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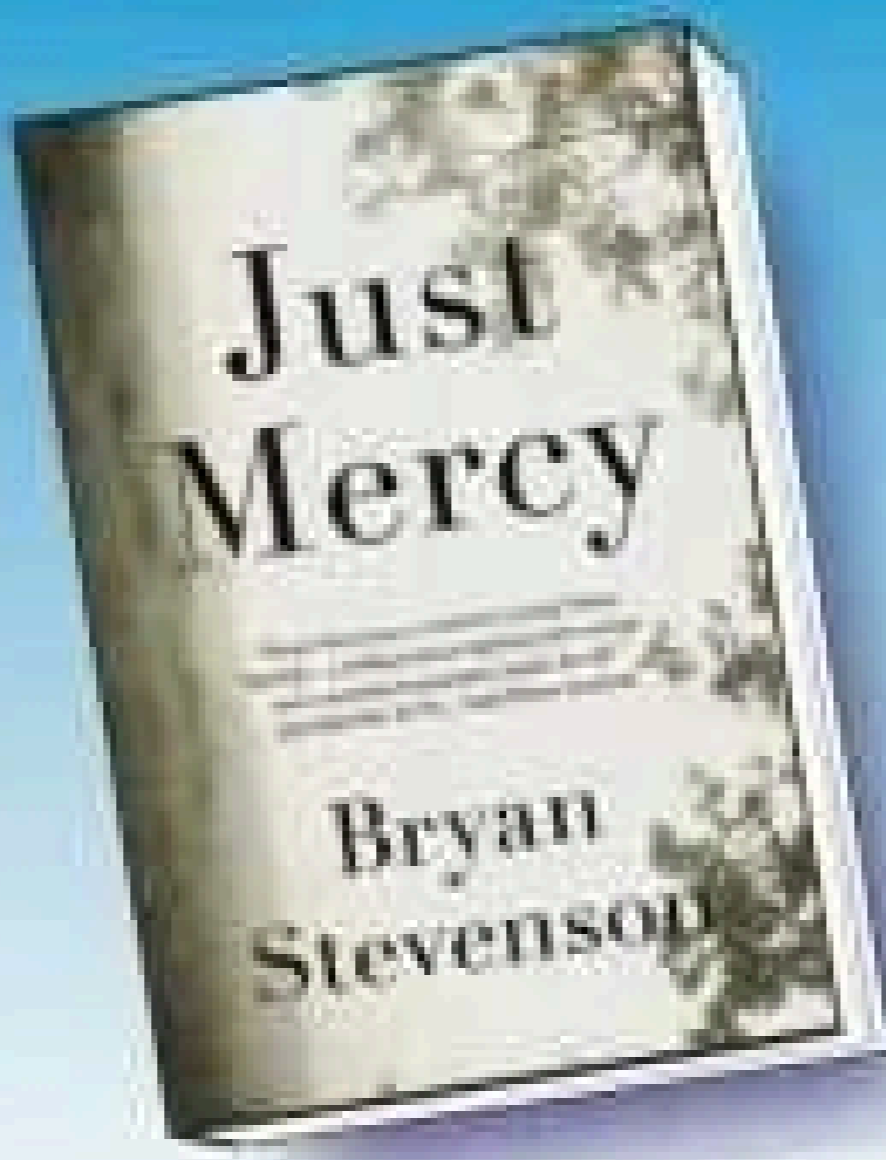
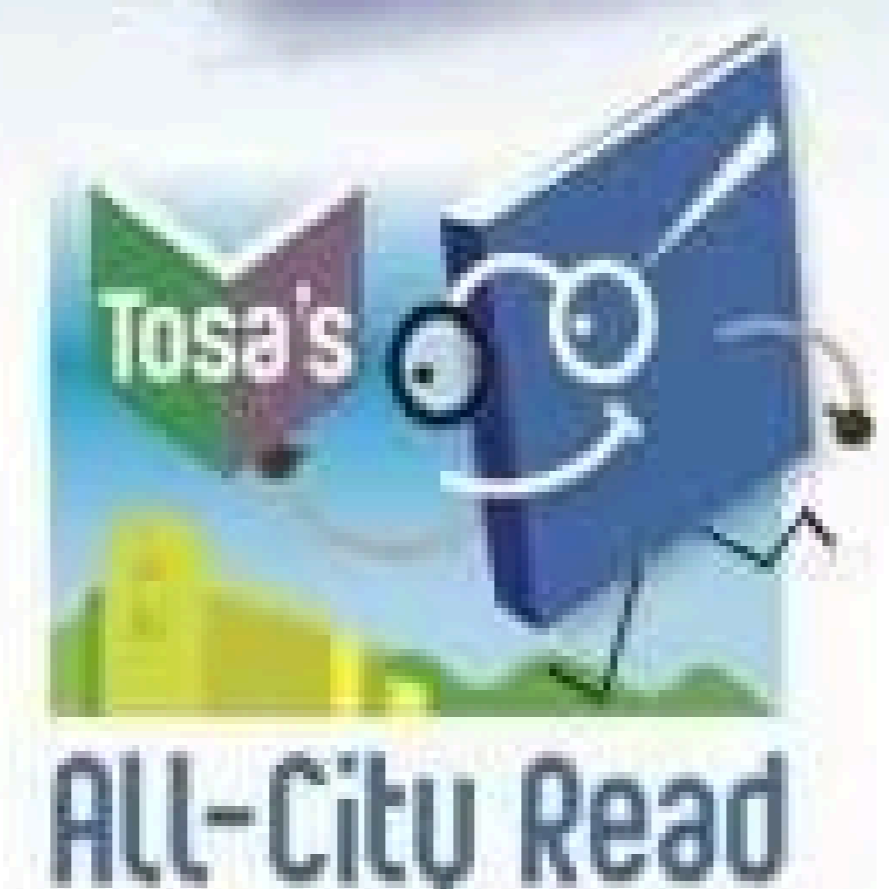
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Tosa Reads!

