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“Where We Come From” Winter Reading Challenge offers tracking to earn badges, to reflect on personal stories

Spokane, WA / December 21, 2023 – Spokane County Library District (SCLD) announces its participation in the "Where We Come From" Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by Beanstack. All Spokane County residents are invited to sign up for this literary journey, taking place January 1–31, 2024.

The challenge is to read at least 300 minutes throughout the month and is open to everyone of all ages. To help readers with this, the tracking platform Beanstack provides an easy way to log reading minutes. Once participants create a Beanstack account, they can sign up for the challenge and add family members to track their reading, all with one login. Registration for the challenge is open now.

The dedicated SCLD Beanstack site is <https://sclcd.beanstack.org/reader365>. Readers can also download the convenient Beanstack mobile app, which includes a timer to make logging minutes even easier. Links to the mobile app can be found at www.sclcd.org/apps/#beanstack.

The recommended title for this challenge is the poetic picture book ***Where We Come From***, crafted by John Coy, Shannon Gibney, Sun Yung Shin, and Diane Wilson, with exquisite illustrations by Dion MBD.

In this unique, literary collaboration, the authors lyrically explore where they each come from—literally and metaphorically—as well as what unites all of us as humans. Richly layered illustrations connect past and present, making for an accessible and visually striking look at history, family, and identity. The publisher has designated *Where We Come From* for readers ages 5–10, but kids, teens, and adults alike will find a lot to enjoy on each page.

While reading this book and others during the challenge, readers can log reading minutes, reflect on their unique stories, and collect badges on a virtual bingo card! The badges earned for every logged minute and completed activity are adorned with stunning artwork from *Where We Come From*.

The competition for this reading challenge is between the participating libraries and schools. Readers can help SCLD win prizes sponsored by Lerner Books, including signed books and personalized video shoutouts from authors. Winners will be selected based on active participation, logging stats, and community sharing.

Spokane County Library District provides resources, experiences, and places that empower people to learn, explore, and succeed. The District operates 10 libraries throughout Spokane County that include Airway Heights, Argonne, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Medical Lake, Moran Prairie, North Spokane, Otis Orchards, and Spokane Valley as well as the mobile library LINC. District library cards are free to Spokane County residents.

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