

# Free Evening and Lunchtime Events at the Washington State Library

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## **The Wolves of Washington**

**March 7, 2013 @ 6 p.m.**

**Presented by**

**Cindy Irwin, Director of Education and Volunteer Services**

**Diane Gallegos, Executive Director**

**March 21, 2013 @ 12 p.m.**

**Presented by Linda Saunders,**

**Director of Conservation**



Come learn about the return of wolves to the state of Washington after being gone for almost 80 years! We will discuss how this top predator may benefit the natural ecosystem in our state. You will also learn about the plan Washington State has to promote the existence of wolves in the wild, and how peaceful co-existence can be achieved.

Wolf Haven International (WHI) is a 501(c)(3) organization that has worked for wolf conservation since 1982. The mission of WHI is to conserve and protect wolves and their habitat. We do this by: providing sanctuary for captive born wolves, educating the public on the value of all wildlife, promoting wolf restoration, and protecting our remaining wild wolves and their habitat.

## **The Way of the Wolf:**

### **The Return of the Gray Wolf to Washington State**

**March 14, 2013 @ 12 pm & 6 p.m.**

**Presented by Lorna Smith, Executive Director, Western Wildlife Outreach,  
and Darrell Smith, wildlife biologist**



Absent for more than 70 years, wolves are once more repopulating the landscape in Washington, reclaiming their natural heritage as apex carnivores. Lorna Smith, Executive Director of Western Wildlife Outreach, and her husband, wildlife biologist, Darrell Smith, will give two presentations on the Way of the Wolf at the State Library in partnership with the Burke Museum's travelling wolf exhibit. Wolves have been much in the press of late, with debates going back and forth over what the real impact is of wolves on ranching, the affect of the wolves on their prey, (which is mostly deer and elk), should wolves be relocated to parts of the state where good habitat exists, and how many wolves does it take to establish a healthy, self-sustaining population. A noon-time brown bag lunch and discussion will be a good forum in which to get any questions answered about the current situation with wolves in Washington.

An evening presentation will focus on telling the dramatic story of the wolves' return to Washington, and what science can tell us about the likelihood of their successful reestablishment as top carnivore in ecosystems that have been greatly modified since wolves last roamed our land. The presentation will be fast-paced and lively using video, photos and maps to tell the story of how wolves play an essential part in ecosystem maintenance, and how wolves' natural abilities to avoid humans and disperse over wide distances may lead to their successful reintegration in Washington. A 45-minute presentation will be followed by plenty of time to respond to audience questions and comments.