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AUTHOR EVENT WITH TOM DeWOLF

*Reading and discussion about the author's astounding discovery about
his family history
and the largest slave-trading dynasty in the United States*

On Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6:30pm, the Springfield Library presents an author reading and discussion with Tom DeWolf.

Tom was astounded to discover that he is related to the largest slave-trading dynasty in U.S. history. He is featured in the Emmy-nominated documentary, *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. His journey has taken him to West Africa, several Caribbean nations and throughout the United States. Join an inspiring discussion of little-known elements of history, racism and injustice and embark upon a journey toward healing and a more hopeful future.

Most recently, Tom is the co-author, with Sharon Leslie Morgan of *Gather at the Table: The Healing Journey of a Daughter of Slavery and a Son of the Slave Trade* (Beacon Press, 2012). 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee hails *Gather at the Table* as “an honest exploration into the deep social wounds left by racism, violence and injustice.

Tom is also the author of *Inheriting the Trade: A Northern Family Confronts Its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History* (Beacon Press, 2008). He wrote about traveling with nine distant relatives on a life-altering journey through Rhode Island, Ghana, and Cuba to film the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*. An Official Selection of the Sundance Film Festival, the film premiered on national television on the acclaimed PBS series P.O.V.

The African American Jazz Caucus awarded Tom the 2012 [Spirit of Freedom Award for Social Justice](#). Tom travels extensively throughout the United States; speaking at colleges, universities, and conferences, and leading workshops and trainings for groups dedicated to social justice.

Held in the Library Meeting Room.

Photos and additional information is available in the media kit found on Tom's website at tomdewolf.com.

The author is also available to speak with the media.

What: Author reading & discussion with Tom DeWolf

When: Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6:30pm

Where: Library Meeting Room located at 225 5th St. Springfield, OR 97477

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