

EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT'S ISLAND WITHIN A CITY
ESSAYS

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

For and in consideration of being allowed to participate in and submit essays ("Participant") to the Eisenhower Public Library District ("Library"), and as a condition of my own voluntary participation in submitting an essay to be considered for publication in the Library's *Island Within a City* (the "Book") and/or the Library's Website ("Website"), I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. **SCOPE OF ESSAY EVENT.** The Library has full discretion in selecting the essays that will be published in the Book and/or the Website. My participation in the Essay Event does not guarantee publication. The Library retains the right as to whether or not to publish my essay in whole or part, and to edit my essay for clarity, grammar, and other revisions viewed as necessary for publication. The Library retains complete editorial control over my essay. The Library will not publish any essay that it considers, in its sole discretion, unsuitable for publication including, but not limited to written material that is considered to be hate speech and/or unethical and/or illegal.

2. **WAIVER AND RELEASE:** I agree to waive, release and discharge from liability the Library and its trustees, elected and appointed officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers (collectively the "Library Affiliates") from any and all claims, rights, damages, causes of action, and demands of whatsoever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, which I may have against the Library and the Library Affiliates arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my own voluntary participation in the *Island Within a City* Essay Event. I agree that this Waiver and Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois, and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, I agree that the balance hereof will continue in full legal force and effect.

3. **BINDING AGREEMENT:** I agree that this Waiver and Release shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, spouse, legatees, transferees, assigns, personal representatives, owners, insurers, agents, servants, employees, administrators, executors, representatives and/or successors in interest of any kind whatsoever.

4. **VOLUNTARY CONSENT:** I have carefully read and fully understand and agree to the above-stated conditions of participation in the *Island Within a City* Essay Event, and I have voluntarily signed this document.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

Participant Signature

Participant (print name) and Date