WINTER READING CHALLENGES
Stay warm this winter by reading to win prizes.

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AUTHOR VISITS
A kids author, a cookbook creator, and a poet will chat with us about their writing this winter.

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LOCAL HISTORY
Our book of local history is back on track and we need your help to finish it.

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50 YEARS OF EISENHOWER
Celebrate our golden anniversary with us all throughout 2023.
WRITING IN THE MARGINS

In 2019 we embarked on an ambitious project. We decided to update the local history book we produced in 1989, Island Within a City. It’s been a long and complicated road to getting this project finished, but we are still passionate about it.

It’s looking a bit different than it did when we started out. Instead of having the book be a narrative of the history that’s taken place in our community over the last 30 years, we want it to be a collection of your stories and memories. We’ve created a list of topics we want to hear about and we invite you to submit written essays for the book.

At the end of this newsletter you’ll find instructions for writing and submitting an entry, along with a release form. If you’re interested in submitting one or more essays, please follow the instructions and submit your writing to the library, either in person or via email.

If you’re interested in participating but aren’t interested in writing, contact us and we’ll arrange for someone to come and interview you. We’ll transcribe the interview for the book.

Of course, we have no idea how many submissions we’ll receive, and we anticipate that we won’t be able to publish everything in the bound volume. However, we will publish as many essays as we can in our online publishing collection, Biblioboard. By the way, if you’d like to peruse the first Island Within a City book, we have some copies you can check out or you can read it online through Biblioboard.

We’re so excited to read your stories and memories and to have others read them as well. This book is about you and your experiences. We can’t wait to read about you.
In 2023, we’ll be celebrating 50 years serving the community of Norridge and Harwood Heights and we want you to be a part of the celebration. All throughout the year, we’ll be hosting special, golden anniversary events and activities to thank you for five decades of support. What’s listed here is just the start of the festivities. To see what else we have in store for 2023, visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/50.

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST**

*December 01–January 06*

Attention artists of all ages. Our bookmark design contest is back for 2023! Create your own design for a library bookmark for a chance to win prizes. Winners will be chosen for kids, teens, and adults to be printed and distributed throughout the year. Ask for an entry in Kids World or at the Answers Desk.

**HEARTS OF GOLD VALENTINES**

*Saturday, February 11, 12:00–3:00 PM*

Celebrate our "golden" anniversary with us by making Valentine's Day cards and buttons for your loved ones.

**1973 FILM SERIES**

Monthly film screenings from the year we first opened.

- **AMERICAN GRAFFITI**
  - January 30, 2:00 PM
- **PAPER MOON**
  - February 27, 2:00 PM
- **THE STING**
  - March 27, 2:00 PM
- **CHARLOTTE’S WEB**
  - April 24, 2:00 PM
- **THE WAY WE WERE**
  - May 22, 2:00 PM
- **LIVE AND LET DIE**
  - June 26, 2:00 PM
- **SERPICO**
  - July 31, 2:00 PM
- **THE PAPER CHASE**
  - August 28, 2:00 PM
- **BADLANDS**
  - September 25, 2:00 PM
- **WESTWORLD**
  - October 30, 2:00 PM
- **SOYLENT GREEN**
  - November 27, 2:00 PM
- **ENTER THE DRAGON**
  - December 18, 2:00 PM

**THROWBACK THURSDAYS**

*instagram.com/ikelib*

Follow us on Instagram where, starting in January, we’ll be posting photos from Eisenhower’s history every Thursday. Post your own photos with the hashtag #IKEthrowback.

**ISLAND WITHIN A CITY**

*eisenhowerlibrary.org/island*

Do you have a fond memory of visiting the library, dining at a favorite restaurant, or playing sports in school? We’re updating our book of local history and need your stories to fill its pages. Find out more on pages nine and ten.

**BOOKSTORIES: WINTER READING FOR ADULTS & TEENS**

*January 01–February 28. Grade 7 & older*

This winter we’re celebrating books, book stores, and libraries with our BookStories Winter Reading Challenge.

For every book you read during January and February you’ll earn a coupon to redeem at our very own pop-up "book store" filled with free advanced reader copies and pre-read books here at the library. After you’ve visited our book store, enter a raffle to win a a Roku streaming video stick or a gift card from a real independent book store.

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/winter2023 to find more information and book store hours.

**BOOKSTORIES: FILM SERIES**

Read deeper into our celebration of books and book stores with a series of screenings of films highlighting book stores.

