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**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SPONSOR  
“THE HAUNTING WAR: AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY REVISITED”**

The Springfield Public Library is pleased to sponsor an Oregon Chautauqua program by William and Carla Coleman entitled *The Haunting War: An American Tragedy Revisited*. This free, public program will take place on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at Springfield City Hall, 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The program is funded by the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

**Background:**

For many nineteenth-century Americans the intensity of the Civil War left scars that remained long after the fever of battle had died away. Those who survived the horrific fighting and those who struggled on the forever-changed home front bore witness to the terrible cost of a nation at war with itself.

*The Haunting War* tells the stories of these men and women in a series of vignettes bound together by period and original music. Letters, diaries, and journals written by those who felt the urgency of the times were used to assemble the dialogue, and nationally-recognized Civil War educators, William and Carla Coleman, took equal care with their historically-accurate costumes, props, and music for this moving program.

The Oregon Council for the Humanities was founded in 1971 as an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Public and educational programs made possible by OCH encourage Oregonians to learn about and discuss social, cultural, and public issues. The presentation of *The Haunting War* on March 10<sup>th</sup> is sponsored by the Springfield Public Library Adult Services Department. For more information, please call 726-2234.

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**When:** Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Library Meeting Room at Springfield City Hall, 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**More information:** Contact Jenny Peterson at 726-2234