together, they find ways to make more out of the resources available to them than they could do on their own. This means greater economic development in our community. We’re doing our best to keep in tune with what our community needs so that we can deliver the best environment for that to happen.”

LevelUp also includes a Hi-Tech Classroom with an interactive whiteboard and state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment, as well as a Collaboration Room equipped with a flat screen monitor for users to connect their computers and devices while sharing their screens with a small group. LevelUp is not only a meeting space, but serves as a place for entrepreneurs to learn skills and strategies to start their businesses.

About Spokane Public Library

Spokane Public Library delivers high quality education for all – opportunities to read, to learn, and discover the world. In accomplishing our mission, we keep in mind certain values that contribute to creating an open and welcoming place where all people can use the services of the library freely.

For general information about the library, please go to our website at www.SpokaneLibrary.org or call us at 509-444-5300.

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