COMICFEST
Our celebration of comics, cosplay, and pop culture is back and better than ever.

NORM, THE T-REX
The Field Museum’s Tyrannosaurus Rex skull is coming back to Eisenhower!

SOLAR ECLIPSE
View October’s partial eclipse and get ready for the total eclipse next April.
A lot happened in 1973. Australia’s Sydney Opera House first opened. Secretariat took home the Triple Crown by winning the Preakness Stakes, the Kentucky Derby, and the Belmont Stakes. *The Godfather* won Best Picture at the Academy Awards. The Sears Tower was completed, becoming the world’s tallest building. Most importantly, the people of Norridge and Harwood Heights voted to establish a library district and the Eisenhower Library was officially founded.

We have spent a lot of time looking back during our 50th anniversary year, thinking about all the library staff, volunteers, trustees, and community members who have helped the Eisenhower Library become what it is today. All throughout 2023, we’ve been celebrating our founding year with “Golden Anniversary” events: discussions of 1973’s greatest books, screenings of 1973’s classic films, and travels through time with ’70s themed musical performances. And this summer, you took on the challenge to “Go for the Gold” making 2023 one of our most successful Summer Reading years ever.

If our anniversary has inspired you to reminisce about your life in Norridge and Harwood Heights, we’d love to hear your stories. We’re still collecting submissions for our updated book of local history, and your memories are needed to make the story complete. Find out how to submit an essay or schedule an interview at eisenhowerlibrary.org/island.

Our anniversary year is winding down now, but it isn’t quite over yet. We hope you’ll join us on October 1st for our 1970s themed Anniversary Festival where we’re celebrating 50 years of support from our incredible community.

Here’s to 50 more!

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**WRITING IN THE MARGINS**

Don your cape and tights then drop into Eisenhower to join hundreds of fans at our annual Comicfest, a celebration of the best in pop culture. Have fun with everything geeky: comics, toys, video gaming, television, original art, collectibles, anime, manga, and more!

Visit the artists alley, shop for comics and collectibles, and maybe win a prize for your incredible costume.

Pre-register by August 31st and receive a 10th Anniversary Comicfest commemorative badge and lanyard.

Make sure to sign up for Justin Castaneda’s drawing workshop and Devon Ford’s SFX makeup seminar too! Remember to get your own custom poem written by the Typewriter Poets.

For a list of special guests and more information as it develops, visit us at eisenhowerlibrary.org/comicfest2023.

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**COMICFEST 2023**

*Saturday, September 02, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM*

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**LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

eisenhowerlibrary.org/apply

No matter your age, September is the perfect time to sign up or renew your library card! This year, in honor of our 50th anniversary, we’re offering special edition, golden anniversary cards. Ask for yours at the Library Services Desk, or apply for a card online.
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. For the remainder of the year, we’re hosting special, golden anniversary events and activities to thank you for five decades of support. To see more 2023 happenings, visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/50.

**EISENHOWER’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL**
**® SUNDAY, OCTOBER 01, 12:00-3:00 PM**
Since we first opened our doors in 1973, we’ve been grateful to be a part of the community of Norridge and Harwood Heights. To thank you for 50 years of support, we’re throwing a ’70s themed party and you’re invited!

On Sunday, October 1st the Library grounds will be transformed into a 1970s-era festival with activities for all ages. Between sets from the Elvis tribute artist Hugo Colin and the Barefoot Hawaiian Dancers, boogie down to the sounds of the ’70s with our DJ. Drop into our Kid’s Zone to play some classic games and win prizes. Check out our Rec Room for retro games, ping pong, and more. Wear your grooviest ’70s attire for our costume parade and take a selfie in our photo booth. The library will be closed for service but don’t forget to hustle inside for some funky crafts and to chow down on a free donut from Allegretti’s Bakery.

There’s a lot more being planned so head over to eisenhowerlibrary.org/50 to discover everything the day has to offer.

**GOLDEN HITS OF JAZZ WITH THE TOM LOWERY TRIO**
**® Thursday, September 07, 7:00 PM**
In celebration of the Library’s "golden" anniversary, the Tom Lowery Trio visits Eisenhower to perform the golden hits of jazz.

**A TIE-DYE COLORATION PROJECT**
**Saturday, September 09, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM**
Ages 3-12 (7 & under with an adult)
In honor of the Library’s 50th anniversary, let’s flash back to the ’70s and make a tie-dyed bandana to take home. Be sure to wear clothes you can get messy in! This program meets outside the library and is dependent upon the weather.