- **YOU’VE GOT MAIL**
  - Saturday, January 07, 2:30 PM
- **NOTTING HILL**
  - Saturday, January 28, 2:30 PM
- **HELLO, BOOKSTORE: THE DOCUMENTARY**
  - Saturday, February 25, 2:30 PM
Register for these events and look for more upcoming author conversations at eisenhowerlibrary.org/conversations or call 708-867-2299 for more information.

**EMI WATANABE COHEN**

© Sunday, December 04, 2:00 PM

Join us for an online chat with children’s author Emi Watanabe Cohen.

Emi tells stories informed by her mixed Japanese/Ashkenazi Jewish heritage, as well as by her experiences growing up in a multilingual environment. Her earliest memories contain a hodgepodge mix of English, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew, and Russian, and she spent eleven years studying Mandarin in school. With her love of languages comes a deep appreciation for all the beautiful things that languages can convey.


**SHAUNA SEVER**

© Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM

Celebrate baking this holiday season with cookbook author, TV & radio contributor, and daughter of the great midwest, Shauna Sever.

As a writer, Shauna’s work is best defined by several baking-centric cookbooks. She has also contributed food stories, recipes, and expert tips for *USA Today, Bon Appétit, Family Circle, Real Simple, O Magazine, Midwest Living*, and many more. She began developing and writing recipes when she launched her award-winning baking blog *Piece of Cake* in 2007.

She also sits behind the microphone as a contributor for the long-running public radio show *The Splendid Table*, for which she was nominated for an IACP award in 2017.

After more than 12 years of California living, Shauna returned to her hometown of Chicago, where she now bakes, writes, and is always on the hunt for great old-school Midwestern bakeries.
CLASSES & CRAFTS

COMPUTER CLASSES

❖ SHOPPING SAFELY ONLINE
   ® Monday, December 05, 10:00 AM
   Thursday, February 02, 2:00 PM
Billions of dollars are stolen through online fraud annually. Learn to shop safely online in this class.

❖ ANCESTRY ONLINE SERIES
   ® MONDAYS, JANUARY 9 & 16, 6:00 PM
Learn how to research your family history with Ancestry Library Edition in this two-part series.

❖ BASIC COMPUTER LITERACY
   ® FRIDAYS, JANUARY 13 & 20, 2:00 PM
Don't know a keyboard from a mouse? Learn the basics of using a computer in this two-part series. A great start for beginners.

❖ INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER LITERACY
   ® Fridays, February 10, 17 & 24, 2:00 PM
Extend your computer knowledge to include internet basics, online safety, and more.

❖ ROSS GAY
   ® Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 PM
Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay.

Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry: Against Which, Bringing the Shovel Down, the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award winner, Be Holding, and the National Book Critics Circle Award and 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award winner, Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude.

His first collection of essays, The Book of Delights, was released in 2019 and was a New York Times bestseller. His newest collection of essays, Inciting Joy, considers the joy we incite when we care for each other, especially during life’s inevitable hardships.

CROCHET ALONGS

Enjoy crochet? Interested in learning new stitches or sharing your knowledge? Find links to patterns and to join our virtual crochet alongs on Zoom at eisenhowerlibrary.org/crochet.

❖ CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRTS
   Wednesdays, December 07, 14, & 21, 3:00 PM

❖ BOWL COZIES
   Wednesdays, January 04, 11, 18 & 25, 3:00 PM

❖ GINGHAM BABY BLANKETS
   Wednesdays, February 01, 08, 15 & 22, 3:00 PM
**ADULT PROGRAMS**

This season's events will meet either in-person or online. Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org or call 708-867-2299 for more info and to register.

- **VIRTUAL**
- **IN-PERSON**
- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

- **OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS FIRE**
  - 🎤 Thursday, December 01, 6:30 PM
  - On the 64th anniversary of the fire, historian Jim Gibbons presents the story of the 1958 tragedy at the Our Lady of the Angels School.

- **THE ORIGINS OF HOLIDAY MUSIC**
  - 🎤 Tuesday, December 06, 6:30 PM
  - Where do your favorite holiday songs come from? From traditional to silly, Gregory Alexander (Professor Moptop) delves into who wrote the songs, what inspired them, and who recorded them.

- **ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR**
  - 🎤 Thursdays, December 08, January 12 & February 09, 7:00 PM
  - Join us for a monthly hour of casual conversation with other patrons who are learning English as a second language. No lessons, just a place to practice your English skills.

