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**Learn about the Urban Coyote Population of Cook County
at Mitchell Museum Saturday, August 15**

August 4, 2015—The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian welcomes Adam Kessel (Lakota) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to discuss the importance of the coyote in our urban ecosystem. The Coyote, a popular trickster symbol in Native folklore, has returned to its traditional range in Cook County. As reported by the Urban Coyote Research Program, nearly 2,000 coyotes currently live in the Chicagoland area.

While sharing important details about urban coyote, Mr. Kessel will include a trickster tale or two. Tricksters are among the most entertaining characters, and have captivated audiences for centuries. They delight in breaking rules, boasting and playing tricks on both humans and gods.

The Urban Coyote presentation is from 1:30-3:30, is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members, and will also include an opportunity to track neighborhood coyote. Throughout the day, the Mitchell Museum will have a variety of activities for groups of all ages to learn more about the coyote through crafts and stories (included with the price of museum admission). Coyote crafts are 11:00am- noon, and story time begins at 12:30. For more information, contact visitor services at (847)475-1030 or visitor.services@mitchellmuseum.org

The Mitchell Museum is one of only a handful of museums in the country that focuses exclusively on the art, history and culture of American Indian and First Nation peoples throughout the United States and Canada. In 2012, the Mitchell Museum was named “Best Museum of The North Shore: Up and Comer” by *Make it Better* magazine, won the Superior award by the Illinois Association of Museums and was named a national finalist by the American Association of State and Local History award program.

For more information about the Mitchell Museum of The American Indian, visit www.mitchellmuseum.org or call 847-475-1030. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children and Free for Mitchell Museum members and Tribal members.

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