

SPOTLIGHT

HOW ARLINGTON SUPPORTS DISPLACED PERSONS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm

Robbins Library Community Room

In this panel session we will hear how community organizations in Massachusetts support displaced people locally and globally. Panelists Sarah Trilling and Elizabeth Dray will share information and stories from their work with The Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project and the ArCS Cluster of RIM.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT REFUGEE SERVICES IN NEW ENGLAND TODAY WITH JEFFREY THIELMAN



Tuesday, March 26

7:00

Robbins Library Community Room

The International Institute of New England works to create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement and pathways to citizenship. In this conversation, we will hear from a refugee client of IINE, as well as learn about the global, national, and local political issues impacting refugees today.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

All Adult Book Discussions will take place in the Robbins Library Conference Room

REFUGEE BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, March 2

11:00 am

NOT-SO-YOUNG ADULT BOOK GROUP READS REFUGEE

Monday, March 18

7:00 p.m.

BROWN BAG LUNCH BOOK DISCUSSION: REFUGEE

Friday, March 22

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Feel free to bring your lunch. Cookies (gluten-free and non) will be served.

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, March 28

1:00 p.m.

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EVENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

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"If no one saw them, no one could help them. And maybe the world needed to see what was really happening here." -- Alan Gratz, *Refugee*

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE ROOTS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Saturday, March 2 @ 2:00 pm
Robbins Library Community Room
A screening of the the award-winning documentary "Harvest of Empire" followed by a discussion with Patricia Montes. This event is co-sponsored by The Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project, ArCS Cluster, Centro Presente, and the International Institute of New England. This event is appropriate for older teens and adults. This film is unrated and has a runtime of 1h 30m.

THE FRIENDS OF ROBBINS LIBRARY PRESENT: READING ROOM CONCERT SERIES: ALBINO MBIE--CELEBRATING LOVE AND LIFE

Sunday, March 3 @ 3:00 pm
Robbins Library Reading Room
Albino Mbie brings his musical heritage from his homeland of Mozambique to his jazz, blending sounds from around the world.

LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE

Wednesday, March 13 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Robbins Library Community Room
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a ministry of Hadwen Park Church and a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBTQI individuals who are seeking asylum in the United States. Hear from a volunteer working with the organization, as well as a client receiving support from the Task Force.

PLUGGED IN FILM SCREENING: FIRE AT SEA

Monday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm
Robbins Library Community Room
Fire at Sea takes place in Lampedusa, a remote Mediterranean island that has become a major entry point for refugees into Europe and follows the thousands of refugees making the dangerous crossing from Africa. This film is in Italian with English subtitles. The film is unrated and has a runtime of 1h 48m.

TEEN SPACE TED TALK

Tuesday, March 19 @ 1:30 p.m.
Teen Space
Come watch a curated playlist of Ted Talks based on refugee status; what it means, how we can help, and what it's like to be one. We'll discuss the talks and how they relate to *Refugee*, as well! Snacks, discussion, and entertaining, enlightening videos. For grades 6-12.

MONTH LONG FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTING THE ARLINGTON FOOD PANTRY

The Arlington Food Pantry is an important resource for asylum seekers in our community. During the month of March Arlington's libraries will be supporting the Food Pantry with collection boxes at both the Robbins and Fox libraries. Curious about what to donate? Read more about suggested items for donations.
<https://arlingtonfoodpantry.org/donate-food/>



BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

ART FAMILY STORYTIME

Thursday, March 7th @ 6:30 pm
Robbins Children's Room -- Ages 4 and up
Come listen to picture book stories about kids who have immigrated to the United States. We'll read stories and then do a craft.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB FOR GRADES 3-5

Saturday, March 9 @ 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Fox Library Community Room
The Graphic Novel Book Club will discuss *Azzi In Between* by Sarah Garland, and how it relates to themes in *Refugee*. Registration opens Saturday, February 9. Register online, then pick up a copy of the book at the Library. The club is open to students in Grades 3-5.

graphicnovelbookclubmarch2019.eventbrite.com/

MIDDLE SCHOOL REFUGEE CHAPTER READ-A-LOUD

Friday March 15 @ 3:00 p.m.
Robbins Library Community Room
Haven't had time to read the ART title yet? Or just want to revisit a really good chapter? Come listen to a part of the book read out loud while munching on popcorn and relaxing. For grades 6-8.

REFUGEE FAMILY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, March 27 @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Fox Library Community Room
Families with children in Grades 5 and up are invited to discuss the ART title.