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Spokane Public Library to host Expo Revival: Searching for Trent Alley Exhibit and other events to Commemorate Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Spokane Public Library is celebrating Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a variety of events and a month-long art and history exhibit in collaboration with Asians for Collective Liberation and Eastern Washington University.

The Expo Revival: Searching for Trent Alley art and history exhibit celebrates and honors the history and legacy of Asian and Asian Americans in the Pacific Northwest and Spokane. The Expo Revival consists of two different exhibits.

The main exhibit, Searching for Trent Alley: Asian American Footprints in Downtown Spokane traces the areas of downtown that served as home to vibrant Asian communities beginning in the late-1800s despite discriminatory policies and attitudes at national, regional, and local levels. A companion art exhibit titled We Are Made of Stories is a collection of contemporary artwork by Asian/Asian American local youth and residents all about stories of themselves, each other, and our world.

“The library strives to be a platform for the community to amplify the stories in Spokane’s history that have been overlooked by institutions/libraries/museums in the past,” said Adult Services Manager at Spokane Public Library, Vanessa Strange. “It’s an honor to work with ACL to highlight these stories in history and contemporary art.”

There will be an opening reception for The Expo Revival: Searching for Trent Alley on May 4th from 11am-4pm at Central Library. The reception will include a variety of dance performances including a Dragon Dance from the Spokane Chinese Association, Indian Youth Club, and an artist talk.

Additional Heritage Month events include:

- Boba Buddies Presents: Seattle Creative Arts Taiko, May 3 at 3:30pm, Central Library
- Authentic Indian Yoga, May 10 at 10am, Shadle Park Library
- Resisting Erasure through Storytelling: A Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau Event with Putsata Reang, May 16 at 5:30pm, Liberty Park Library
- The Rock in My Throat, May 18 at 6pm, Central Library
- Virtual Book Club: No Country for Eight-Spot Butterflies by Julian Aguon, May 22 at 12pm
- Spokane Taiko Drum Performance, May 25 at 11am, Liberty Park Library
- Bhangra and Bollywood Dance Fitness, May 26 at 2:30pm, Liberty Park Library
- Feeding Ghosts: A Graphic Memoir Author and Artist Talk with Tessa Hulls, May 28 at 6pm, Liberty Park Library
Community members can also browse a curated collection of heritage month books and movies available for free using their library card at spokanelibrary.org.

**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.