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Everett Reads: Into the Wilderness features authors Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

EVERETT, WA – Everett Reads is a community-wide reading initiative designed to deepen an appreciation of reading and unite the Everett community through conversation. Under the theme of Into the Wilderness, this year's selection of authors and titles explore themes of climate change, nature, the environment, and survival.

Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman will discuss their critically acclaimed book "Dry" on Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Cope Gillette Theatre, 2730 Wetmore Avenue. This event is free, and tickets are not required. [Artisans PNW](#) will have copies of the book for purchase at the event, and the authors will be available for book signing after their presentation.

[Neal Shusterman](#) is a New York Times bestselling author of more than thirty award-winning books, for children, teens, and adults, including the [Unwind dystology](#), the Skinjacker trilogy, "Downsiders", and "[Challenger Deep](#)", which won the National Book Award. "[Scythe](#)", the first book in his series Arc of a Scythe is a Michael L. Printz Honor Book. He also writes screenplays for motion pictures and television shows.

[Jarrod Shusterman](#) is the New York Times bestselling coauthor of the novel "Dry", which he is adapting for a major Hollywood film studio with Neal Shusterman. He is also the coauthor of the acclaimed novel "[Rox](#)". His books have all received critical acclaim and multiple starred reviews. Jarrod wrote his most recent title, "Retro", with Sofia Lapuente, and together, they teach a course on writing at UCLA.

In "[Dry](#)", a drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers. Then the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return and her life—and the life of her brother—is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.

Community members are encouraged to read "[Dry](#)"; copies are available to check out, and a limited number of giveaway copies are available at both library locations.

The library is presenting a variety of related programs under the theme "Into the Wilderness." Find more information about Everett Reads: Into the Wilderness at epls.org/EverettReads.

This program and all other library events are free and open to the public. Call 425-257-8000 or visit www.epls.org/events for more information about these or other library programs.

The Everett Public Library was founded in 1894 by the Everett Woman's Book Club. The historic Main Library was built in 1934 by architect Carl Gould, and the Evergreen Branch opened in 1985. The library's two branches serve the residents of the City of Everett and nearby locales and host hundreds of programs for children and adults each year. We connect the community to resources and services that inform, educate, and entertain. For more information about the Everett Public Library, visit www.epls.org.

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