



Street Talk

Plan Your Weekend Accordingly

Whether you're a fan of oil on canvas, clay works, live music or an eclectic mix of styles, there's something for everyone at the **Visual Arts Tour, beginning this Friday, February 5 through February 7.**

Check out a number of amazing local artists, and the popular raw space at the [Fernwell Building!](#) For a complete list of participating venues, visit [DowntownSpokane.org.](#)

Get Lit Hosts Poetry Out Loud

Eastern Washington University's Get Lit! Program is hosting the regional 2010 Poetry Out Loud competition at 6 p.m., Friday, February 5, at the Davenport Hotel.

High school students will compete in this national contest by performing both classical and contemporary poetry. Poetry Out Loud celebrates the oral history of poetry, while giving students experience in public speaking.



In addition to sponsoring Poetry Out Loud, Get Lit! Programs hosts an annual literary festival, several educational outreach programs, and an online local literary calendar which can be found at www.ewu.edu/getlit. The 12th annual festival will take place this year from April 14-21. Events for the week include author readings, panels, workshops, poetry slams, film showings and youth events.

Running the Show in Spokane!



2010 is a Championship year in Spokane! On February 13, six-hundred of the nation's top runners will compete at the USA Cross Country Championships for a spot on the USA Cross Country Team, and to compete at the World Cross Country Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland. A press conference to meet top runners will be Friday, February 12 at the River Park Square atrium at 2:00 pm.

The Community Colleges of Spokane cross country coach Erik Anderson will be remembered during a 4K Community Run held Saturday, February 13 at 9:00 am before the USA Cross Country Championships begin. All proceeds will benefit the Erik Anderson Memorial Fund. For event info and to register please visit www.spokanesports.org.

Other February Features

Break out the reuseable grocery bags because Main Market is officially here! Come downtown between **February 15 and 20** and help **celebrate the Grand Opening of downtown's first grocery store!** For more information visit MainMarket.coop.

If you're looking for something daring to participate in, check out the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show and Sale, **February 12-14** at the Convention Center. The show features hundreds of motorcycles, a bike off, giveaways and more! For tickets and information check out SpokaneMotorcycleShow.com.

And for more downtown events happening this month, check out the events page at DowntownSpokane.org.

Recognizing Excellent Service!

Know of a business or person who contributes to the success of the region's tourism industry? Then nominate them for an Inland Northwest Tourism Award, presented by the Spokane Regional CVB! It's Easy To Nominate:

- Go to VisitSpokane.com/TourismAwards
- Read through the categories.
- Nominate one or more individuals or organizations by filling in the required information.
- **Submit by Friday, February 26, 2010.**



Then, save the date to attend the Inland Northwest Tourism Awards on May 13. For more information go to VisitSpokane.com

Mondays are Back at the Downtown Library

Spokane Public Library's [Downtown branch](#) resumed offering Monday hours in January. The branch is now open 10:00 am - 6:00 pm on Mondays with no additional funding. Reallocation of staff and greater use of self-service options by customers make this addition of eight hours weekly possible.

Fanatical Thank Yous!

The 2010 US Figure Skating Championships were an amazing success, with **recording breaking ticket sales** and thousands of spirited fans! Thanks to the many festive downtown windows, skating specials and great service, downtown Spokane businesses made fantastic contributions to this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Spokane showed its true hosting colors during the ten days of skating, resulting in many pleased visitors, skaters and residents showering volunteers, businesses and organizations with praise for our "friendly and cosmopolitan" city, "spectacular" hotels, nightlife and more. The 2010 Championships were also a hit for TV audiences with the largest television audience since 2003! We heard from those across the nation who saw Spokane from the comforts of their livingrooms and are making their next vacation destination Spokane!

Thanks to the entire community for showcasing our hospitable and vibrant city!

Don't hesitate to call us for more information at 509-456-0580 or [find us on facebook](#) and [launchpad!](#)

We are happy to help!

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