SUMMER READING
Go for the Gold! Adults, teens and kids can all earn prizes by reading with us this summer.

THE WORKSHOP
Art, craft, and technology classes are back in The Workshop, our space dedicated to creativity.

LOCAL HISTORY
Our book of local history is back on track and we need your help to finish it.
Essays from the community for the new Island Within a City book are slowly coming in. We have also started writing the introductions to the chapters. Here’s a sneak peek at the introduction to the book. We hope you enjoy and that it gets you excited to read the rest of it!

"On any given morning of the week, if you walk into Allegretti’s Bakery in Norridge, Illinois you will likely find yourself standing in a line at least three people deep as you wait to place your order for rich cake doughnuts, thickly iced with chocolate or vanilla frosting. The person in front of you could be a Norridge Village trustee, a local school superintendent, or a parent from around the corner grabbing a morning treat for their family. If you listen, you will notice people greeting each other by name and asking about families in a way that indicates an intimacy usually found in a small town, not a suburb right next door to one of the biggest cities in America.

If you stop to enjoy lunch on a Tuesday afternoon at Rocco Vino’s across Harlem Avenue in Harwood Heights, you might see members of the local Rotary Club sharing a meal as they discuss ways to fund a scholarship for Norridge and Harwood Heights high school students. Spend enough time in this community and you will realize that you have found something rare. This is an enclave that can, at times, closely resemble its sprawling and frenetic neighbor only a five minute drive in any direction, and yet has also struck out on its own, creating a separate identity of independence and community spirit..."

We invite you to submit your remembrances. You can write an essay or we can interview you and transcribe the interview for publication. See the last page of this newsletter, or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/island for more information.

During our golden anniversary year, kids, teens, and adults can read to achieve!

Starting June 3rd, sign up on Beanstack, in Kids World, at the Answers Desk, or by calling 708-867-7827.

While supplies last, you’ll get a tote bag featuring Goldie, our anniversary mascot, just for signing up. You’ll also get some other goodies to get your challenge off to a good start.

Use the Beanstack summer reading website and mobile app to track your reading progress. Families can all sign in under one account for easy tracking of the books you read. You can also log reading activities, earn badges, redeem prizes, and write reviews.

If you can’t access Beanstack, give us a call at 708-867-7828 or drop into the library and we’ll help you get signed up.
In 2023, we’re 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’re 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.

**CHICAGO’S BAKERIES REMEMBERED: 50 YEARS & MORE**

**® TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 7:00 PM**

Join Historian Cheryl Brown to reminisce about Chicago’s famed bakeries (Dressels, Naples, Vesecky’s, Fingerhut, Webers, Dinkels, Roesers, Reuters) and baking companies (Maurice Lenell, Burny Bros, Salerno, Sara Lee) and discover where you can still buy the best mouth-watering, made-from-scratch treats.

**THROWBACK THURSDAYS**

[instagram.com/ikelib](https://instagram.com/ikelib)

Follow us on Instagram where we’re posting photos from Eisenhower’s history every Thursday. Post your own photos with the hashtag #IKEthrowback.

**THE HOT 100**

[eisenhowerlibrary.org/blog](http://eisenhowerlibrary.org/blog)

Crocodile Rock, Love Train, Killing Me Softly, Dancing in the Moonlight... A lot of great music topped the charts during our founding year. Which was your favorite? Visit our library blog to reminisce about and listen to Billboard magazine’s hottest songs of 1973.

**1973 FILM SERIES**

Our monthly film series showcasing the best movies from the year the library was founded continues this summer.

**® LIVE AND LET DIE**

**® Monday, June 26, 2:00 PM. Rated PG. 2h 1m**

**® SERPICO**

**® Monday, July 31, 2:00 PM. Rated R. 2h 10m**

**® THE PAPER CHASE**

**® Monday, August 28, 2:00 PM. Rated PG. 1h 53m**

**® TWEEN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

**® Monday, July 17, 6:00 PM. Ages 9-12**

Have time for a tech project and skill-building this summer? Interested tweens are invited to undertake an oral history project interviewing an elder in their family or neighborhood about their life and times. We’ll plan how to sequence your project and practice interview skills. Norridge and Harwood Heights-related interviews may be submitted for publication in the ongoing *Island Within A City* project.

