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**Spokane Public Library hosts Lunar New Year celebration featuring dragon and folk dances, kung fu, cooking demonstrations, and activities for kids**

(SPOKANE, WASH) – Spokane Public Library will host a Lunar New Year Celebration at Shadle Park Library on Saturday, February 10th starting at 10am.

The celebration will begin with a storytime and activities for kids at 10am, followed by a Dragon Dance, Chinese Folk Dance, and a youth demonstration of Shaolin Style Kung Fu presented by the Spokane Chinese Association. The celebration continues at 11:30am with a Shaobing cooking demonstration followed by K-Pop inspired accessory-making at 1pm and K-Pop Dance lessons at 3pm.

“This Lunar New Year will be especially meaningful because it will ring in the Year of the Dragon, arguably one of the most important within the 12-year Lunar New Year cycle because it is believed to be a time of great transformation,” said Spokane Public Library Community Educator Juan Juan Moses. “We look forward to celebrating this special year with the community at this day-long celebration!”

Lunar New Year, also called Spring Festival, will be celebrated on February 10 and last for 15 days. It is recognized as the most important holiday in China. This festival is also celebrated in Vietnam as Tết, in North and South Korea as 설날 (Seollal), and in Tibet as Losar.

**Lunar New Year Celebration**

**Saturday, February 10**

**Shadle Park Library | 2111 W. Wellesley Ave.**

- 10am: Lunar New Year Storytime
- 11am: Dragon Dance, Chinese Folk Dance, & Shaolin Style Kung Fu Demonstration
- 11:30am: The Most Popular Street Food of China: Shaobing
- 1pm: K-Pop Inspired Accessories: Show Off Your Standom (For Kids & Teens)
- 3pm: K-Pop Dance!

In the spirit of joy and gratitude, many community partners have generously donated gifts that will be raffled off throughout the day, like free tutoring at Kumon Math and Reading Center, gift certificates to local Asian grocery stores and restaurants, and a delicious variety of Asian spices.

**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.