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Tulalip storyteller Lois Landgrebe presents Lushootseed language stories at Everett Public Library

EVERETT, WA – In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, Tulalip tribal storyteller Lois Landgrebe will present a series of traditional Lushootseed-language stories relating to orcas. This family-friendly program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, in the Everett Public Library auditorium, 2702 Hoyt Ave. in Everett. The program is free and open to the public.

The program, entitled “Honoring our Water Ancestors” will consist of three stories relating to how the local pod of Salish Sea Orcas has connected with indigenous longhouse villages from time immemorial. This culturally-relevant program will combine PowerPoint slides with the traditional oral techniques of native storytelling in the native language, Lushootseed. The stories will contain fascinating facts about these Pacific Northwest ocean sea wolves.

Landgrebe, who traces ancestry through the Snohomish, Duwamish and Nez Perce tribes, was relinquished at birth and adopted by a white Coast Guard couple. She enrolled as an adult in the Tulalip Tribes. After learning her people's history and traditions, she was hired in 1994 to teach Lushootseed, an endangered language. She worked closely with two “national treasures,” traditional Lushootseed speakers and storytellers Vi Hilbert of the Upper Skagit, and Raymond Moses of Tulalip, who impressed on her the need to breathe life into these stories and thus preserve them. Landgrebe was chairwoman of the Northwest Indian Storyteller’s Association in 2017 and 2018.

There will be time for questions afterwards. Come and enjoy an uplifting presentation on these amazing mammals.

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