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Special Documentary

Green Fire—Aldo Leopold and A Land Ethic for Our Time

Join us as we celebrate **Aldo Leopold's 125th birthday!** Enjoy birthday cake and watch the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold! Green Fire highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. Running time is 72 minutes. **Ages:** 12+

Cost: Free! Donations gratefully accepted.

When: January 11, 5:30pm-7pm **Course # 64203**



New! Living With Wildlife Series

Did I see a bobcat or a cougar? Was that my neighbor's dog or a coyote? What do I do if I run into a bear? How fortunate we are to live in a city full of wildlife! But this also leaves us with the responsibility of learning how to live with our furry and feathered neighbors. Learn about the wildlife that lives in and around Bellevue and how to live in harmony with wild animals. A different species will be discussed each month. **Ages:** 12+

Introduction to Wildlife Biology

Wildlife biologists are becoming increasingly involved in the human dimensions of wildlife management. Human-wildlife conflicts are on the rise across America as growing human populations continue to encroach on wilderness territories. Learn about human-wildlife interactions in Washington and what biologists are doing to manage conflicts.

When: January 28, 1pm-2pm

Course # 64211



Black Bears

With an estimated population of 25,000 statewide, black bears are the most common source of potentially dangerous conflicts. Black bear reports to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife annually average 417 statewide. They range from fleeting glimpses of bears to close encounters. Learn from wildlife biologist **Dr. Brian Kertson** about black bear ecology, how to prevent conflicts and what to do if you encounter a black bear.

When: February 25, 1pm-2pm

Course # 64212

Cougars & Bobcats

Cougar reports annually average 293 statewide, ranging from harmless sightings to incidences involving livestock or pets. But was that a cougar or a bobcat you saw in your neighborhood? Learn from wildlife biologist **Dr. Brian Kertson** about cougar and bobcat identification, ecology, how to prevent conflicts and what to do if you encounter a cougar or bobcat.

When: March 24, 1pm-2pm

Course # 64213

Coyotes & Wolves

There are at least 50,000 coyotes that roam Washington and urban coyote occurrences are growing, with the first recorded incident involving humans in Washington in 2006 in Bellevue where coyotes had been deliberately fed. And wolves are back in Washington! Learn about coyote and wolf identification, ecology, how to prevent conflicts and what to do if you encounter a coyote or a wolf.

When: April 29, 1pm-2pm

Course # 64214

New! Hot Topic Series

Generate discussion on current wildlife and conservation issues facing American today. Suggest topics you'd be interested in learning more about! **Ages:** 12+

Wolves in Washington

Have you heard? Gray wolves have returned to Washington nearly 70 years after they were extirpated from the state! Should we be excited or nervous? Where are they coming from? Where are they traveling to? What is the state doing to prepare for their presence? Explore and inquire about wolves in Washington State. Learn where you can find more resources on this important topic!

When: January 22, 1pm-2pm **Course # 64215**



Lewis Creek Film Series

Written and narrated by esteemed naturalist David Attenborough, experience the stand-out BBC nature documentary series **LIFE**. The series takes a global view of the specialized strategies and extreme behavior that living things have developed in order to survive; what Charles Darwin termed "the struggle for existence." Lewis Creek will host one episode monthly over the next year. **Ages:** 12+

Challenges of Life

An introduction to the series, showing examples of extraordinary feeding, hunting, courting and parenting behavior from across the animal kingdom and around the globe. Running time 50 minutes.

When: January 15, 2pm-3pm **Course # 64196**

Reptiles and Amphibians

They may seem primitive, reptiles and amphibians still thrive thanks to diverse survival strategies – Komodo dragons, pebble toads, pygmy geckos, horned lizards and more! Running time 50 minutes.

When: February 12, 2pm-3pm **Course # 64197**

Mammals

Intelligence, warm blood and strong family bonds have made mammals the most successful group of animals on the planet – Weddell seal, reindeer, fruit bats, polar bears and more! Running time 50 minutes.

When: March 11, 2pm-3pm **Course # 64198**

Fish

Fish, the most diverse group of vertebrate animals, thrive in the world's rivers, lakes and oceans. Slow-motion footage reveals the behavior of some of the fastest fish in the sea, sailfish and flying fish. Running time 50 minutes.

When: April 15, 2pm-3pm **Course # 64199**

New! Naturalists Book Club

Delve into seminal writings by America's naturalist forefathers! Discuss, analyze and reflect on the natural world as the frontiersmen saw it, and how you see it today. Share your love of natural history while making new friends. Don't forget to bring a copy of the book along with you! **Ages:** 15+

When: Last Sunday of every month 6pm-8pm

Watched by Wild Animals by Enos Mills

Enos A. Mills is considered as the "Father of Rocky Mountain National Park." He was a naturalist, writer, speaker, nature guide, photographer, innkeeper, & miner. Homesteading in Estes Park, Colorado, in 1885 brought him into intimate contact with the natural world. His books are all true accounts of his experiences in the wilderness. **When:** January 29, 6pm-8pm **Course # 64204**

Desert Solitaire by Edward Abbey

Critically acclaimed author Edward Abbey vividly captures the essence of his life during three seasons as a park ranger in southeastern Utah. This is a rare view of a quest to experience nature in its purest form -- the silence, the struggle, the overwhelming beauty. But this is also the gripping, anguished cry of a man of character who challenges the growing exploitation of the wilderness by oil and mining interests, as well as by the tourist industry. **When:** February 26, 6pm-8pm **Course # 64205**

Encounters With The Archdruid by John McPhee

The narratives in this book are of journeys made in three wildernesses - on a coastal island, in a Western mountain range, and on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. The four men portrayed here have different relationships to their environment, and they encounter each other on mountain trails, in forests and rapids, sometimes with reserve, sometimes with friendliness, sometimes fighting hard across a philosophical divide. **When:** March 25, 6pm-8pm **Course # 64206**

Wolf Willow by Wallace Stegner

Wallace Stegner weaves together fiction and nonfiction, history and impressions, childhood remembrance and adult reflections in this unusual portrait of his boyhood. Set in Cypress Hills in southern Saskatchewan, where Stegner's family homesteaded from 1914 to 1920, Wolf Willow brings to life both the pioneer community and the magnificent landscape that surrounds it. **When:** April 29, 6pm-8pm **Course # 64207**



Wolves In Washington State

A Burke Museum Traveling Exhibit

Wolves, once hunted to near extinction, are making a comeback in Washington State. Understanding how to coexist with wolves is crucial to their survival. A complex story, *Wolves in Washington State* examines wolf habitat and land development issues as well as highlights the critical role wolves play in promoting a healthy ecosystem.

When: April 28—July 8, 2012
Where: Lewis Creek Park Visitors Center
5808 Lakemont Blvd SE, Bellevue
Cost: Free!

