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INNOVATIVE SPELLING BEES TO BENEFIT THE SPOKANE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Spokane, WA –The second annual “Spokane is Spelling”, spelling bee events for students and adults, has captured the imagination of over 150 participants and many more spectators in the Spokane metropolitan area. Produced by the Spokane Public Library Foundation the bees will buzz with activity this weekend. 75 student spellers from regional 5th and 6th grades will spell for fame and glory at the River Park Square Atrium (818 West Main Avenue) on October 25, 2:00 p.m. Kids will spell in teams of three and will represent schools throughout the region. They are encouraged to wear costumes and to have a great time as they compete for spelling supremacy and call attention to the need to support Spokane’s library system.

Not to be outdone, 24 adult teams of three will convene at the Knitting Factory (919 West Sprague Avenue) on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00, seeking to prove their spelling skills to be at least as good as the kids. This portion of the project represents a fund-raiser for the Library Foundation and has been generously underwritten by: Windermere Real Estate, the Pacific Northwest Inlander, KXLY Broadcast Group, Sylvan Learning Centers, Sterling Savings Bank and ESD 101. Twigs Bistro and Martini Bar, D.A. Davidson & Co., McDirmid, Mikkelsen & Secrest P.S., Spokane Allergy and Asthma Clinic, Global Credit Union and Red Lion Hotels Corporation have stepped in to free us from the travails of another silent auction, so the event is all about the spelling. The Inlander team, champions of the 2007 Bee, is returning to defend their crown as is the 2007 runner up: “Let It Bee”. There will definitely be tension in the hive as the teams spell for the possession of the “Spellers’ Cup”. After the team winner is established, team rules are abolished and the remaining three individual spellers compete for the Grand Prize: \$1000 in gift certificates for River Park Square dinner at Twigs, and overnight for two at Hotel Lusso.

Spectators are encouraged to attend the events: the student bee is free! Tickets for the adult bee are available at the door of the Knitting Factory on October 26, 4:00: \$5 for adults, kids under 12 are welcome and free!

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