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Second Annual Citizen Hall of Fame Finalists Announced

Spokane, WA— The Spokane Public Library Foundation in partnership with the City of Spokane and Spokane Public Library, announces the 2nd Annual Citizen Hall of Fame finalists chosen from more than 130 public nominations.

There are three finalists in six different categories. At the event on April 14th, one winner will be chosen in each category to be inducted into Spokane Citizen’s Hall of Fame. Here are the finalists and their categories:

Arts and Letters

David Dutton
Jess Walter
Jerrelene Williamson

Education

Patrick Jones
Tracy B. Walters
Carla Peperzak

Economic Development and Business

Stacey Cowles
Kerri Rodkey
Walt Worthy

Innovation and Leadership

Susan Ashe
Rich Hadley
Dr. Darin Neven

Public Service and Philanthropy

Jeanne Ager
Ira Amstadter
Marvo Reguindin

Science Health and Medicine

Dr. Greg Belenky
Dr. Jacob Deakins
Dr. Alan Hendrickson

The Spokane Citizen Hall of Fame recognizes individuals in the City of Spokane for their achievement in one of six categories while providing an opportunity to raise funds for the Spokane Public Library. The Spokane Public Library, as one of the centers of the community, is a resource to the citizens of Spokane and provides the tools and resources to enhance the lives of all citizens. The library is a valuable resource which includes experts, curators, and navigators of knowledge for our city and as such, nurtures outstanding citizens. Together, we want to honor these outstanding citizens who make Spokane great.

“Great citizens don’t just happen. Our community has a role to foster and grow great citizenry by the work we do together to advance opportunities for all people. The library is the community center for everyone. The Hall of Fame honors both the people who have made a difference in the community, and the library as the place for educational opportunities,” says Sarah Bain, development director for Spokane Public Library Foundation.

Citizens will be honored for their achievements in the following categories:

1. **Arts and Letters:** For activities that enhance and support the artistic/cultural and literary life and well-being of the community
2. **Economic Development and Business:** For entrepreneurial activity or significant contributions toward the economic betterment of Spokane
3. **Education:** For enriching and inspiring lifelong learning in our community
4. **Innovation and Leadership:** For activities that cultivate strong innovation and leadership city-wide
5. **Public Service and Philanthropy:** For exemplary voluntary and public service activities that benefit the community
6. **Science, Health and Medicine:** For individuals who have made significant contributions in the area of science or medicine

About Spokane Public Library Foundation

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Criteria for introduction into the Spokane Citizen Hall of Fame includes:

- Have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life and development of the city
- Be available on April 14, 2016 to attend the awards ceremony

Nomination Process

Nominations forms are available on the Spokane Public Library Foundation website: www.spokanelibraryfoundation.org, City Hall and all Library branches.

There will be a breakfast on Thursday, April 14 at 7:30am in the Grand Pennington Ballroom of the Davenport Hotel to announce the names of the honored individuals. Tickets are on sale now.

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