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**Spokane Public Library hosts The Return of Salmon to the Spokane River event in collaboration with representatives from the Upper Columbia United Tribes**

(SPOKANE, WASH) – Spokane Public Library will host [The Return of Salmon to the Spokane River](#) on Thursday, March 9 at 6pm at Central Library in collaboration with the Upper Columbia United Tribes, including the Spokane Tribe of Indians and the Coeur d’Alene Tribe of Indians.

“...after experiencing, in my life,...days of our cultural darkness, now we are coming into our cultural light. Where our traditions, our ceremonies, are just shining down on everybody, and making everybody happy. And this is what we need. So let our light shine on, and let our children and our grandchildren feel that light,” said Coeur d’Alene Tribal Elder Francis White.

Representatives Thomas Biladeau from the Coeur d’Alene Tribe and Conor Giorgi from the Spokane Tribe of Indians will discuss the historical relationship between salmon and the local tribes, how salmon were eliminated from local waters, and how the Tribes are using modern scientific techniques to reintroduce salmon and restore the important relationship between salmon and people.

“While all Spokane Public Library buildings sit on the traditional homelands of the four bands of the Spokane Tribe of Indians, Central Library provides an especially poignant reminder of the once vibrantly populated Spokane River - with a front-row seat to the powerful falls cascading under the Monroe Street Bridge,” said Spokane Public Library Current Affairs Specialist, Shane Gronholz. “Hosting this event at this specific location helps provide a living reminder of the importance of honoring and respecting this land, and the stories and experiences of the Indigenous peoples who first—and continue to—nurture it.”

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.