

### SHAKER LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION

One Community Reads is a collaboration among the City Club of Cleveland, Playhouse Square, and nine local public library systems to create a shared reading experience for the Greater Cleveland community. This year's selection is the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond, a Harvard Fellow, Princeton sociologist, and MacArthur Genius.

# Community Book Discussions *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

2-3 pm Saturday, January 20 at Bertram Woods Branch

10-11:30 am Tuesday, February 13 at Main Library

7-8:30 pm Monday, March 12 at Academy Tavern on Larchmere Boulevard

Is eviction a cause or a condition of poverty? Read the compelling book and discuss it with others. Books will be available at the Library's reference desks one month before each discussion.

#### Community Conversation: Evicted

7 pm Thursday, January 25 at Main Library

Dr. Beth Nagy of Cleveland State University will engage both the public and community leaders in a discussion about the impact of housing insecurity on the region. The conversation will shed light on the work being done by fair housing, veterans' affairs, mental health and social services. It is not mandatory to read *Evicted* before the program.

#### Teens, Which Would You Choose? In or Out?

3:30-6 pm January 29, 30, and 31 in the Main Library Teen Center

Teens are invited to react to various eviction scenarios. As they formulate their plans of action they will be presented with local and national resources to help those facing eviction and will have the opportunity to perform "random acts of kindness" within each scenario. Teens will have the choice of identifying with the landlord or with the tenant, and all contributions will be posted anonymously in the Teen Center on February 1 for comment and discussion.

# Kids Making Blankets for Kids (Grades K-6) 4:15-5 pm Tuesday, January 30 at Main Library

Help make winter a little warmer. Listen to an inspiring story about giving to others and then make fleece blankets to donate to someone in need. *Register in person, online, or by phone beginning January 16.* 

# The Homeless and Missing Youth of Cuyahoga County 7-8:30 pm Monday, February 12 at Main Library

Join Karen McHenry, program manager of Bellefaire JCB's Homeless Youth Programs, for a discussion of issues in Cuyhoga County. Learn what you can do to identify and help those in need. Please consider bringing a donation of winter gloves, mittens, or sealed snacks for hygiene and survival kits.

# Housing for Youth Leaving Foster Care: Community Challenges and Opportunities 7 to 8:30 pm Thursday, February 15 at Main Library

Join us for a conversation among former foster youth, service providers, and policy analysts about the housing challenges in our community faced by youth aging out of foster care. Learn about the innovative approaches of agencies and individuals to prevent homelessness and to provide support for this vulnerable population.

# Renters, Landlords, and Neighbors in Shaker Heights: Quality of Life, Economic Integration and Equity

#### 7 to 8:30 pm Wednesday, March 7 at Main Library

Shaker Heights has long held diversity and inclusion among its major community values. What does this mean for renters and owners among neighbors of different economic classes and age groups? Learn about rental housing in Shaker, including subsidized housing, and how the renting community interacts with Shaker institutions. A discussion will focus on the rights and responsibilities of both landlords and tenants in our community.

# Livestream of Matthew Desmond's Presentation at the Ohio Theater 7 pm March 15 at Main Library

Matthew Desmond will speak at Playhouse Square and his presentation will be live-streamed to the Main Library.



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