

Libraries Working Towards Social Justice October/November/December 2021 Programs

10/7, 7pm – [Annawon Weeden: Understanding Indigenous Culture](#) - Courageous Conversations presents an online evening with Annawon Weeden, Mashpee Wampanoag/Pequot/Narragansett, in conversation with Julia Alexander, an educator at The Pike School. (Memorial Hall Library-Andover)

10/14, 6:30pm – [Galen Abdur-Razzaq: Afro-Cuban Jazz – Online Lecture & Performance](#) - Galen will perform a flute prelude followed by a presentation focusing primarily on the roots and instrumentations (drums and timbales, claves and cajon) of Afro-Cuban Jazz. He will highlight prominent Latin Jazz artists such as Mario Bauza, Cachao, and Machito, and demonstrate the various styles and rhythms with samples of the music. (Lawrence Library)

10/21, 6pm – [Virtual Author Talk: Civil War Monuments & White Supremacy](#) - Join author Connor Towne O'Neill for a presentation on his critically acclaimed debut book, *Down Along with That's Devil Bones: A Reckoning with Monuments, Memory, and the Legacy of White Supremacy*. (Tewksbury Library)

10/27, 7pm – [Massachusetts Must Read Authors - Noé Álvarez, 'Spirit Run'](#) - Author Noe Alvarez was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Center for the Book as one of Massachusetts's must-read authors of the year. Join Alvarez for a presentation on his latest book, "Spirit Run: A 6000-Mile Marathon Through North America's Stolen Land" via Zoom. (Tewksbury Library)

10/28, 7pm – [When Getting Along Is Not Enough: Reconstructing Race In Our Lives And Relationships](#) - Join author Maureen Walker for a presentation based on her latest book, *When Getting Along is Not Enough: Reconstructing Race in Our Lives and Relationships*. She identifies three essential relational skills for personal transformation and cultural healing that are the foundations for repairing the damage wrought by racism -- consideration, courage, and complexity. Walker is a licensed psychologist, speaker, educator, and writer who helps people bridge cultural differences such as race, religion, gender, and other social status markers. Learn more about Walker [HERE](#). (J.V. Fletcher Library, Westford)

11/4, 7pm - [Beyond the Mayflower and 1620: Native Americans of New England](#) - Christoph Strobel will present an interpretive history of the indigenous peoples of New England. This talk will not attempt to provide a comprehensive history, but, rather, by focusing on a few select case studies, historic sketches, and biographies from

throughout New England, we will explore the story of Native Americans in the region. (Chelmsford Library)

11/10, 7pm – [The Combat Zone: Murder, Race, and Boston's Struggle for Justice](#) - Join author Jan Brogan for a presentation on her new book, *The Combat Zone: Murder, Race, and Boston's Struggle For Justice*, via Zoom. (Tewksbury Library)

11/16, 7pm – [Massachusetts Must Read Authors – Michelle Bowdler \(Is Rape A Crime?\)](#) - Join Bowdler for a presentation on her critically acclaimed book, *Is Rape A Crime?: A Memoir, An Investigation, and A Manifesto* via Zoom. (Tewksbury Library)

11/17, 7pm – [Climate Justice – Finding Equitable Solutions To The Climate Crisis with Nia Keith](#) - Climate change is the number one existential threat to humanity and the planet, but some communities are more vulnerable than others. Where do social justice and climate change overlap? How can we, as concerned community members, fight climate change in a way that is just and equitable for all? Join Nia Keith, Mass Audubon's Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, in this interactive lecture on climate justice. (Tewksbury Library)

11/18, 7pm – [Decolonizing: Placing Indigenous Peoples in the Conversation – An Evening with Claudia Fox Tree & Debby Irving](#) - Join Claudia Fox Tree (Arawak/Yurumein) and Debby Irving for an online conversation as they explore how U.S. narratives have shaped their understanding of themselves, one another, and the complex world we live in. No two conversations are alike as they gather with no agenda, simply modeling the conversations of a cross-racial relationship. Current events, in their own lives and in the larger world, inspire the organic conversation they engage in. Audience engagement and participation will be facilitated by a moderated question and answer session following their talk. (Memorial Hall Library – Andover)

11/20, 10am – [Northeast Woodlands Native American Stories with Anne Jennison](#) - Anne Jennison's performance of traditional Northeast Native American storytelling is a wonderful way to celebrate the rich and diverse cultural traditions of Native Americans. Anne's storytelling performances feature stories from Abenaki and other Northeast Woodlands Indigenous traditions – and usually begin with a greeting song, accompanied by her rattle or frame drum. Audiences are invited to join Anne in singing, creating a sense of community for sharing the storytelling. (Tewksbury Library)

11/30, 7pm – [The Breaking of Baseball's Color Barrier with Ted Reinstein](#) - Join author and longtime "Chronicle" reporter Ted Reinstein for a presentation on his latest book, *Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier*, via Zoom. (Tewksbury Library)

12/10, 1pm - Our Compelling Questions Lecture Series asks What does it mean to think like a feminist? Associate Professor of Philosophy Carol Hay will take the audience from conceptual questions of sex, gender, intersectionality, and oppression, to the practicalities of talking to children, navigating consent, and fighting for adequate space on public transit. This talk will take place on Zoom. Register here to receive the link to join: <https://chelmsfordlibrary.libcal.com/event/7985568> (Chelmsford Library)

12/21, 7pm - The SoJust Book group will meet to discuss *We Fed an Island: The True Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico, One Meal at a Time* - José Andrés. Copies of the book are available at the Chelmsford Main Library The group will be meeting via Zoom. Please register here to receive the Zoom link: <https://chelmsfordlibrary.libcal.com/event/7985991> (Chelmsford Library)

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.