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Spokane Public Library hosts Getting Real About Homelessness in Spokane event featuring Gavin Cooley, Chris Patterson, and Ben Stuckart

(SPOKANE, WASH.) – Spokane Public Library will host [Getting Real About Homelessness: A Proven Plan to Meaningfully Address Homelessness at Central Library on Tuesday, November 8 at 6pm.](#)

Gavin Cooley, former CFO for the City of Spokane and host of the documentary series *Housing and Help*, Ben Stuckart, Executive Director of the Low Income Housing Consortium, and Chris Patterson, Community Solutions Advisor at Washington Trust Bank and Co-Chair of Hello for Good, will discuss how Spokane can learn from the failures and successes of other U.S. cities and make significant progress toward reducing homelessness.

“Homelessness is one of the biggest problems we’ve ever faced, and definitely the most visible, affecting every part of our city,” said Cooley.

Current Affairs Specialist Shane Gronholz will interview and engage in conversation with Cooley, Stuckart, and Patterson to discuss an approach that has a proven track record of significantly reducing homelessness and its related obstacles.

“Engaging in community conversations that address both solutions for how to reduce homelessness and how we talk about it can help us better understand what works, what doesn’t, and how we can move forward from here,” said Gronholz.

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 or call 509.444.5300.