

Welcome! As you come in, please:

- 1. Form a group of 2-3
- 2. Introduce yourself!
- 3. Discuss:
 - What do you usually read for fun?
 - How do you find new books to read?



Beyond Our Comfort Zone

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Beyond Our Comfort Zone:

Using the Reading Without Walls Program to Challenge Our Community of Readers



Jessica Korpi, Duluth Public Library Kayleen Jones & Kim Pittman, University of Minnesota Duluth June 8, 2018



Today's Agenda

- Learn from our program's successes and failures
- Discuss how to identify and connect with potential reading program partners
- Reflect on ways to adapt Reading Without Walls for your community







Butterfly in the sky...



Reading Without Walls Challenge

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I can go twice as high...

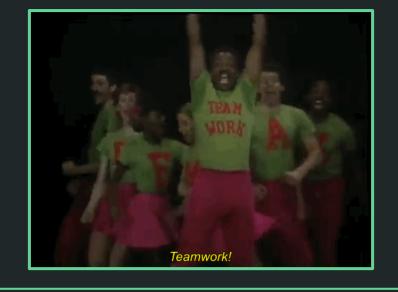


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Our goal for this program is to create a community of readers at UMD and in Duluth and encourage participants to encounter, discuss, and share diverse ideas, characters, genres, and





Friends to know, and ways to grow



DPL + UMD







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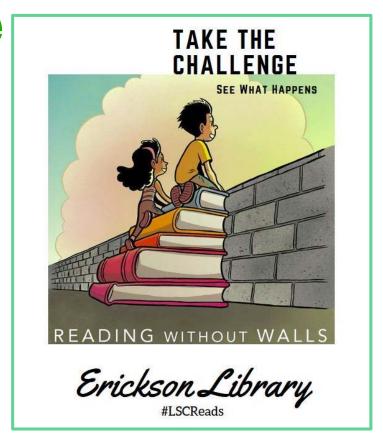
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Tips for Building Partnerships

- Identify groups with shared priorities and articulate how program matches their goals
- Craft a compelling pitch for each group
- Start with one strong partner to gain momentum
- Ask partners who else you should reach out to





Who are your potential reading program partners?



Take a look, it's in a book

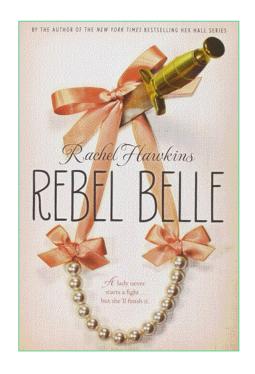


Book Lists



How can I find new books to read?

- · Browse these book lists for ideas:
 - Audie Award Winners (audiobooks)
 - Eisner Award Winners
 - o goodreads genre lists
 - o goodreads popular lists
 - o Let's Get Graphic: 100 Favorite Comics And Graphic Novel
 - NPR Book Concierge
 - Where to Find Diverse Books
- Check out our displays on the first floor of the library
- Visit <u>Flipgrid</u> to see video recommendations from members of your community, <u>or view</u> them in a list.





Social Media



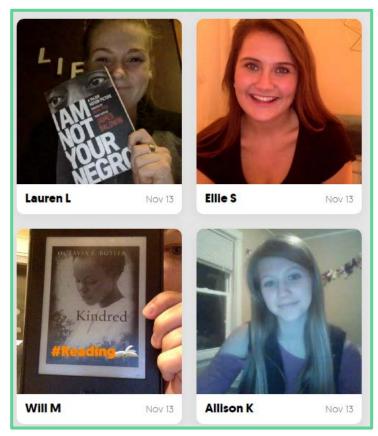


#DuluthReads #ReadingWithoutWall





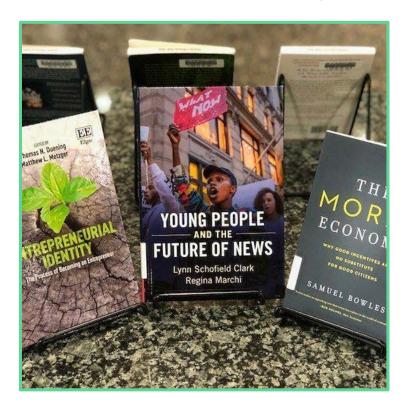
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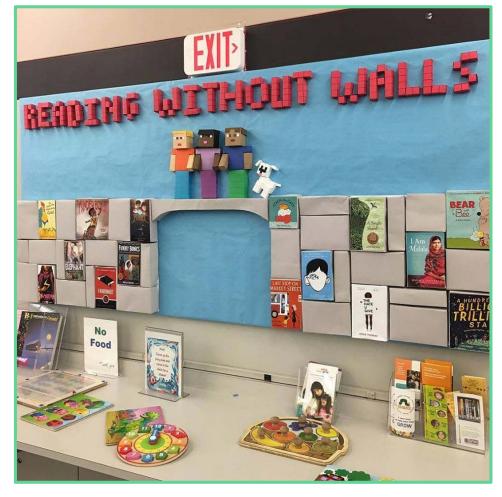