**SUMMER READING KICKOFF**

**Saturday, June 03, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff on Saturday, June 3rd between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. You’ll be able to sign up for Summer Reading, pick up your tote bag and other registration prizes, and, after signing up, enjoy a delicious, frozen treat from our visiting Ice Cream Truck!

**POPUP BOOKSHOP**

**June 05–August 05, 2023**

For adults and teens, our Popup Bookshop is back! Let us know what books you’ve finished during Summer Reading season and earn some free books and other goodies from the shop.

**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.

**® OCTOPUS AMIGURUMI**

**Wednesdays, June 07, 14, 21 & 28, 3:00 PM**

**® WRINKLE BAGS**

**Wednesdays, July 05, 12, 19 & 26, 3:00 PM**

**® HANGING BASKET**

**Wednesdays, August 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30, 3:00 PM**
These programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

**AUTHOR CONVERSATIONS**

Register for these events and look for more upcoming author conversations at eisenhowerlibrary.org/conversations. Ask at the Answers Desk or call 708-867-2299 for more information.

- IN-PERSON  ○ VIRTUAL  □ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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**NAVIGATE YOUR STARS: A CONVERSATION WITH JESMYN WARD**

*© Tuesday, June 06, 7:00 PM*

Join us for an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmy Wad. Hailed as “the new Toni Morrison” by the American Booksellers Association, Jesmyn will discuss her life, her literary vision and her unique perspectives on love and loss. Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director of the American Library Association, will join her in conversation.

Please register to watch the event in-person (projected on our big screen) or from home via Zoom.

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**BRAIDING SWEETGRASS: A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR ROBIN WALL KIMMERER**

*© Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 PM*

Join us for a special evening with Robin Wall Kimmerer, the award-winning author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*.

In this insightful talk, Robin will share her unique perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature and the importance of recognizing and respecting the gifts of the earth. She will delve into her own experiences as a botanist, indigenous science professor, and environmental advocate, and offer insights into her journey of learning to listen to the voice of the natural world.

Please register to watch the event in-person (projected on our big screen) or from home via Zoom.
**THE WORKSHOP**

Our Workshop is a space dedicated to creativity. It houses a growing collection of tools and technology that make it an art and design studio for the entire community.

- **SEWING MACHINE BASICS**
  - Saturday, June 17, 3:00 PM
  - Monday, June 19, 3:00 PM
  Get hands-on experience with the sewing machine and troubleshooting sewing problems. Soon, you’ll be able to independently work on projects on your own.

- **INTRO TO THE CRICUT MAKER**
  - Saturday, July 15, 2:00 PM
  - Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 PM
  Have you seen the Cricut Maker and wondered what you can do with this electronic cutting machine? Our introductory class explains the basics.

- **CREATE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK**
  - Wednesday, August 02, 6:30 PM
  - Saturday, August 05, 2:00 PM
  A good book deserves a good bookmark! Learn a little bit about the Carvey CNC machine when you design your own wooden bookmark.

- **OPEN STUDIO**
  Saturdays, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
  Thursdays: 1:00-4:30 PM

Visit the Workshop to embark on a creative endeavor. Use a sewing machine, make a handmade card, convert a video tape or vinyl record to a digital format, or just drop in to chat and get some inspiration. Give us a call or check eisenhowerlibrary.org/workshop as we add more open studio hours.

**MOVIE IN THE PARKING LOT**

Motor into the nostalgic days of the outdoor theater as our parking lot is transformed for an in-car screening of the musical *Hairspray*.

