

MAY 2006

NO PLACE FOR HATE MONTH AT THE LANSDOWNE LIBRARY

"As a child, I loved to read books. The library was a window to the world, a pathway to worlds and people far from my neighborhood in Philadelphia."

— Ed Bradley (60 Minutes correspondent)

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS AT THE LANSDOWNE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND IN THE BOROUGH

Wed, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

BOOK PRESENTATION

Borough Hall

The April televised council meeting will feature a book and DVD presentation to the Lansdowne Library, as well as an unveiling of Lansdowne's own No Place for Hate Banner, courtesy of the Anti-Defamation League.

Wed, May 3, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH FOR PEACE

Lansdowne Avenue

In honor of Pennsylvania's official observation of No Place for Hate Day, join your neighbors for a march down Lansdowne Avenue to celebrate peace and diversity and to take a stand against hatred and bigotry in all forms. Meet at Lansdowne and Stratford Avenues (Methodist Church).

Fri, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

FEATURE FILM: CRASH

Lansdowne Library

Oscar Winner, Best Picture for 2005! CRASH is a provocative, unflinching look at the complexities of racial conflict in America. The film challenges audiences to question their own prejudices as it dives headlong into the diverse melting pot of post-9/11 Los Angeles while examining fear and bigotry from multiple perspectives. No one is immune to the simmering rage that sparks violence — and changes lives.

Susan Adelman, Ph.D., a psychologist, will lead a discussion following the film, exploring our own reactions to the film and what might be causing the feelings and actions of the characters.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free admission and popcorn. Please note: This film has an "R" rating — NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENT.

Wed, May 31, 7:00 p.m.

FEATURE BOOK: NIGHT

Lansdowne Library

Elie Wiesel, 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, is the author of NIGHT, the current Oprah Book Club selection. It is a terrifying eye-witness account of the death of his family and of his innocence at a Nazi death camp and carries with it the unforgettable message that this horror must never be allowed to happen again.

The book discussion will be lead by Neil Ronk and Michael Sheehan. Both men moderate the Library's monthly History Forum.

MORE NO PLACE FOR HATE LIBRARY EVENTS IN MAY

AUTHOR BOOK READING

GRANDMAMA'S PRIDE by Becky Birtha, Lansdowne resident

Becky's inspiring story about a family's dignity and strength is based on real events and memories of the 1950s, when she and her mother and sister would travel down south by bus to visit Grandmama. It is beautifully illustrated by Colon Bootman. Families with children ages 5 and up can meet Becky on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.

TEEN READING GROUP

IN MY HANDS by Irene Gut Opdyke

This book recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust. The Teen Reading Group meets at the Library on Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. and will discuss this book throughout the month (May 4, 11, 18, 25).

WOMEN IN LITERATURE READING GROUP

READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN by Azar Nafisi

Professor Nafisi resigned from her job as professor of English Literature at a university in Tehran in 1995 due to repressive government policies. For the next two years, until she left Iran, she gathered seven young women, former students, at her house every Thursday morning to read and discuss works of Western literature forbidden by the new regime. They used this forum to learn to speak freely, not only about literature, but also about the social, political, and cultural realities of living under strict Islamic rule. The Women in Literature Group will meet on Wednesday, May 24 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (bring your lunch).

CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES

During the month of May will feature age-appropriate books that honor the mission of No Place for Hate. The Pre-School Group meets at the Library on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (May 4, 11, 18, 25).

**Find more information and updates on the
Lansdowne Borough website:**

www.lansdowneborough.com

or at the Lansdowne Public Library (610-623-0239).

"The highest result of education is tolerance."

— Helen Keller (1880-1968), Optimism, 1903.

In celebration of Lansdowne's rich diversity, Borough officials have signed on with the No Place For Hate Program. Sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, this national program was designed as a community based campaign that empowers participants to challenge anti-Semitism, racism, hate, and bigotry in all forms.

Lansdowne received its official No Place for Hate designation from the Anti-Defamation League in 2003.

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