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NOBEL LAUREATE ACCEPTS BOARD POSTING

Spokane, WA – Dr. Irwin A. Rose, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, formerly of Spokane, has accepted a post as honorary Trustee on the Spokane Public Library Foundation Board. Dr. Rose, in town last fall to accept honors at Washington State University, spoke out in support of a strong library system.

“I hope the library that meant so much to me as I was growing up in Spokane will be sustained and expanded for all Spokane’s citizens, young and old, rich and poor. As a teenager, reading biographies was an important part of my incubation period. I can trace my subsequent interest in science and the humanities to times spent with the world of books at the fine library on Cedar St.”

Dr. Rose, who graduated from Lewis and Clark high school in 1943, was a winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. As a senior member of the *Fox Chase Cancer Center* basic science division since 1963, Dr. Rose spent much of his career in cancer research. Before joining Fox Chase he served on the faculty of the *Yale Medical School* department of biochemistry. He continues as emeritus researcher at the University of California at Irvine.

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Development Officer for the Spokane Public Library Foundation, Sandra Kernerman, speaking on Dr. Rose's acceptance remarked: "Although Dr. Rose will not be able to travel to Spokane in the immediate future, his endorsement of our efforts to raise private support for the library system is invaluable. His lifetime of achievement is yet another example of the amazing human beings that are a product of Spokane; due in large part to the emphasis on education and generosity, so pervasive in our community."

The Spokane Public Library Foundation seeks to develop private support to enhance, not replace public spending on the Library system. Distributions from the endowment are designated for the purchase of books, subscriptions, equipment and educational programming.

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