

CHECK OUT A HUMAN BOOK!

WHAT ARE THE AVAILABLE TITLES?

OUR COLLECTION OF "HUMAN BOOKS" PRESENTS A DIVERSE, FASCINATING, AND INSPIRING RANGE OF LIFE EXPERIENCES. TO SEE WHICH TITLES ARE AVAILABLE, FLIP THROUGH THE PROGRAM TO READ MORE ABOUT EACH BOOK.

HOW DO I CHECK OUT A BOOK?

STOP BY THE NEWPORT RECREATION CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 124 ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD. SEE WHICH TITLES ARE AVAILABLE. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

HOW LONG CAN I CHECK OUT A BOOK?

EACH SESSION RUNS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES.

DO I HAVE TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE 30 MINUTES?

EITHER THE BORROWER OF THE HUMAN BOOK CAN END THE SESSION AT ANY TIME AT THEIR OWN DISCRETION.

WHAT IF I RUN OUT OF QUESTIONS TO ASK?

NOT TO WORRY! WE'LL HAVE A LIST OF SAMPLE QUESTIONS AVAILABLE TO READERS AT THE EVENT. OUR STAFF WILL ALSO BE ON HAND TO HELP.



SPECIAL THANKS:
THIS PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OREGON HUMANITIES, THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, THE CITY OF NEWPORT, THE OREGON COAST COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS (OCCA), THE NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY, NEWPORT PARKS AND RECREATION, 60+ CENTER, NEWPORT OREGON PRIDE AND OUR "BOOK" VOLUNTEERS.



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REAL PEOPLE. REAL CONVERSATIONS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
FROM 12-2 PM
NEWPORT RECREATION CENTER
225 SE AVERY STREET
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 124

BORROW A "HUMAN BOOK" FOR A ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATION. HEAR THEIR STORIES, ASK QUESTIONS, BROADEN YOUR MIND AND FIND SOME COMMON GROUND.

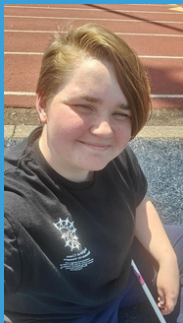
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HUMAN LIBRARY BOOKS



BOOK TITLE: PROTECTING NEWPORT FROM EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS SINCE 2003

I HAVE SERVED THE NEWPORT COMMUNITY FOR 20 YEARS IN VARIOUS ROLES IN FIRE AND EMS. FROM BEING A FIREFIGHTER AND A PARAMEDIC THEN MOVING TO TRAINING OFFICER. I TAUGHT NEW FIREFIGHTERS. I HAVE BEEN THE FIRE MARSHAL, INVESTIGATING FIRES AND CONDUCTING FIRE INSPECTIONS. FOR THE LAST 9 YEARS I HAVE BEEN FIRE CHIEF. I HAVE BEEN IN COMMAND ON SOME OF THE LARGEST INCIDENTS IN RECENT HISTORY. THE CITY CENTER HOTEL FIRE, A LARGE AMMONIA LEAK ON THE BAY FRONT AND THE LANDSLIDE ON NE 70TH DRIVE THAT TOOK OUT 3 HOMES IN 2015. I COORDINATED THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING WITH THE CITY FOR OVER 15 YEARS.



BOOK TITLE: LIVING WITH VISION LOSS

TWO YEARS AGO, I HAD A CONCUSSION THAT LEAD TO ME LOSING MY VISION AND SINCE THEN I HAVE HAD TO RELEARN HOW TO LIVE MY LIFE AND FIND JOY.



