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### **Springfield Library Presents: “Year of Stories”** *Featuring Stories of WWII by Alton Chung*

Go beyond the page with us as Springfield Library features a year of oral storytelling. On Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 3pm, professional storyteller Alton Chung will share WWII stories.

Explore what it was like for the Issei and the Nisei (first and second generation Japanese-Americans) in Hawaii and in the Continental US during WWII. These stories offer a glimpse into the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, the Internment Camps, and the creation of the all Japanese-American 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and 442 Regimental Combat Team. For its size and duration of service, the 442 RCT is the most highly decorated unit in the history of the US Military.

Alton Chung is a member and former chairperson for the National Storytelling Network.

This program is one of the “Year of Stories” events happening monthly at the Springfield Library in 2015. Storytelling for all ages is in part thanks to a grant from the Lane County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust.

**What:** Springfield Library’s “Year of Stories”, *Alton Chung Shares WWII Stories*

**When:** Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 3pm

**Where:** Springfield Library Story Corner

**Additional Information:** [wheremindsgrow.org/programs/kids.html](http://wheremindsgrow.org/programs/kids.html), or contact Emily David at (541) 726-3766

