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Visit Harborite from India at Aberdeen library Talk Time event

English language learners and other members of the community are invited to join library staff in the [Aberdeen Timberland Library](#) meeting room for conversation and cultural exchange. Special guest Muthu A Elangovan will speak about his experiences coming from India and how he chose to live in Aberdeen. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. The program will begin with a potluck of ethnic foods including two Indian dishes and chai. Elangovan will speak at 6:45, illustrating with a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Elangovan was born in a small town in the southern Indian state of Tamilnadu and grew up in Chennai, one of India's four metropolitan cities. He has a post-graduate degree in Civil Engineering from Washington State University in Pullman in addition to other Civil Engineering degrees from India. "An internship with the WSDOT Aberdeen field office brought me to Grays Harbor. I consider it to be one of my best decisions," wrote Elangovan in an email.

Participants can look forward to some engaging conversation at this event. Elangovan wrote: "I believe in chance and so enjoy the randomness in everyday life. It makes life adventurous and would like to keep it this way apart from the other adventures I would like to experience such as skydiving, paragliding, flying a plane/chopper, driving a train and so on." His interests range from art and photography to running. "Grays Harbor is where I am starting my adventures," he wrote.

A library user from his youth, Elangovan also grew up listening to western music. "It helped me adapt to the culture when I came to America in 2006. And so did Hollywood movies," he wrote. What has Mr. Elangovan been reading? "Most of the books I read in the past fall under fiction, but lately I have started reading non-fiction mostly, towards understanding life. I have been thinking about reading books about the financial world because one day I would like to become an entrepreneur."

The event ends after the library closes at 7 p.m. so people who wish to check out library materials will need to do so before the program. The library has been hosting Talk Time programs since 2004 in partnership with the Grays Harbor College English as a Second Language classes.

The library is at 121 E Market Street, Aberdeen. For more information, call the library at (360) 533-2360 or go to <http://www.TRL.org>.