- **HAIRSPRAY**
  - Saturday, August 19, 8:00 PM. 2007. Rated PG. 1h 57m
  High school "hairhopper" Tracy Turnblad graduates from outsider to celebrity trendsetter when she appears on a local TV dance show. With John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Queen Latifah.

**HOLLYWOOD CLASSICS**

Join classic Hollywood historian John Stangeland for monthly screenings and discussions of movie masterpieces.

- **THE GREAT ESCAPE**
  - Monday, June 05, 1:00 PM. 1963. Not Rated. 2h 52m
  Starring Steve McQueen and James Garner. Join us two days later for a documentary about *The Great Escape*.

- **THE ELEPHANT MAN**
  - Monday, July 03, 1:00 PM. 1980. PG. 2h 4m
  Starring Anthony Hopkins, John Hurt, and Anne Bancroft.

- **LARCENY, INC**
  - Monday, August 07, 1:00 PM. 1942. Not Rated. 1h 35m
  Starring Edward G. Robinson and Jane Wyman.

- **THE COOLEST GUY MOVIE EVER**
  - Wednesday, June 07, 1:00 PM. 2018. Not Rated. 58m
  After watching *The Great Escape* on June 5th, join us for Christophe Espenian’s fascinating documentary, which returns to the iconic locations where that classic film was shot.

**TEEN EVENTS**

- **ANONYMOUS TEEN WRITERS**
  Every Thursday, 4:00-5:30 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.

- **DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS? CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE**
  - JULY 24-28, 12:00-4:00 PM, Grades 7-12

  Join us every day this week to build your own role playing game by crafting characters, attributes, and storylines to create an epic adventure that will cast you as a super dungeon master.
MINDFULNESS WALK
Thursday, June 01, 6:00 PM
June is a beautiful time to be outside! Walk around the neighborhood with the Eisenhower Garden Club. Then, discuss what you noticed during the walk.

THE LIFE OF ROD SERLING
Monday, June 05, 6:30 PM
Open your mind to another dimension. Historian Jim Gibbons discusses The Twilight Zone and the amazing life of genius creator, Rod Serling, including his screenwriting, television production, and narration.

CHAIR YOGA
Tuesdays, June 06, 13, 20 & 27, 2:00 PM
Join Jodi Fedoruk for an afternoon stretch for adults. Most poses will be done sitting, a few will be done using a chair for support.

WRITING GATSBY
Wednesday, June 07, 7:00 PM
The Great Gatsby is among the greatest novels ever written. Yet, the story of how Gatsby was written is one of heartbreak, infidelity, struggle, alcoholism, financial hardship, and one man’s perseverance to be faithful to the raw diamond of his talent.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOU
Thursdays, June 08, July 13 & August 10, 7:00 PM
Join us for an 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.

MEDITATION FOR HEALTHY LIVING
Thursday, June 15, 6:30 PM
Umesh Bhatia has been practicing meditation for over twenty years. On Zoom, he’ll present effective meditation techniques to help reduce stress and worry.

BUTTERFLY OF HOPE
Thursday, June 29, 2:00 PM
JoAnn Dickson discusses her book Butterfly of Hope: Finding My Wings in which she learns to listen to her inner voice and trust her own instincts. She’ll lead a short meditation session, too.

GARDEN CLUB
Thursday, July 06, 6:00 PM
Join us to talk about everything gardens, from bulbs and bushes, to berries, and begonias.

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE
Tuesdays, July 11–September 26, 11:00 AM
Mobility issues shouldn’t stop you from staying active. Join Jen Adams every week for a chair exercise program for seniors ages 60 and up.

HOMES FOR AMERICA
Monday, July 17, 7:00 PM
From famous to obscure, American homes reflect the influential individuals who commissioned them. Historian Paul Neumann offers a look on Zoom at America’s greatest historic house museums.

MEDICARE 101
Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 PM
Robin Dawson from Medicare Solutions will help you make sense of your Medicare options.

THE HISTORY OF BARBIE
Monday, July 24, 7:00 PM
Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor, the passionately creative and intensely competitive Ruth Handler.

