

## Libraries Working Towards Social Justice March & April 2022 Programs

3/10, 6pm [U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo](#)

Please join us for a virtual reading and Q&A with three-term US Poet Laureate Joy Harjo. JOIN US for a watch party in the library auditorium. We will be streaming the event! A free copy of *An American Sunrise* will be given out to attendants based on availability. Presented by the White Fund and Lawrence Public Library in partnership with Merrimack College. Register at [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

3/15, 7pm *Disasterology Dispatches from the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis* at Reading Public Library

<https://libcal.readingpl.org/event/8144056>

Join Professor Samantha Montano, an emergency response researcher at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and author of *Disasterology: Dispatches from the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis* as she talks about how to prepare for a disaster, how climate change magnifies disaster, and how justice in disaster response is more important than ever.

3/22 - 5/17, 7pm [Critical Disinformation Studies: Discussion Series](#)

This 8-week virtual discussion series will prepare participants to critically examine information systems through the intersectional frameworks of critical race theories, feminism, gender and sexuality, and decolonization. The overarching goal of the series is to interrogate the ways in which information and disinformation intersect with systemic power differentials in our society. Each session will consist of discussion about topics covered in that week's assigned materials and discussion questions, so participants will be expected to review materials and questions. Participants should please plan to attend every meeting; the series will not meet on April 19. Space is limited; registration is required. Register via [norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar](http://norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar) or call 781-769-0200 x2.

4/12, 7pm *Walk with Me: A Biography of Fannie Lou Hamer* author visit at Reading Public Library

<https://libcal.readingpl.org/event/8444818>

Acclaimed historian and author Kate Clifford Larson shares the impressive story of Civil Rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. Her new book *Walk With Me: A Biography of Fannie Lou Hamer* draws from path breaking research to offer an inspired account of Hamer's contributions. *Walk With Me* is a gripping and skillfully researched political biography that embeds Hamer's personal history within a compelling account of the post-World War II civil rights movement.

4/16, 7pm *The Massachusetts Tribe: Life and Land* at Reading Public Library

<https://libcal.readingpl.org/event/8844323>

Discover North of Boston's indigenous community- past and present! Join Thomas Green, Vice President of the Massachusetts Tribe, to learn about Nanepashemet's Pawtucket band of the Massachusetts as well as a broader history of the Massachusetts people and their relationship to the land.

**Libraries Working Towards Social Justice formed in 2020 to expand our programming efforts beyond our individual communities to achieve a more equitable, diverse and inclusive society. The libraries include [Andover](#), Burlington, [Chelmsford](#), Dracut, Groton, [Haverhill](#), Lawrence, Lowell, [Methuen](#), Newton, North Andover, North Reading, Peabody, Pepperell, Reading, Tewksbury, Wayland, Westford and Wilmington.**