- **I NEED SOME SLEEP!**
  - 🎤 Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 PM
  - With all our daily stress, sometimes it's hard to get to sleep. Tamara Kowalski provides tips, a lavender spray to take home, and a meditation technique you can access whenever you need rest.

- **SUSTAINABLE GARDEN PRACTICES**
  - 🎤 Thursday, January 05, 6:00 PM
  - It's an excellent time for garden planning, so let's talk about sustainable planting, permaculture, and alternative growing methods with sustainable gardener Chef Val.

- **GOING ELECTRIC**
  - 🎤 Monday, January 09, 7:00 PM
  - Join us on Zoom to learn about the benefits of electric vehicles and efficient alternatives for heating and cooking at home with Kate Carney and Cynthia Segura.

- **SOUND HEALING & MEDITATION**
  - 🎤 Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 PM
  - Allow Tamara Kowalski's crystal singing bowls to send you into a state of relaxation and meditation.

- **PAINT A CACTUS**
  - 🎤 Thursday, February 02, 6:00 PM
  - Join Tamara Kowalski to make and pot your very own painted rock cactus.

- **THE SIMPLE LIFE OF JAMES HERRIOT**
  - 🎤 Monday, February 06, 6:30 PM
  - Claire Evans takes to Zoom to recount the life of Alf Wight, better known as James Herriot, whose autobiographical, heartwarming, animal stories were the basis for the classic show, *All Creatures Great and Small*.

- **THE DOGS OF CHERNOBYL**
  - 🎤 Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 PM
  - Through photos and videos on Zoom, Stephen Quandt explores the resilience, hope, and unexpected heroism in the story of the dogs descended from the pets left behind after the Chernobyl nuclear accident of 1986.

- **A VIRTUAL TOUR OF ST. PETERSBURG**
  - 🎤 Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 PM
  - Explore St. Petersburg’s glorious royalty, majestic views, and onion-shaped domes. Join tour guide Olga Cardamone on Zoom to see the Church on Spilled Blood, the Hermitage museum, St. Isaac’s Cathedral, and more.

- **DECODING THE MYSTERIES OF CATS**
  - 🎤 Monday, January 23, 6:30 PM
  - People with cat behavior challenges often have few places to turn. Join us on Zoom for your chance to learn about ways to live with and enjoy your cat with Feline Behaviorist Stephen Quandt.
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org to register, to borrow the books, and to find links to join us in our Zoom video chats. For help, call 708-867-2299.

- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
  Our lively online discussions will keep you energized and excited about reading.
  
  AFTERLIFE by Julia Alvarez
  Tuesday, December 06, 2:00 PM

  DRIVE YOUR PLOW OVER THE BONES OF THE DEAD
  by Olga Tokarczuk
  Tuesday, January 10, 2:00 PM

  TANGERINE by Christine Mangan
  Tuesday, February 07, 2:00 PM

- COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
  Join us for monthly Zoom chats about cozy mysteries.

  HERCULE POIROT'S CHRISTMAS by Agatha Christie
  Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 PM

  WINTER STUDY by Nevada Barr
  Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 PM

  A COLD DAY IN PARADISE by Steve Hamilton
  Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 PM

- FACEBOOK COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB
  facebook.com/groups/eisenhowerbookclub
  Join us in our Book Club Group on Facebook, a place to read and discuss books with your community.

  December: THE WOMAN IN THE LIBRARY by Sulari Gentill
  January: THE ELECTRIC WOMAN by Tessa Fontaine
  February: A LONG, LONG TIME AGO AND ESSENTIALLY TRUE by Brigid Pasulka

- BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB
  Fridays, Dec 02 & 16, Jan 13 & 27, Feb 10 & 24, 3:30 PM
  Have a favorite book or two you’d like to share with fellow readers? Drop into our virtual BYO book club!

- CAMP FIRE TALES CLUB
  Escape the ordinary with in-person discussions of science fiction, fantasy, and horror novellas.

  FLYAWAY by Kathleen Jennings
  ® Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 PM

  ALL SYSTEMS RED by Martha Wells
  ® Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM
Kids programs are held either virtually or in-person. In-person kids programs are limited to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights. To register, call 708-867-2298 or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org.

- **VIRTUAL**
- **IN-PERSON**
- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

### FAMILY

#### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DESIGN
- **Saturday, December 03, 1:00 or 4:00 PM.**
  Ages 12 & under with an adult
  Let's make our own graham cracker houses on Zoom - beautiful and yummy! Pick up supplies in Kids World before the program and then join us on Zoom to make delicious houses together.