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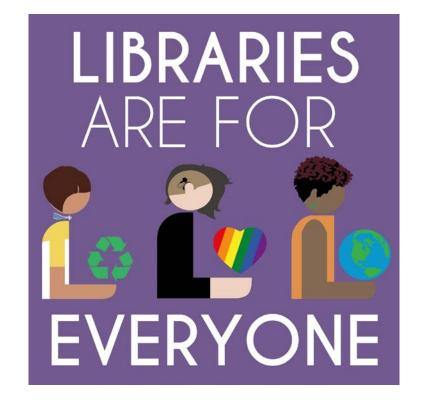
Book Displays

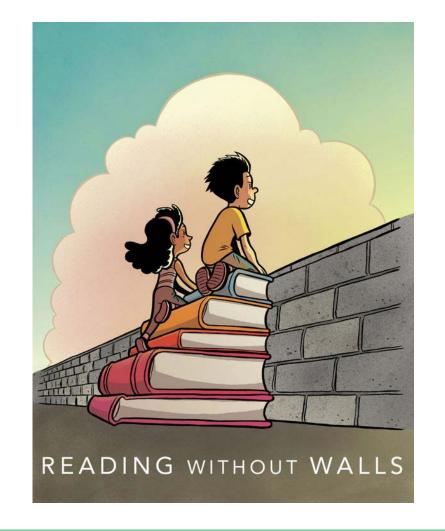






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SILENT READING PARTY

a **READING WITHOUT WALLS** event



Whether you're reading for a class or reading for fun, we've got a cozy space and hot beverages for you. Drop by and get your reading done!

Wednesday,
October 11
6 pm – 9 pm
Library 4th Floor
Rotunda

Sponsored by:







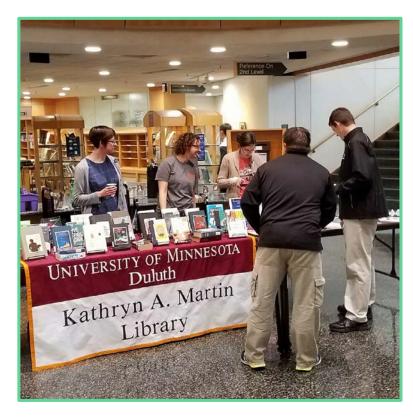


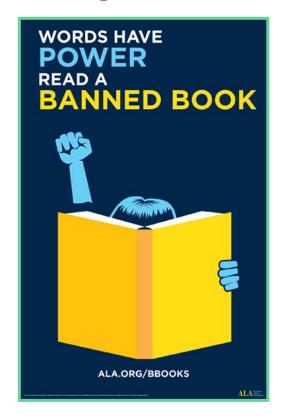


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Banned Books Week Open House



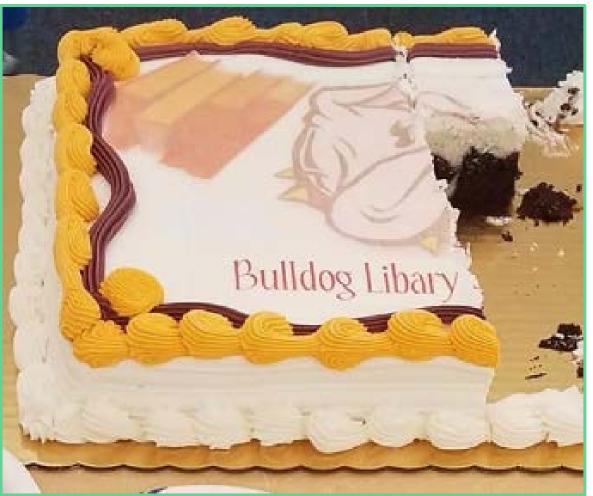




DPL Library Card SignUp Day

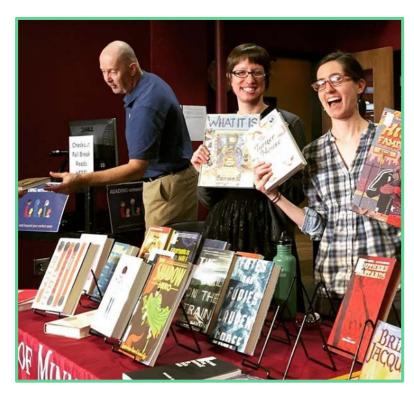








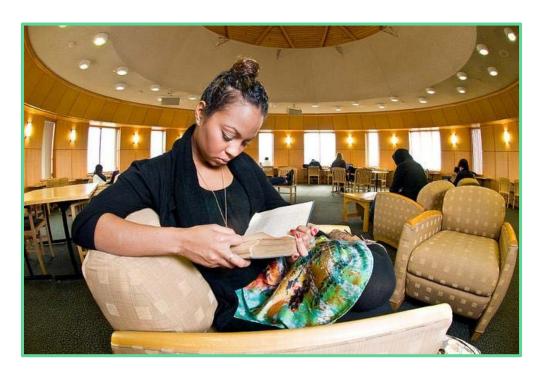
Pop-Up Libraries







Silent Reading Party







What Do I Read Next?

