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Documentary Photographer Presents Middle East Work

Acclaimed documentary photographer, Teru Kuwayama, will show his photography and discuss his work on Saturday, March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the North Medford High School Auditorium, 1900 North Keene Way Drive. This free program is one of many events scheduled to highlight Jackson County Reads 2010's book choice, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Mr. Kuwayama frequently finds himself on the front lines in Afghanistan. His work on Tibetan refugees received awards from the New York Foundation for the Arts and the Alexia Foundation for World Peace and has been exhibited at the United Nations headquarters. In 2004, *Esquire* magazine profiled him among the "Best and Brightest" for his reportage on Iraq. In 2005, *Photo District News* cited his work in Kashmir in a selection of the most iconic images in contemporary photography. His work has appeared in *Time*, *Life*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, *Vibe*, and *Doubletake*.

Jackson County Reads, cosponsored by Jackson County Library Services and the Jackson County Library Foundation, encourages community members to read *Three Cups of Tea*, participate in book-related activities at local libraries in March, and attend free topical lectures by regional and local presenters. Please see www.jcls.org for program details or call Amy Blossom, Ashland Branch Manager, at 541-774-6987.



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