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**“Talk Story in Asian Culture” Storytelling Program to be Held  
at the Ferndale Public Library on Saturday, June 1, 2013**

The Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) and collaborative partners, Oakland University (OU) and the Ferndale Public Library (FPL) (Oakland County, Michigan), will present a two-part, multi-generational program entitled, “Talk Story in Asian Cultures: Sharing Experiences and Culture through the Spoken Word” at the Ferndale Public Library (FPL) (Ferndale, Michigan). The program will be held in the FPL’s Community Room on Saturday, June 1, 2013. The first part of the program will be a spoken-word performance by Ming Louie, a professional storyteller, at 2:00-3:00 pm, which will be followed by an interactive workshop conducted by Louie at 3:30-5:00 pm.

This program is funded in part by a 2013 grant from the “Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture” Literacy Program, a joint project of the American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), affiliates of the American Library Association. (See the program website at <http://www.talkstorytogether.org/> for more details.)

The grant award of \$500 and partner contributions from CAPA, OU, and FPL will fund the two-part program. The first part of the program will provide a storytelling performance by a professional storyteller who will focus on traditional Asian folk tales as a way to demonstrate the power and beauty of storytelling in the transmission of culture and history from generation to generation. The program will then build off of that experience by inviting audience members to participate in an interactive workshop where the storyteller will teach APA and other community members how to use stories as powerful means of communication. A portion of the grant will be used to purchase storytelling resources for the FPL’s collection.

*CAPA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that works to unify all Asian Pacific American communities throughout the State of Michigan. With a guiding motto of “diversity is our strength,” its mission is to unite Asian Pacific Americans and the community at large through culture, education, and community service.*

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