**HUGO: CHICAGO’S WORLD CLASS ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST**
**® Sunday, November 12, 2:00 PM**
Enjoy the "Golden Hits" of Elvis Presley presented by Hugo Colin, Chicagoland’s young Elvis tribute artist.

**LITERARY LADIES**
Join us on Zoom every week in October as the nation’s best historical interpreters bring our greatest writers to life.

**JANE AUSTEN**
**® Thursday, October 5, 7:00 PM**
As Jane Austen, Laura Rocklyn shares her feelings about her novels and how their publication changed her life forever.

**CHARLOTTE BRONTE**
**® Thursday, October 12, 7:00 PM**
Visit with Charlotte Bronte, as Laura Keyes shares the joy of first seeing her deeply personal novel, *Jane Eyre*, in published form.

**LOUISA MAY ALCOTT**
**® Thursday, October 19, 7:00 PM**
Celebrated author Louisa May Alcott, portrayed by Leslie Goddard, shares stories about the creation of *Little Women*.

**EMILY DICKINSON**
**® Thursday, October 26, 7:00 PM**
As Emily Dickinson, Betsey Means portrays one of the greatest American poets who questioned the nature of immortality and death.
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**

#### COLSON WHITEHEAD

**Wednesday, September 06, 7:00 PM**

Colson Whitehead is the author of nine novels, including *The Underground Railroad*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the Carnegie Medal, the Heartland Prize, the Arthur C. Clarke Award, and the Hurston-Wright Award. His newest novel *Crook Manifesto*, the second book in his Ray Carney series, is a darkly funny tale of a city under siege, but also a sneakily searching portrait of the meaning of family.

Register to watch these events in-person at the Library, projected on our big screen or from home via Zoom.

#### STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES

**Wed, October 04, 7:00 PM**

Just in time for the Halloween season, Stephen Graham Jones joins us to talk horror. He is the New York Times bestselling author of nearly thirty novels and collections. His recent works include *The Only Good Indians, My Heart is a Chainsaw*, and *Don’t Fear the Reaper*.

#### GRACE LIN

**Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 PM**

Children’s book author and illustrator Grace Lin discusses food, family, and folktales, along with a drawing demonstration. She is a Newbery, Geisel, and Caldecott honoree.

#### MAYA-CAMILLE BROUSSARD

**Wed, November 08, 7:00 PM**

Star of Netflix’s *Bake Squad*, owner of the Chicago-based bakery Justice of the Pies, and author of a cookbook of the same name, Maya-Camille Broussard shows us how to bake with love.
**WORKSHOP CLASSES**

Our Workshop houses technology and tools that make it an art and design studio for the whole community.

- **MAKER MONDAYS: DIY CARDS**
  - Mondays, September 11 & 18, October 02, 09 & 23, November 13 & 20, 6:30 PM
  - Learn a new crafting technique as you create a handmade greeting card for Halloween, Thanksgiving, or a birthday.

- **MODEL BUILDING FOR ADULTS**
  - Wednesdays, September 06, October 04 & November 01, 6:30 PM
  - Hone your model building skills by joining other enthusiasts. Work on your project while sharing tips and tricks and getting advice from others.

- **MODELS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**
  - Wednesdays, September 20, October 18 & November 15, 6:30 PM
  - For modelers ages 8-17. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- **SEWING MACHINE BASICS**
  - Monday, September 25, 6:30 PM
  - Saturday, September 30, 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**
  - Monday, October 16, 6:30 PM
  - Saturday, October 28, 3:00 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**
  - Saturday, November 04, 3:00 PM
  - Monday, November 06, 6:30 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**
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays: 1:00-4:30 PM
  - Saturdays, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
  - Drop into the Workshop to start your creative project. Use a sewing machine, convert a video tape or vinyl record to digital, or just get some inspiration.

**MOVIES & TEEN EVENTS**

**OUTDOOR MOVIE**

Motor into the nostalgic days of the outdoor theater as our parking lot is transformed for an in-car screening of an October favorite, *Beetlejuice*.