Events February 2020

What's an All-City Read?

Tosa's All-City Read is like a giant book club for the whole city of Wauwatosa. Our goal is to have everybody in our community read the same book and come together in February to discuss it in small neighborhood book clubs, public meetings and at special events all over town. Be sure to check our website for additional events, updates and registration information: www.TosasAllCityRead.com.

Our Book

Just Mercy

By Bryan Stevenson

A *New York Times* bestseller, *Just Mercy* is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice. Author Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative to defend those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillan, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machinations and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.



For Younger Readers

Kids of all ages are invited to read these books with similar themes to *Just Mercy*:

For middle readers (ages 8-14)

Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson (ages 10-14)

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (ages 9-12)

Courage by Barbara Binns (ages 8-12)

Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly (ages 8-12)

For preschool to grade 3 (ages 4-8)

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López

Rosa by Nikki Giovanni, illustrated by Bryan Collier

Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty, illustrated by Bryan Collier (ages 5-8)

Writing Contest

Enter Tosa's All-City Read's 2020 writing contest for the chance to win a cash prize!

Themes/Prompts:

For Students: "What can I do to make people of all races feel welcome in my school and my neighborhood?"

For Adults: "What can I do to make Wauwatosa a more inclusive community?"

Length

There is no minimum length requirement, but essays may be no longer than 1,000 words.

Categories, Prizes and Entry Information

Grades 3-5 First prize \$30, Second prize \$20

Grades 6-8 First prize: \$50, Second prize \$30

Grades 9-12 First prize \$75, Second prize \$40

Adult (19+) First prize \$100, Second prize \$60

You must be a resident of Wauwatosa or attend a Wauwatosa public or private school to be eligible to compete in the writing contest.



Entries are due February 7, 2020.

For a complete list of rules and the entry form, go to www.TosasAllCityRead.com/contests

Join us for Tosa's All-City Read Events

Reggie Jackson: The 2.2 Million

Monday, February 3, 7-9 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave.

Reggie Jackson, award-winning journalist, race-relations expert and lead trainer/consultant at Nurturing Diversity Partners, will expose the roots of our country's current system of mass incarceration, including the laws and policies that have made it possible to incarcerate more than 2 million Americans. He will examine Wisconsin's correctional system in detail: where and why we've built prisons around the state, who's in them, why our prison population keeps growing, and the costs to both families and communities.

Cost: Free

To reserve your place, go to www.TosasAllCityRead.com/events

Recognizing Unconscious Bias

Wednesday, February 5, 1-3 p.m.

Hart Park Senior Center, 7200 Chestnut St.

Willie Garrison, a Wauwatosa School District administrator and leader of the district's Raising Achievement & Cultural Excellence (RACE) team, will talk about how learned stereotypes can be triggered without our awareness or intention, and how those stereotypes can affect our dealings with people we encounter every day of our lives.

Cost: Free

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2020 Vision: Making Tosa a More Inclusive Community

Monday, February 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library - Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave.

Wauwatosa has come a long way since the days of restrictive housing and sundown laws, but there's still a long way to go. Join this discussion with representatives of the city's new Equity and Inclusion Committee, the Health Department, the Wauwatosa School District and Tosa Together on what efforts are being made to make Wauwatosa a more welcoming and inclusive community to residents and visitors of color.

