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**Earth Day Family Celebration on April 20<sup>th</sup> with Spokane Public Library and local partners**

SPOKANE, WASH. – Families are invited to celebrate our planet at Spokane Public Library’s Earth Day Family Celebration on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Central Library.

Local environmental groups will have fun and educational activities for children and families to learn about recycling, conservation, and other topics related to protecting our planet. Some activities include making a recycled t-shirt bag with shirts from Global Neighborhood Thrift, planting seeds with Spokane’s Master Gardeners, and more.

"Our activity, 'We Art Nature', where kids will make faces out of natural items, is all about changing the perception of humans as sitting outside of nature," said Elyse Hochstadt, Executive Director at Spokane Zero Waste. "When we see ourselves as part of the planet and part of the cycles of nature, we feel connected and make different decisions about how we live and interact with all beings of Earth."

The first 300 visitors will be given a free Ponderosa Pine tree plug to plant in their own yard.

"Engaging with environmental organizations gives kids and families the important opportunity to see for themselves the many real-life problem solvers and fixers who are actively engaged with caring for our natural world," said Mason Neil, Youth Environmental Specialist at Spokane Public Library. "Families will walk away from our Earth Day Celebration with a deeper appreciation for our planet home, and a greater understanding for the role we each play in preserving our collective resources for a bright and beautiful future."

Several local environmental organizations will be represented:

- Spokane Zero Waste
- Spokane Ponderosa
- Spokane Wastewater and Stormwater
- Water Wise Spokane
- Spokane Edible Tree Project
- Spokane Aquifer Joint Board
- Master Gardeners of Spokane
- Spokane Solid Waste
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Spokane Clean Air Agency



- T-shirts donated by Global Neighborhood Thrift
- Music from Spokane's Raging Grannies

This is a free, public event and no registration is required.

**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](http://spokanelibrary.org) or call 509.444.5300.