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AMERICAN INDIAN STORYTELLING AT THE LIBRARY

An event for all ages



Storyteller Esther Stutzman will tell traditional tales from the Coos and Kalapuya tribes at the Springfield Public Library on Thursday, November 15, at 4:00 pm. Ms. Stutzman is Coos and Kalapuya, and is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

Many generations of Esther Stutzman's family have been storytellers. She was taught to tell stories by her grandmother, who told her it was bad luck to tell other people or other tribes' stories. Stories are regarded as private property, as are songs. Ms. Stutzman tells only Coos and Kalapuya stories. She has thirteen stories she shares with the public. Some of the stories tell of the time when animals and people could talk together.

She lives in Yoncalla and has worked in schools for over 30 years doing programs in storytelling, music and dance.

The program is free, and all ages are welcome to attend.

What: American Indian Tales, told by storyteller Esther Stutzman

When: Thursday, November 15, at 4:00pm

Where: Springfield Public Library. Children's Room, 225 5th St.

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Additional Information: wheremindsgrow.org/programskids.html, or contact Barbara Thompson at (541) 726-3766