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Milk Crate Readings to usher in *Get Lit!* 2006

CHENEY, Wash. – Leading off the eighth annual *Get Lit!* literary arts festival events, a captivating urban phenomenon will once again occur on the street corners of downtown Spokane. Graduate students from Eastern Washington University's nationally-respected Inland Northwest Center for Writers will climb atop milk crates to read poetry aloud.

Students will read from the works of *Get Lit!* 2006 featured keynote guests bell hooks, Marilynne Robinson and Alexander McCall Smith as well as poet Yusef Komunyaaka. EWU Press, which produces the festival, invites commuters, shoppers and passers-by to stop and take in the wisdom, humor and insight of these renowned writers. Students will also read from their own work.

The Milk Crate Readings will take place from 4:45-6 p.m., on Monday, April 10 and Thursday, April 13, at the intersection of First Avenue and Howard and other locations throughout downtown Spokane.

Get Lit!, the northwest's premier literary festival, runs April 19-23 and includes literary events for all ages. For more information about the *Get Lit!* Festival, visit www.ewu.edu/getlit or call the EWU Press at (509) 623-4262. Tickets are available through TicketsWest.

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