### VIRTUAL

#### STORYTIME & CRAFT
- **Mondays, December 05 & February 06, 6:00 PM.** Ages 4-8
  Join us for a winter-themed Storytime and craft session on Zoom! Pick up supplies in Kids World one week before each program!

#### U MAKE: ACRYLIC MOUNTAIN PAINTING
- **Wednesday, December 07, 6:00 PM.** Ages 4-12 (7 & under with an adult)
  Create a wonderful and easy mountain landscape with acrylics.

#### TWEENS MAKE: AN ELF HAT
- **Monday, December 12, 6:00 PM.** Ages 9-12
  Let's hang out and make a fun craft! Design it for yourself or as a gift for someone special!

### MOVIE & CRAFT: SNOW DOGS
- **Wednesday, January 04, 2:00 PM.** Grades 3-6.
  Let’s laugh at the movie *Snow Dogs* (Rated PG) as we make an outdoor winter wreath using plastic bags.

### MAKE A SEARCH & FIND JAR
- **Saturday, January 07, 10:00 AM.** Ages 4-8 with a parent
  I spy a cool craft filled with items to make a search and find jar. Make your own jar and come up with silly riddles for a fun activity that you can play again and again.

### KIDS WRITE AWAY
- **Friday, December 23, & Thursdays, January 26 & February 23, 4:00 PM.** Grades 4-6
  Want to become the next famous author? Join us for our fun writing classes this winter!

### LET'S PLAY: COLDEN THE SNOWMAN
- **Thursday, December 15, 6:00 PM.**
  Ages 3-7 with an adult
  In this life-size board game, work together to build a snowman before the warm spring sun arrives!!

### BECOME A WIZARD
- **Tuesday, December 27, 3:00 PM.** Ages 8-12
  Are you a wizard? Do you want to be one? Take our wizarding class and make a magic wand and potion!

### MARIO KART MADNESS
- **Thursday, December 29, 2:00 PM.** Ages 6-12
  Time to Switch it up and do some racing at the Library! Come play *Mario Kart 8* on our big screen and race against your friends for bragging rights.

### U MAKE: A YETI WREATH
- **Tuesday, January 03, 2:00 PM.** Ages 3-12
  Craft a Yeti themed paper wreath to decorate inside your home this winter. This cute character will keep you company in the cold months.

### FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- **Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 PM.** Families with children 12 & under
  Grab your family and let’s play some Bingo to win a prize! Each family gets a jumbo Bingo card to keep after the program.

### PIXEL POWER
- **Saturday, January 21, 10:00 AM.** Grades 3-6. Waivers Required.
  Art goes 8-bit! Bring digital art to the real world and make your very own pixel creation. Be completely original, or use one of our patterns.
U MAKE: ACRYLIC JELLYFISH PAINTINGS
Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 PM.
Ages 4-12 (7 & under with an adult)
Create a whimsical and easy jellyfish painting with acrylics. Pick up your supplies a week before the program. Then, join us on Zoom to paint some funny jellyfish!

DIY BUTTERFLY CANDY BAGS
Saturday, February 11, 10:00 AM.
Ages 4-12 (7 & under with an adult)
Looking for a fun and easy-to-make kid’s Valentine treat? Come to the library to make one!

TWEENS MAKE: A SOMA GAME CUBE
Monday, February 27, 6:00 PM. Ages 9-12.
Let’s hang out and make a 3-D game to take home for hours of fun! A Soma cube is a wooden puzzle with seven unique pieces that can be arranged in 240 different ways.

DIAD CLIPART "STORYTIME IS BACK!"
Welcome back to Storytime this winter! Norridge and Harwood Heights residents can register for Storytime sessions in-person in Kids World. Call 708-867-2298 or visit eisenhwerlibrary.org/storytime for January and February’s schedules.

IN-PERSON STORYTIME IS BACK!

SPECIAL EVENTS

ADAPTIVE HOUR & CRAFT
Sundays, December 11, January 08 & February 12, 12:00 PM
Families with children 12 and under who have a diagnosis or disability are invited to visit the Kids World Department for a special hour exclusively for you! Kids will be able to do crafts, explore Kids World, and meet other families in this special before-hours program!

PRE-SCHOOL FAIR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 5:00–7:30 PM
Drop into the library to learn everything you need to know about enrolling your child into area pre-schools or daycare. Pre-schools and daycares from the area will be in attendance to answer all of your questions.