- What were your reading experiences like growing up?
- What role did/does reading play in helping you learn about your own identity or communities and identities other than your own?
- What books have served as windows or mirrors for you?



Gene Luen Yang: Glare of Disdain



Nerd Nite on Books and Reading

- "An Itch for Quidditch"
- "Resistance Is Inevitable: On the Ubiquity of Politics in Science Fiction"
- "War of the Wizards"
- "The Elemental Guide to the Universe"









What events would bring you outside your comfort zone or your physical walls?





I can be anything!



Winter Reading Program

Kickoff Event

- Collaboration for an All-Ages Event at DPL
- Carl Crawford Ted Talk The Danger of a Single Story - Chimamanda Adichie
- Artwork
- Drum Group
- Button Making
- Kindness Rocks

Other Themed Programs

- Movies
- Book Group
- YS Paper Chain
- Silent Reading Party





Gene Luen Yang: Dreaming Big

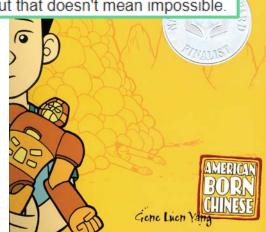
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 - One button studio
- Nerd Nite on books/reading unexpected gateways
- Banned Books Week Open House
- Include opportunities for people to share what they read/learned (book "speed dating") before events start (icebreaker questions on opening slide as people walk in)
- Also possibly speaker (dream big: Gene Luen Yang or someone local)
- Rotunda silent reading parties
- Zine making night/workshop or book arts



Hey Kayleen-

That's pretty steep. It seems daunting, but that doesn't mean impossible.





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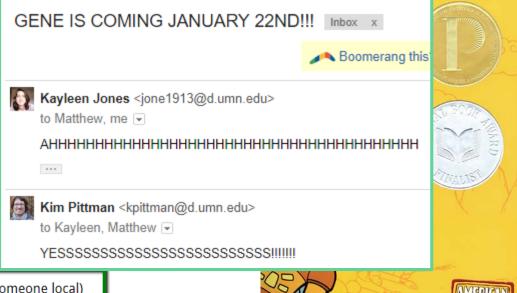




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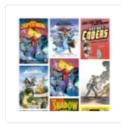








I'm excited about my visit to Duluth, too!



DuluthPublicLibrary @duluthlib

We are so excited for @geneluenyang to visit on Monday! He will be talking about diversity in books at the @UMNDuluth Kirby Ballroom at 6 pm, and signing books after! With @UMDLibrary

9:00 AM - 19 Jan 2018

2 Retweets 21 Likes

























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DuluthPublicLibrary @duluthlib · Jan 19

Replying to @geneluenyang

It may be snowy, so bring your cold weather gear! 📛 💥 🐉









Dude. Duluth is COLD.

8:36 AM - 22 Jan 2018

32 Likes

















Replying to @geneluenyang

Thank you so much for visiting, it was great to hear you talk and meet you!

1:56 PM - 22 Jan 2018



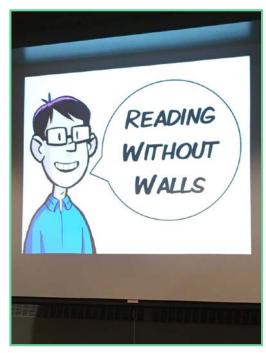






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What are your wildest dreams for a reading program? What concrete steps could you take to realize them?



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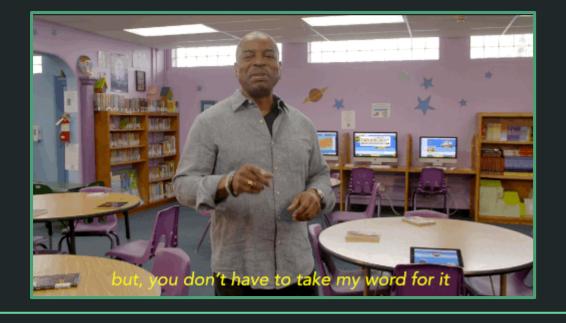


Takeaways

- Reading programs can help build lasting partnerships
- Reading Without Walls is easily adaptable to any funding or scale leve
- Reading programs can be a way of responding to current events/political climate in a positive, inclusive way







You don't have to take our word for it! z.umn.edu/LSLSreads

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