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS SEMINAR
Wednesday, August 02, 6:30 PM
Join Dan Werdell from Guaranteed Rate Mortgage Lending to learn what you need to do to own your first home.

LOTUS LANTERNS
Thursday, August 03, 6:00 PM
Members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will show, step-by-step, how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames.

RELEASE YOUR GRIEF
Thursday, August 17, 6:30 PM
Grief is a powerful emotion. Sometimes it can feel like too much. Help bring this emotion into balance with Tamara Kowalski. We will create a personal memory jar, practice mindfulness, and more.

Registration begins May 1st. To register, call 708-867-2299, ask at the Answers Desk, or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org.
DISCUSSION GROUPS & COMPUTER CLASSES

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org to borrow the books, register for in-person meetings, and find links to join our Zoom video chats. For help, call 708-867-2299 or ask at the Answers Desk.

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

- **BASIC COMPUTER LITERACY**
  - TUESDAYS, JUNE 06 & 13, 10:00 AM
  
  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.

- **EXCEL 2016**
  - MONDAYS, JUNE 19 & 26, 6:00 PM
  
  In this two-part class, learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel for making spreadsheets.

- **INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER LITERACY**
  - TUESDAYS, JULY 11 & 18 & 25, 10:00 AM
  
  Extend your computer knowledge to include internet basics, online safety, and more.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION**

This summer, we’ll meet in-person on Tuesdays. Zoom meetings have moved to Wednesday afternoons.

- **THE RAIN WATCHER** by Tatiana de Rosnay
  - Tuesday, June 06, 2:00 PM (in-person)
  - Wednesday, June 07, 2:00 PM (Zoom)

- **EDUCATED** by Tara Westover
  - Tuesday, July 11, 2:00 PM (in-person)
  - Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 PM (Zoom)

- **REDHEAD BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD** by Anne Tyler
  - Tuesday, August 01, 2:00 PM (in-person)
  - Wednesday, August 02, 2:00 PM (Zoom)

**BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB**

- Fridays, June 02, 16 & 30, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, 3:30 PM

Have a current read or two you’d like to discuss with fellow readers? Drop into our virtual BYO book club!

**COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

Our monthly chats about cozy mysteries will be meeting in-person this summer.

- **DEATH BY CHOCOLATE CHERRY CHEESECAKE** by Sarah Graves
  - Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 PM

- **SURVIVAL OF THE FRITTERS** by Ginger Bolton
  - Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 PM

- **ALL FUDGED UP** by Nancy Coco
  - Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 PM
Registration begins on May 1st. Residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights receive priority for Kids World programs. Others will be added to a waiting list and will be contacted if there is room in the program.

- **BUILD TOGETHER**
  - Thursdays, June 01, July 06 & August 03, 5:00 PM. Ages 4-8
  Using the Library’s Lego collection, let’s have fun building a scene to display in the Library.

- **POKEMON DAY**
  - Tuesdays, June 06, July 11 & August 08, 5:00 PM. Ages 7-12
  Are you a fan of Pokemon? Meet other trainers and show off your favorite Pokemon! Each session will have new activities themed around everyone’s favorite pocket monsters!

- **FAMILY YOGA**
  - Mondays, June 12, 19 & 26, 5:45 PM. Ages 5-12 (7 & under with an adult)

- **KING OF THE GRILL: LION HANDPRINT BBQ APRON**
  - Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 PM
  Use finger paints to create a unique craft that anyone will love just as much as they love their cookouts.

- **THE ART OF INFLATION**
  - Saturday, June 17, 10:30 AM
  Ages 12 & under
  Magdal Balloon-Dude Dale combines incredible balloon creations with family friendly comedy. Laugh along as Dale tells quick-witted stories while captivating you with a choreographed balloon routine set to music.

- **PEN & PAPER TABLETOP ADVENTURE**
  - Tuesdays, June 20, July 18 & August 22, 6:00 PM. Ages 8-12
  Grab your pencils and dice! We’re going on an adventure without even leaving the Library! Each session will be a new bite size story in these Dungeons & Dragons adventures.