- **BEETLEJUICE**
  - Saturday, October 28, 6:15 PM, 1988 Rated PG. 1h 32m

**HOLLYWOOD CLASSICS**

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

- **SULLIVAN’S TRAVELS**
  - Monday, September 11, 1:00 PM. 1941 Not Rated. 1h 30m

- **JURASSIC PARK**
  - Monday, October 02, 1:00 PM. 1993. PG-13. 2h 7m

- **FIVE EASY PIECES**
  - Monday, November 20, 1:00 PM. 1970. Rated R. 1h 38m

**1973 FILM SERIES**

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

- **BADLANDS**
  - Monday, September 25, 2:00 PM. Rated PG. 1h 34m

- **WESTWORLD**
  - Monday, October 30, 2:00 PM. Rated R. 1h 28m

- **SOYLENT GREEN**
  - Monday, November 27, 2:00 PM. Rated PG. 1h 37m

**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.
ADULT PROGRAMS

This season’s events will meet either in-person or online on Zoom. Registration begins August 7th. To register, call 708-867-2299, ask at the Answers Desk, or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org.

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 SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE
@ Tuesdays, September 05-26, 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.

 GARDEN CLUB
@ Thursday, September 07, 6:00 PM
Join us to talk about everything gardens, from bulbs, bushes, berries, and begonias.

 YOU CAN BREW IT!
@ Saturday, September 09, 2:00 PM
Home brewing is a fun hobby enjoyed by millions of beer lovers. Award winning brewer Scott Pointon discusses the equipment, process, and resources available to would-be brew masters.

 COMISKEY PARK’S LAST WORLD SERIES
@ Thursday, September 14, 6:30 PM
Sports historian Charles Billington discusses one of Chicago’s most beloved teams, the 1959 White Sox.

 ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR
Thursdays, September 14, October 12 & November 09, 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.

 WATERCOLOR CARDS FOR SENIORS
@ Monday, September 18, 10:30 AM
Join artist Victoria Pelarenos to make your own miniature watercolor painting postcards.

 PEN & INK WRITERS
@ Mondays, September 18, October 16 & November 20, 7:00 PM
Gather to read short stories, poems, or essays, inspired by a common theme. Build your writing skill with practice, presentation, and critique.

 SUNRISE & SUNSET
@ Thursday, September 21, 6:30 PM
Join Marge Skelly to look at poems which focus on sunrises and sunsets. Then write your own poetry to share.

 MEDITATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY
@ Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 PM
With today’s stresses, meditation is needed more than ever. On Zoom, long-time mediator Ajili Hodari, Esq. offers techniques to help you in all aspects of your life.

 HIDDEN GEMS: AN ILLINOIS ROAD TRIP
@ Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM
Patricia Camalliere takes you on a road trip of Illinois sites she visited while writing her Cora Tozzi Mystery series.

 BANNED BOOKS CAFE
@ October 02–06, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Book challenges are on the rise. Every morning during Banned Books Week, celebrate your right to read over free coffee and, while supplies last, leave with a free book.

 CRYSTAL TERRARIUMS
@ Thursday, October 05, 6:00 PM
Have you always wanted to create a terrarium of your own? Learn about succulents, terrariums, and crystals in this class with Tamara Kowalski!

 DISCOVERING REAL WITCHES
@ Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 PM
Witches are iconic figures in popular culture. Join Debra Dudek on Zoom to uncover the real records from your favorite shows and how to find historical resources on your own.

 MOBILE DRIVER SERVICES
Friday, October 13, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Have you been avoiding the long lines at the DMV? Wait no more! The Secretary of State’s Mobile unit will be at the library. Standard state service fees apply.

 SENIOR CARD MAKING
@ Monday, October 16, 10:00 AM
Rubber stamping for seniors! We’ll each make a card using a collection of stamps and various techniques.

 TAROT CARDS
@ Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 PM
Join psychic entertainer Barbara G Meyer to learn the lore and practice of reading tarot cards.

 MINDFULNESS WALK
@ Thursday, October 19, 3:00 PM
Join us for a walk through the neighborhood to view the fall colors. Wear your walking shoes!
MAXIMIZING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS
® Wednesday, November 01, 6:30 PM
Lockwood Wealth Management of Raymond James will be joined by a Social Security expert to outline strategies for maximizing your benefits.

WHAT WILL I READ NEXT?
® Thursday, November 02, 2:00 PM
Book Tok, Goodreads, BookBrowse, Novelist Book Match and BookPage. What do they mean and how can they help find the perfect choice for your next read?

FALL COLORS WATERCOLOR CLASS
® Thursday, November 02, 6:00 PM
Join Victoria Pelarenos and make a fall themed watercolor painting!