BOOK TITLE: FOUR YEAR HEAD START; SURVIVING THE ARMY AND ACHIEVING MY DREAMS

I SOMETIMES FELT THAT BEING IN THE ARMY HAD PUT ME BEHIND EVERYONE ELSE. AT THE END OF MY FOUR YEAR ENLISTMENT, MOST OF MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATES WERE GRADUATING COLLEGE AND GETTING MARRIED WHEREAS I WAS JUST GETTING STARTED AT LIFE. I EVENTUALLY REALIZED THAT MY TIME IN THE ARMY HAD GIVEN ME A HUGE ADVANTAGE WHEN IT CAME TO AFFORDING COLLEGE AND HAVING HEALTHCARE IN THE CIVILIAN WORLD. THE ARMY HAD A VERY PROFOUND IMPACT ON ME IN BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE WAYS. NAVIGATING IT AS A FEMALE, AND ONE WHO WAS NOT NATURALLY THIN AND ATHLETIC WAS CHALLENGING, BUT I ALSO GAINED A LOT. TWO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING MY ENLISTMENT WERE THE DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL POLICY, WHICH HELPED SHAPED ME AS AN ALLY TO LGBTQ+, AND 9/11, WHICH HAPPENED HALFWAY THROUGH MY ENLISTMENT. WHEN I GOT OUT, I SPENT 3 MONTHS TRAVELING THE WORLD WITH SEMESTER AT SEA. IT WAS THE MOST INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE, AND ALLOWED ME TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE SO MANY WILDLY DIFFERENT THINGS THAN WHAT MY WORLD HAD BEEN THE 4 YEARS PRIOR. IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF FINDING MYSELF AND BREAKING FREE.

WHAT IS A HUMAN LIBRARY?



A HUMAN LIBRARY IS A LIBRARY OF PEOPLE WHERE READERS CAN BORROW HUMAN BEINGS SERVING AS OPEN BOOKS AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT THEY WOULD NOT NORMALLY HAVE ACCESS TO.

EVERY HUMAN BOOK REPRESENTS A GROUP IN OUR SOCIETY THAT REPRESENTS THAT IS OFTEN SUBJECTED TO PREJUDICE, STIGMATIZATION OR DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF THEIR LIFESTYLE, DIAGNOSIS, BELIEF, DISABILITY, SOCIAL STATUS, ETHNIC ORIGIN, ETC.

A HUMAN LIBRARY CREATES A SAFE SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO ENGAGE, WHETHER THIS IS ONE-ON-ONE OR IN SMALL GROUPS, TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO "UNJUDGE" A BOOK BY ITS COVER. THE LIBRARY TAILORS ITS APPROACH TO EACH PERSON'S BIASES AND PREJUDICES, INSTEAD OF APPROACHING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WITH A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL SOLUTION.



BOOK TITLE: I'M DOING IT MY WAY

FROM A SMALL TOWN IN NE UTAH, J. RIAN MARTINSEN HAS BEEN DOING IT HER WAY AND HAS NO QUALMS ABOUT IT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRADUATING UINTAH HIGH SCHOOL, SHE LEFT THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF HER HOME TO JOIN THE NAVY AND HASN'T SLOWED DOWN OR LOOKED BACK SINCE. SHE'S BEEN A WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER, PILOTED 25' RAFTS THROUGH CLASS 5 WATER IN UTAH AND COLORADO, AN ADVANCED/INTERMEDIATE EMT, SAFETY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR IN THE PETROLEUM AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, AN OPERATIONS MANAGER, BUSINESS CONSULTANT, BUSINESS OWNER, AND ON. AND NO, SHE ISN'T 80 YEARS OLD, JUST A CURIOUS SOUL ASTRAY LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST. SHE'S BROKEN THROUGH GLASS CEILINGS AND CHAMPIONED DISCRIMINATION. SHE POSSESSES A SERVANTS HEART AND GOES AGAINST THE STATUS QUO WITHOUT APOLOGIES. SHE'S BEEN CALLED A RENAISSANCE WOMAN AND A SELF-PROCLAIMED "JACK OF ALL TRADES, MASTER OF NONE"....EXCEPT MAYBE KARAOKE.



BOOK TITLE: IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN: LIFE AS A 40 YEAR WORKING MOM AND COLLEGE STUDENT

I WAS RAISED TO BELIEVE THAT COLLEGE WASN'T FOR EVERYONE, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT IT WASN'T IN THE CARDS FOR ME. FLASH FORWARD 20 YEARS AND THOUGH I HAD DONE PRETTY WELL FOR MYSELF WITHOUT A COLLEGE DEGREE, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE NEXT STEP IN MY CAREER PATH WOULD DEPEND ON ME GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. IN JUNE 2023 I BECAME THE FIRST COLLEGE GRADUATE IN MY FAMILY BY EARNING MY ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE FROM OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THIS MONTH I AM CONTINUING MY JOURNEY FOR MY BACHELOR'S DEGREE THROUGH ONLINE COURSES AT A 4 YEAR UNIVERSITY. I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED ALONG MY JOURNEY THAT HAVE HELPED CONTINUE EVEN WHEN IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE. WHETHER YOU TOOK A BREAK FOR LONGER THAN YOU PLANNED OR NEVER REALLY SAW COLLEGE AS AN OPTION IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS.