FAMILY YOGA & MINDFULNESS
MONDAYS, JANUARY 09, 16 & 30, 6:00 PM
Ages 5-12 (7 & under with an adult) Waivers Required
Would you like to build physical strength? Find balance and calm? Learn tools for yourself and your children to recover quickly from difficulties? Learn techniques to cope with stress more effectively? Have some fun as a family together? Give yoga and mindfulness a try.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 01–MARCH 08, 4:00 PM. Grades 4-6
Sign up with your school’s Battle coach to compete in our annual tournament of readers. Need help contacting your coach? Ask in Kids World or call 708-867-2298.

TEEN EVENTS

ANONYMOUS TEEN WRITERS
Every Thursday, 4:00 PM
Writers in grades 7-12 are invited to join in on some socializing, discussion, and, of course, writing! Share your poems and stories in a supportive space or listen to others read.

BEGINNING GUITAR FOR TEENS
TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 07, 14, 21 & 28, 7:00 PM, Grades 7-12
Calling all beginning teen guitar players. Learn basic chords, scales, and how to play in a group with guitar instructor Lance Anderson. Bring your guitar if you have one. We’ll have some library guitars available but it’s best to get comfortable with your own.
In 1989, we published, Island Within a City: A History of the Norridge-Harwood Heights Area by Tom McGowen. In 2019, for the book's 30th anniversary, we began planning an update, exploring more recent history. Those plans were derailed by COVID-19. But now we're back on track and, this time, we're asking for your help.

History comes alive when we hear directly from those that experienced it. So we're offering an opportunity for you, the community, to shape future historical understanding of Norridge and Harwood Heights by writing short essays about your connections to the area.

Below you'll find writing prompts to spur your memories. Write a 250-500 word essay inspired by one or more. While we welcome all of your stories, the published book will contain only those related to local history since 1990. Stories outside of that scope may be made available to read online.

**ESSAY PROMPTS**

Have you established any family traditions that involve living in the community? Please describe them.

What is one thing you’d like someone to know about your experience over the last 30 years in this community?

Select a photo of your family taken in Norridge or Harwood Heights that is meaningful to you. What is the story behind that photo?

What memory of the past 30 years stands out to you the most about being a part of this community?

What is the most interesting thing you’ve witnessed in the community in the last three decades?

What do these phrases make you think about: businesses you miss; shopping local; island within a city; swimming pool; park; community; Ridgewood; school; church; recreation; school band; eating; nature; music.

What stories do you have of the "unwritten history" of Norridge or Harwood Heights?

You know you’re from Norridge/Harwood Heights when...

**THE LIBRARY**

Describe your experiences at the Eisenhower Library.

What role has the library played in your life and the lives of your family members?

If you visited the library before 2008, do you have any memories of the old building?

Did you use the community gardens at the old library? What do you remember about your experiences with them?

**LOOKING FORWARD**

This community has been described as "steadfast." What does that mean to you?

What is this community's greatest strength and how will this strength benefit the community's future?

What do you hope to see for the future of Norridge and Harwood Heights?

What challenges do you expect the community to meet in the future?

**NEED MORE PROMPTS?**

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/island for a selection of even more writing prompts on a variety of subjects including:

- Family Life | Gone But Not Forgotten | Changes You've Witnessed | The Park District
- Shopping Local, Shopping Global | Welcome to the Island: Immigration
- Village Government: Keeping the Island Afloat | Police & Fire: To Serve and Protect
- Schools: Student & Parent Perspectives | Schools: Educators Perspectives
- Faith Communities | We Remember: Remembering Those Who Have Left Us
- Forgotten History | The Pandemic | Women in the Board Room: Female Leaders & Influencers
ESSAY SUBMISSIONS

Essays may be submitted online at eisenhowerlibrary.org/island or in-person at the Library Services Desk. You may also email your essays to island@eisenhowerpld.org or send them in the mail to:

History Essays
4613 N Oketo Ave
Harwood Heights, IL 60706.

Each submission must include:

- Your Name (as you would like it to appear in print)
- Whether you live in Norridge, Harwood Heights, or other. If other, specify where and detail your connection to this community.

Please note that a signed waiver and release form is required with each essay submission. You may use the release below, ask for a copy at the Library Services Desk, or download a printable release at eisenhowerlibrary.org/island.

EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT’S ISLAND WITHIN A CITY ESSAY 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.

Print Name ___________________________________________ Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________________________