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Spokane Public Library to host panel discussion in partnership with Thrive International featuring stories of displaced individuals from Ukraine

(SPOKANE, WASH.) – Spokane Public Library will host [From Ukraine to Spokane: Stories of Displacement and Resilience](#) on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30pm at Central Library.

“As Russia’s attack on Ukraine displaced countless Ukrainians, Spokane has become a sanctuary for many seeking refuge. This event offers a unique opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of those who experienced the turmoil of leaving their country and the challenges of starting anew in Spokane,” said Thrive International Community Engagement Manager Emily Hughes.

Through translated library handouts, website services, workshops, a large collection of Ukrainian and Russian language books, and more, Spokane Public Library has been working hard to ensure its libraries are a welcoming space for individuals new to the country and to Spokane.

“I can’t imagine the feelings of despair and fear this community experienced being displaced from their homes and loved ones, and to a country that speaks an entirely different language,” said Spokane Public Library Current Affairs Specialist Shane Gronholz. “We partnered with Thrive International right away to connect the newcomers to free library resources. We also worked with Thrive to create a [video tour of Central Library](#) in Russian to showcase all of the resources available.”

Join Spokane Public Library and Thrive International in extending a warm welcome to the panelists and deepening your understanding of the Ukraine community in Spokane.

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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.