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Madison Public Library's Popular Program Celebrating Native Nations Returns October-December 2022

Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations of the Great Lakes takes the place of the Native American Storyteller-in-Residence program at the library this fall

MADISON, **WI** -- Madison Public Library - in partnership with Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison - are bringing back a popular program from last year that centers the experiences, traditions and lifeways of Native people in and around Madison.

This year the program has expanded from a single Storyteller-in-Residence to include many voices. *Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations of the Great Lakes* will welcome a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop (Four Lakes, or Madison).

"In order to honor the specific role that storytellers play in Ho-Chunk and many Indigenous cultures, and expand this program to include other kinds of knowledge, we've updated the name of this series from Storyteller-in-Residence to Teejop and Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations of the Great Lakes," said Community Engagement Librarian Neeyati Shah who has been at the helm of the program since its launch last year.

Native presenters from different nations will lead programs highlighting both traditional and contemporary practices, stories, and community relationships. Programs kick off in October following Indigenous Peoples' Day, and include art workshops, cooking and crop demonstrations, storytelling, presentations on traditional skills and customs, and more!

"Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is proud to partner, support and collaborate with the Madison Public Library once again this year to bring cultural programming to our Madison community," said Missy Tracy, Senior Sales Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison. "We are pleased to see how well it has been received, how it continues to evolve and the educational value it brings to all in TeeJop."

The program includes eight presenters - including last year's Native American Storyteller-in-Residence Andi Cloud, who will share their knowledge and culture throughout the next two months:

- Andi Cloud (Thunder Clan, Ho-Chunk Nation)
- Kim Crowley (Ho-Chunk Nation)
- Sherman Funmaker (Bear Clan Elder, Ho-Chunk Nation)
- Kristie GoForth (Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians)
- Karen Ann Hoffman (Haudenosaunee citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin)
- Raeanne Madison (Crane Clan, Bois Forte Band Ojibwe Nation)
- Rita Peters (Ho-Chunk and Menominee)
- Leah Winneshiek (Ho-Chunk Nation)

Upcoming Programs:

Contemporary Native Art, Issues and (Mis-)Understandings

Wednesday, Oct 19, 7-8PM | Central Library

Family History Writing Workshop with Sherman Funmaker

- Saturday, Oct 22, 12-1PM | Central Library
- Saturday, Nov 5, 1-2PM | Sequoya Library
- Saturday, Nov 19, 1-2PM | Lakeview Library

Milkweed Soup Cooking Demo and Sampling Celebration

Saturday, Oct 29, 11:30AM-12:30PM | Meadowridge Library

ONLINE - Remembering Wazhask: Indigenous Birth and Traditional Parenting

Wednesday, Nov 9, 7-8PM | VIRTUAL

Monona's Street Art Scene with Kristie GoForth

Saturday, Nov 12, 1-2PM | Handel Automotive (5705 Monona Dr)

Storytime - The Medicine Dress

Saturday, Dec 3, 11AM-12PM | Hawthorne Library

Beadwork 101

Saturday, Dec 10, 2-4PM | Goodman South Madison Library

Additional programs will be announced soon. Learn more about *Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations of the Great Lakes*, register for events, and read presenter bios online at <u>madpl.org/teejopandbeyond</u>.

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