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Yakima's Diverse History Presentation at Yakima Valley College

Discover the rich heritage of Yakima with Yakima Valley Libraries (YVL) and Yakima Valley College (YVC) on November 17 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in YVC's Raymond Hall Library (Building 7) on Yakima's Campus. Join YVL Archivist Librarian, Carlos Pelley, and his assistant Archives Librarian, Matt Kendall, as they delve into the captivating history of Yakima Valley from various points of view.

Pelley and Kendall aim to highlight marginalized voices in relationship to the shared, eclectic narrative of our community. The two have dug deeply into the archives of YVL and joined forces with local historians and organizations to uncover factual evidence and stories. They face events surrounded by legends, such as the Yakima War, and shed light on the details of what actually transpired.

"Frankly, I feel like I learn something new every time I search for stories of diverse history," said Kendall. "There are so many stories to enrich the general narrative."

Pelley and Kendall curated the presentation from over 50 primary sources and secondary sources. They will share the stories via PowerPoint alongside historic imagery. The presentation will cover immigration, legal, sports, labor, and farmer history from diverse perspectives, including African American, Filipino, Japanese, Latino, LGBTQIA+, and female experiences.

"These adjacent histories work in tandem with one another," explained Kendall, "they are histories shared like a fabric [comprises] many threads."

The presentation will end with an interactive Q&A.

Parking is free and available to community members and students. Visitors may park in Lot A, which is adjacent to the library, or directly behind the library.

For more information on Yakima Valley Libraries Archives Department, visit us online at <https://www.yvl.org/services/special-collections-and-archive-services/>.

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