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Preserving Spokane's Black History: Community Scanning Day

(SPOKANE, WASH) - In an endeavor to amplify and preserve the voices, memories, and stories of the Black community, Spokane Public Library, the Carl Maxey Center, Eastern Washington University, the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, and the Spokane Historic Preservation Office are hosting a Community Scanning Day on October 14th from 10am-4pm at the Carl Maxey Center.

Community members are invited to bring their photographs, letters, printed materials, and small objects related to Black history in Spokane to the Carl Maxey Center to be scanned and photographed for a digital archive. Items will be returned to the owner directly after images are captured.

"An important part of building is knowing where you've come from and the histories of people before you," said Jillisa Winkler, Interim Operations Manager and Program Coordinator at the Carl Maxey Center. "We are excited to build an archive to begin telling the stories of the rich Black history in Spokane, to showcase all of the amazing people who have come before us and have helped to establish and improve the lives of African Americans in the Inland Northwest.

Whether you have casual family snapshots, postcards, or items related to Black-owned businesses, your items are welcome at this event.

Event Details:

Date: October 14

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Carl Maxey Center located at 3114 E. 5th Avenue

About Spokane Public Library

Spokane Public Library aims to inspire a thriving city through cultural and educational opportunities. An award-winning library that spans seven locations 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.