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Artist Elizabeth Person celebrates launch of new book

Elizabeth Person is the illustrator of the children's book "To Live on an Island"

EVERETT, WA – Join Everett artist Elizabeth Person as she celebrates the launch of a new children's picture book in a free program on Tuesday, May 21, at 6 p.m. in the Everett Public Library auditorium at 2702 Hoyt Avenue.

Person is the illustrator of the book, "To Live on an Island," by California author Emma Bland Smith. Person contributed original watercolor painting to bring Smith's story about a young boy's experiences on a Pacific Northwest island to life. Her vivid and colorful images depict what it's like to spend a childhood paddling, hiking, traveling by ferry, and counting orcas instead of sheep.

Person will discuss the collaborative nature of designing and illustrating a children's book and give insights into her creative process. Person spent over three months planning, laying out, and illustrating the story.

"I believe that the stories we read as children can have an enormous effect on our lives," shared Person. "For me the books I read not only made me want to be an illustrator, but also taught me the importance of noticing details."

Elizabeth Person is a resident of Everett, where she serves on the Cultural Arts Commission and contributes regularly to the "Live in Everett" blog. Her unique illustrations and information artworks are popular at Pacific Northwest art festivals and craft events. Growing up in Snohomish County, Person spent summers exploring the San Juan Islands with her family.

Copies of the book "To Live on an Island" will be available for sale and signing following the presentation. For more information, visit www.epls.org or call 425-257-8000.

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