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Spokane Public Library Opens First Building from 2018 Library Bond Issue and Selects The Hive™ Artists-in-Residence

Spokane, Wash. – Spokane Public Library is opening The Hive™, the first completed building from the 2018 voter-approved bond issue. Media are invited to an exclusive ribbon cutting event on August 12 at The Hive™ (2904 E. Sprague) from 12-2pm to hear remarks from Mayor Nadine Woodward, Councilmember Kate Burke, representatives from Spokane Public Library, Spokane Public Schools, and more.

Built in partnership with Spokane Public Schools, The Hive™ is a cutting-edge facility on the corner of E. Sprague and S. Haven across from Libby Center in the Sprague Union District. Affectionately called The Hive™ for the variety of learning activities that will take place there, this building provides not only a new teacher training facility and offices for Spokane Virtual Learning but also a location for 21st century public library services like maker spaces, events, and artist residencies.

Four of the studio spaces at The Hive™ are reserved for an application-based artist residency program. These spaces will allow artists to take their art to the next level, foster connection, and provide free arts education for the public.

The artists selected for the first residency are:

- **Shawn Brigman, PhD**, an enrolled member of the Spokane Tribe of Indians and descendant of northern Plateau bands (snʔáyckst - sinixt, sənpʔwɪlx - san poil, and tkʼemlúps te secwepemc - shuswap), will explore skinning materials for application to sturgeon-nosed canoe interpretations from the Plateau culture region, as well as the recovery of handheld scale implements like basketry and salmon nets.
- **Miguel Gonzales** is a Chicano artist interested in building a Lotería of BIPOC leaders in Spokane as part of his goal of the development of gente in the region who have experienced, or are experiencing, language, culture, and indigenous heritage loss.
- **Shantell Jackson** and **Stefani Rossi** are sharing a studio. They find that they are inspired by one another, and their art benefits from this interaction. Shantell works with painted, textured surfaces and is eager to scale her work up with the space the studio provides. Stefani wants to explore a greater scale in her clay sculptures and her paintings that feature careful circles and lines.
- **Gwendolyn Zierdt Muzzy** is a fiber artist who works on a draw loom, incorporating QR codes and source code from the internet into the designs of her handwoven textiles.



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About Spokane Public Library

Spokane Public Library aims to inspire a thriving city through cultural and educational opportunities. An award-winning library that spans six branches and houses nearly half-a-million items, Spokane Public Library circulates nearly two million items and welcomes one million visitors annually. Customers can enjoy traditional library media and can also access digital downloads, databases, historical collections, art exhibits and interesting free programming.

For general information about the library, please visit spokanelibrary.org or call 509-444-5300.

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