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Library “Foodways and Byways” Project Seeks Historic Photos at Omak Library Photo Drive

Community members with historic photographs of food production are invited to the Omak Library 11 AM – 2 PM on Saturday, January 7, 2012. The North Central Regional Library (NCRL) and the Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) are working together to collect historic photographs for the local history project “Foodways and Byways: The Story of Food in NCW.” The project seeks to gather and digitize photographs from the 1880s to the 1960s that depict food harvest, production, and distribution. Photos of people harvesting food, moving it to market, people hunting, fishing, and gathering wild food are all of interest

Local residents are invited to bring photos from their family albums to the Omak Library on January 7th. Library and IRIS staff will take good care of photos, return them the same day, and give credit to any images contributed to the project. The scanned images will become part of the Washington Rural Heritage collection of historic documents and will be archived in local museums as well as with IRIS. A presentation of a 30-minute DVD “Foodways and Byways – The Story of Food in NCW” will follow the photo drive at 3 PM on January 7th.

The “Foodways and Byways” project is part of a broader IRIS program called “Gathering Our Voice,” which is designed to celebrate our local heritage and preserve the history of north Central Washington. The collaboration between NCRL and IRIS in 2011 is funded by a federal grant as part of the Washington Rural Heritage project. “Foodways and Byways” photo drives will be held at the Waterville Library 2-5 PM on January 24th, the Chelan Library 12-4 PM on February 7th, the Ephrata Library on February 16th, and at the Republic Library 12-4 PM on March 19th. For more information, please contact IRIS Coordinator Nancy Warner at (509) 881-1812 or Dan Howard at (800) 426-7323.

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