Cost: Free

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Unlearning Racism with Martha Barry

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library - Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave.

Martha Barry, Ph.D., the Racial Justice director for the YWCA of Southeastern Wisconsin, presents an important workshop on the impact of racism and what each of us can do to address it and take action against it. The YWCA SEW is a part of the national movement of over 200 YWCA's working to eliminate racism. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear an abbreviated version of their award-winning workshop series.

Cost: Free

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Of the People, by the People, for the People?

Thursday, February 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library - Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave.

The jury system permits all citizens to play a role in the justice system, but African Americans are disproportionately underrepresented. Felony disenfranchisement, incarceration and attachment of driver's license suspensions to non-motor vehicle convictions all potentially have an unfair impact on who is eligible and selected for jury duty. Lindsey Draper, former circuit court commissioner for Milwaukee County, assistant state public defender, and assistant district attorney, will discuss how these factors—and others—are impacting our justice system.

Cost: Free

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Tender Topics: Exploring Sensitive Issues with Children Through Picture Books

Saturday, February 15, 9:30 a.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library - Children's Department, 7635 W. North Ave.

Google "picture books on difficult topics" and you'll find all sorts of useful lists about topics ranging from divorce to potty training to bullying. But what about books dealing with poverty, homelessness, incarceration and racism? In this program, we will examine picture books that deal with these tender topics and talk about ways to sensitively address these issues with children. Light refreshments will be offered. Registration is required.

Cost: Free

To reserve your place, call 414-471-8486

The Long-Term Impact of Segregation: A Panel Discussion

Wednesday, February 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library - Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave.

We live in one of the most segregated metro areas in the nation, but what does that mean for Tosa and our neighbors to the east? Segregation not only creates inequities in housing opportunities, but also impacts employment, incarceration rates, and mental and physical health. Our expert panel includes Kori Schneider Peragine, senior administrator for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, Reggie Jackson, award-winning journalist, race-relations expert and lead trainer/consultant at Nurturing Diversity Partners, and Kirsten Beyer, Ph.D., associate professor of epidemiology and researcher who studies the intersection of health, place and social justice.

Cost: Free

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A Collaborative Art Project

Saturday, February 22, 1-3 p.m.

First Congregational Church, 1511 Church St.

Magic happens when neighbors gather to create art together. Build a sense of community while you help us build an oversized patchwork banner that represents Wauwatosa as a welcoming community. The final art will hang in City Hall. No previous art experience is necessary! Families and single participants are welcome.

Cost: Free - Space is limited, so reserve your place today at

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Diverse Dining

Tuesday, February 25, 6-8:30 p.m.

Terri Lynn's Soul Food Express, 10742 West Hampton Ave.

Cultivate your courage, compassion and connections while sharing a delicious meal and fascinating conversation with people who have different experiences from you. This transformational event allows you to immerse yourself in different cultures and build a sense of community. The ticket price includes a full meal, beverage, ice breaker activity, guest speaker and facilitated discussion.

Cost: \$25

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Tosa Together Events

Tosa Together is an organization dedicated to living by shared values of belonging, diversity, equity and justice. Tosa's All-City Read participants are welcome to attend these Tosa Together events that will complement the themes found in *Just Mercy*.

Black History Month Celebration

Thursday, February 20, 7-8:15 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library - Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave.

Enjoy guest speakers, school-aged performers, singers, drummers and refreshments. This is a family-friendly event and there will be a children's corner for drawing and coloring. This event is free to all.

Community Circles

A strong community is nurtured by the input and action of its residents. Tosa Together will host the first round of multiple small-group discussions around topics of inclusion, privilege and welcoming. Host or join one of many small discussion groups popping up across Wauwatosa. Discussion starters, facilitation guidance and topic questions will be provided to allow each group to discuss the issues in a meaningful way. All small groups will then be invited to follow up with additional discussions and all-group gatherings in the months ahead. For more information or to start or join a community circle, contact Robin Luther at TosaCircles@gmail.com or 414-758-6538.

Book Discussions

If you'd like to talk about *Just Mercy* with your fellow Tosans, join us at any of these discussions, free and open to the public. To reserve your place at any of these discussions, go to www.TosasAllCityRead.com/events

Sunday, February 9, 3:30-5 p.m.

Stock House Brewing Co., 7208 W. North Ave.

Tuesday, February 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook Church, 1025 N. 70th St.

Monday, February 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Corner Bakery, 11500 W. Burlingame Rd.

Thursday, February 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

Design Vision Optical, 8720 W. North Avenue

Monday, February 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church ELCA, 12012 W. North Avenue

Thursday, February 27, 1-2:30 p.m.

Café Blue, 6428 W. North Avenue