RIVERVIEW REMEMBERED
® Thursday, November 09, 7:00 PM
Take a trip through history with Cheryl Brown to remember Aladdin’s Castle, The Bob’s, Chute the Chutes, Tunnel of Love, Flying Turns, and the 1908 carousel.

VETERAN’S BREAKFAST
® Friday, November 10, 9:00 AM
We’re saying thank you to the courageous men and women who have served our country by offering current service men/women and veterans a free breakfast.

EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN NATIVISM
® Monday, November 13, 7:00 PM
Join Katherine R. Willson on Zoom to explore post WWI America and how prohibition, the mafia, anti-immigrant sentiment, and new U.S. Border Patrol created significant social and political change.

SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD
® Wednesday, November 29, 6:00 PM
Enjoy a culinary tour through Denmark, Sweden, and Norway with Camille Stagg as she discusses Nordic cuisines, describes holiday customs, and shares recipes.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS!
® Thursday, November 30, 7:00 PM
The holiday season can be very stressful. Tamara Kowalski offers breathing and relaxation techniques, how to navigate social situations, and tips for better sleep.

COMPUTER CLASSES

MICROSOFT WORD 2016
® Tuesday, September 05, 6:00 PM
Learn the basics of creating and saving documents.

GOOGLE DRIVE
® September 11 & 13, 10:00 AM
Learn about Google’s free digital storage and explore its suite of apps: Docs, Sheets, and Slides.

BASIC COMPUTER LITERACY
® Wednesdays October 04, 11 & 18, 10:00 AM
Learn computer basics in this three-part series.

BASIC POWERPOINT
® Monday, October 16, 6:00 PM
Learn the basics of making slideshow presentations.

ADVANCED POWERPOINT
® Monday, October 23, 6:00 PM
Learn advanced skills to push your Powerpoint usage even further.

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER LITERACY
® Wednesdays, November 01, 08 & 15, 10:00 AM
Extend your computer knowledge in this three-part series.

ANCESTRY: MILITARY RECORDS
® Friday, November 03, 10:00 AM
Just in time for Veteran’s Day, discover your family heroes with the largest online U.S. military records collection.
KIDS WORLD

Registration begins on August 7th. 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.

- **STAR IN A READ POSTER!**
  - **September 01–30. Ages 12 & under**
  - Come into Kids World during September where we’ll take a photo of you with your favorite book. In a few days, it will be transformed into a poster on display! Come back in October to take your poster home.

- **COLOR-BY-DAY CALENDAR**
  - **September 01–30. Ages 12 & under**
  - Color your way through September with a color by number art project that is fun for all skill levels. Kits available for pickup starting August 28th. Coloring pencil sets available while supplies last.

- **A TIE-DYE COLORATION PROJECT**
  - **Saturday, September 09, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM**
  - Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
  - In honor of the Library’s 50th anniversary, let’s flash back to the 70s and make a tie-dyed bandana to take home. Be sure to wear clothes you can get messy in! This program meets outside the library and is dependent upon the weather.

- **FAMILY FALL PHOTOS**
  - **Saturday, Sep. 16, 10:00 AM–4:30 PM**
  - All Ages. (12 & under with an adult)
  - Our beautiful courtyard outside will serve as a backdrop for some family photos. Our photographer will provide you with a digital photo to take home that day.

- **BUILD TOGETHER**
  - **® Thursdays, October 05 & November 02, 5:00 PM. Ages 4-8**
  - Using the Library’s Lego brick collection, let’s have fun building a scene to display in the Library. Accompanying adults are welcome.

- **U MAKE: VOLCANO PAINTING**
  - **® Monday, October 09, 3:00 PM**
  - Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
  - Paint a drama-filled landscape featuring an erupting volcano!

- **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**
  - **® Tuesday, November 14, 5:00 PM**
  - Ages 12 & under with at least one adult.
  - 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.

- **FIREFLY THEATRE: HARVEST MOON**
  - **Saturday, November 18, 10:00 AM**
  - Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
  - Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends as they welcome a new season. Watch the changing leaves, gather acorns, and experience all the sights and sounds of Fall in Firefly Grove. The show includes puppets, original music, interactive movement and lots of fall family fun.

- **U MAKE: GLACIER PAINTING**
  - **® Monday, November 20, 3:30 PM**
  - Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
  - Paint an awe-inspiring night scene featuring a glistening glacier!

