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Enjoy a night of creativity and conversation at the zoo: "Tales of the **Urban Wild: A Puma's Journey"** How storytelling and art can foster coexistence with wild neighbors

WHAT:

Join Woodland Park Zoo for a night of creativity and conversation with author Tiffany Yap and illustrator Meital Smith as they discuss their graphic novel, "Tales of the Urban Wild: A Puma's Journey." The novel focuses on mountain lions and other wildlife trying to survive at the urban/wild interface. Discover how storytelling and art can promote coexistence with wildlife neighbors in wild and urban landscapes.

The discussion will explore coexistence from the nonhuman and the human perspective, and how creative storytelling and art are used to enhance tolerance and compassion for the wild carnivores that share the landscape. The event will also showcase Woodland Park Zoo's <u>Living Northwest</u> program and provide tips for coexisting with coyotes and other carnivores in Greater Seattle and beyond.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PACCAR Auditorium in Woodland Park Zoo's Education Center WHERE:

located at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N. Free parking at Hippo Lot

INFO: Presentation is free. RSVP required due to limited seating—reserve

seat at: https://bit.ly/pumajourney. For questions, email

seattlecarnivores@zoo.org

Winter zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools can be found at www.zoo.org/access, ADA ramp access for Historic Carousel, For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact zooinfo@zoo.org.

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