- **KIDS WRITE AWAY**
  - Thursdays, June 22, July 20 & August 24, 4:00 PM. Grades 4-6
  Want to become the next famous author? Join us for one or all of our fun writing classes this summer! Our themes will be Why so Tense? Let’s Build a World, and That’s Your Hero? Snacks provided at the end of class.

- **COLOR-BY-DAY CALENDAR**
  - July 2023. Ages 12 & under
  Color your way through July with a color by number art project that is fun for all skill levels. Pickup kits starting June 26th. Color pencil sets available while supplies last.

- **SUMMER CRAFT DAY**
  - Saturday, July 01, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Ages 12 & under (10 & under with an adult)
  Drop in to make some summer themed crafts to take home and enjoy. Three projects will be available using regular and hot glue. First come, first served.

- **PIXEL POWER**
  - Saturdays, July 15 & August 12, 10:00 AM Grade 3-6
  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 the many patterns that will be available.

- **TWEEN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**
  - Monday, July 17, 6:00 PM. Ages 9-12
  Have time for a tech project and skill-building this summer? Tweens are invited to undertake an oral history project interviewing an elder in their family or neighborhood about their life and times. We’ll plan how to sequence your project and practice interview skills. All will be invited to a fall showcase to share our work. Interviews may be submitted for publication in our Island Within A City project.

- **U MAKE: ACRYLIC FIREFLY NIGHT PAINTING**
  - Saturday, July 29, 10:00 AM. Ages 4-12 (7 & under with an adult)
  Paint a magical summer night scene with glowing fireflies.
SCRIBBLEMONSTER: INTERACTIVE PLAY & CONCERT
© Saturday, August 05, 10:00 AM. Ages 12 & under
We will dance, sing and play with Jim from ScribbleMonster and PBS’s Wimee’s Words. This interactive musical event will engage your young ones and invite their creative self-expression.

SKITTLE EXPERIMENT
© Monday, August 14, 6:00 PM. Grades 2-3
Let’s see the rainbow by experimenting with Skittles!

U MAKE: SUMMER BEACH PAINTING
© Saturday, August 26, 10:00 AM.
Ages 4-12 (7 & under with an adult)
Paint a tropical beach scene.

TOTS & PRE-K FUN DAYS
Come in for a morning of activity and exploration! Each session will have a different activity and staff member leading the group.

LEARN ABOUT SPACE & CRATERS
© FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 10:00 AM. Ages 2-5 with an adult.

BALLOON ROCKETS & PAPER AIRPLANES
© FRIDAY, JULY 07, 10:00 AM. Ages 2-5 with an adult.

ICE PAINTING
© FRIDAY, AUGUST 04, 10:00 AM. Ages 2-5 with an adult.

MENTAL HEALTH SELF-CARE KITS FOR KIDS
© Thursday, June 29, 6:30 PM
Grades 4-6 with an adult
Join a speaker from National Alliance of Mental Illness - Cook County North Suburban (NAMI CCNS) to design and create your own self-care kit. Discover how using your five senses can help your own wellness. Each participant will take home their self-care kit!

ADAPTIVE HOUR
© Sundays, June 11, July 09 & August 13, 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!

TUMBLEBOOKS
eisenhowerrlibrary.org/tumblebooks
TumbleBook is a collection of online animated, talking picture books for kids. It’s great for tech-savvy kids, and teaches them the joy of reading in a format they’ll love.

OPEN SEWING HOUR
Fridays, June 09, July 14 & August 11, 2:30 PM. Grades 4-6
Drop into the Workshop to work on your sewing projects. First-come first-served for those who already have sewing machine experience. Hand stitch projects are also welcome.
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 stories 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.

**WRITING 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**
- **Community Events: Working Together. Coming Together** | **The Next Chapter: Looking Forward**
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 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

STORY 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.