- **POKEMON DAY**
  - **® Tuesday, November 21, 5:00 PM**
  - Ages 7-12
  - Are you a fan of Pokemon? Meet other trainers and show off your favorite Pokemon! This session will have new activities themed around everyone’s favorite pocket monsters!

**STORYTIME**

Kids World offers story-based programs for toddlers, little movers, pre-school pals, and entire families. Norridge and Harwood Heights residents can register for Storytime sessions in-person in Kids World.

Call 708-867-2298 or visit us online for the current schedule.

**TUMBLEBOOKS**
eisenhowerlibrary.org/tumblebooks

TumbleBooks 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.
PARTIAL SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY
® Saturday, October 14, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. All Ages
Have you ever wondered how our tiny moon can cover the enormous sun? Learn about the science behind solar and lunar eclipses, participate in a scale model demo, and then enjoy a safe viewing of the partial solar eclipse. Also, learn how to prepare for the upcoming April 2024 total solar eclipse.

Telescopes and binoculars will be available for safe, solar filtered viewing. Solar glasses will be provided. This program is limited to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights.

ECLIPSE GLASSES
October 02–13
Are you prepared for the October 14th solar eclipse? Register to reserve a pair of eclipse glasses! During the week leading up to the event, pick up your glasses in Kids World or at the Answers Desk. Glasses are limited to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights with library cards in good standing.

MEET NORM THE T-REX
October 12–23. All Ages
Norm is coming back to visit! A South Dakota native, Norm is a life-size replica of a 67 million year-old, fossilized T-Rex skull on loan from the Field Museum. Stop in to get up close and personal with Norm, take a selfie, and check out some dino-activities.

Look for dino-themed book clubs and crochet alongs (page nine), a kid’s dino dig (page eight), and a screening of Jurassic Park (page four)!

HALLOWEEN

INTO THE SHADOWS: LIGHTLY FRIGHTFUL FAMILY EVENT
® Saturday, Oct. 07, 10:00 AM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Storyteller Mike Speller shares scary stories and superstitions that are just light enough for the whole family to enjoy.

SPOOKY CRAFT DAY
Saturday, October 21, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM. Ages 7 & under with an adult
Drop in to celebrate all things spooky at the library with candy, music, and a couple of fun crafts!

DIY CONFETTI PUMPKIN
® Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6:00 PM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Looking for "No-Carve Pumpkin" decorating idea for kids? We’ll show you a fun way to decorate your pumpkin.

HALLOWEEN PARADE
Tuesday, October 31, 1:00–5:00 PM. Ages 12 & under
Stop by Kids World in your Halloween costumes and parade around the Library to get treats.
DISCUSSION GROUPS & CROCHET ALONGS

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.

BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB
Fridays, Sep. 08 & 22, Oct. 06 & 20, Nov. 03 & 17, 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
Join our monthly in-person chats about cozy mysteries.

ANONYMOUS REX by Eric Garcia
© Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 PM

CROCODILE ON THE SANDBANK by Elizabeth Peters
© Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 PM

DEJA DEAD by Kathy Reichs
© Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 PM

CROCHET ALONGS
Enjoy crochet? Find links to our Zoom meetings at eisenhowerlibrary.org/crochet.

DINOSAUR BABY BLANKET
Wednesdays, September 06, 13, 20 & 27, 3:00 PM (Zoom)

DEXTER THE DINOSAUR AMIGURUMI
© Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM (in-person)
At this special, in-person crochet along, all supplies will be provided to participants.

DINOSAUR HOODED SCARF
Wednesdays, Nov 01, 08, 15, 22, & 29, 3:00 PM (Zoom)

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
This fall, we’ll meet in-person on Tuesdays. Zoom meetings have moved to Wednesday afternoons.

HARLEM SHUFFLE by Colson Whitehead
- Tuesday, September 05, 2:00 PM (in-person)
- Wednesday, September 06, 2:00 PM (Zoom)

REMARKABLE CREATURES by Tracy Chevalier
- Tuesday, October 03, 2:00 PM (in-person)
- Wednesday, October 04, 2:00 PM (Zoom)

SIGNAL FIRES by Dani Shapiro
- Tuesday, November 07, 2:00 PM (in-person)
- Wednesday, November 08, 2:00 PM (Zoom)

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

EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THE END by C. L. Polk
© Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 PM

THIS IS HOW YOU LOSE THE TIME WAR by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone
© Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM

FINNA by Nino Cipri
© Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 PM
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.

**NEED WRITING PROMPTS?**

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/island for a selection of 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

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**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.

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