



The Human Library

A Human Library is a place to start conversations and foster understanding between individuals who may not normally interact with one another. Human Books challenge perceptions by sharing their stories with readers.

Library Catalog

Available: 4-5:30p

More Than Swipe of a Plastic Card

Experience of an immigrant who went through a cultural shock in corporate America when human integrity had to surrender to a piece of plastic called "credit card." The story compares human generosity of a poor fruit vendor with the insensitive electronic transaction and how it emotionally affects people

A Journey to Find a Home while Being, Singing, and Living Together in the New Place

During my journey, studying music in three different states and life in MN, as my second home, is essential to living with others daily. With my music education, experiences, and work, I would love to share personal experiences and thoughts and how they influence each other's mutually beneficial.

Egyptian Folk Stories of Joha

Over the years, people in Egypt developed a fictional human character called Joha. Joha can be cunning, wise, funny, or just simple minded. The Human Book consists of selected stories of Joha that will make you laugh, or learn a lesson in life

My Childhood in an American Prison Camp

Can you believe that at one time America considered being a Japanese in the United States a crime? They rounded up 125,284 of us and put us in prison camps in remote, desolate areas of the country. Find out how our family had to start our lives all over again when we moved to Minnesota after the war.

Stilted to Stilting

Community art and volunteerism present opportunities to grow both personally and professionally. Whether it was discovering a new skill/interest or growing my social network, jumping into meaningful work with other volunteers has lifted me up when I was otherwise down. 10/10 highly recommend doing it!

Fighting AIDS on a Bicycle

My best friend from Air Force days tested HIV+ in December of 1990. He lived in Chicago. In 1999, I decided to participate in, the then, Twin Cities-Wisconsin-Chicago AIDS Ride. I was 51-years-old and wasn't sure I could ride the 500 miles on a bicycle to Chicago in 6 days or raise the required \$2,300 for the HIV/AIDS charities involved. I'm proud to say I raised \$4,300 and rode every mile. I was hooked and have done over 40 charity bicycle rides and raised over \$145,000 in the last 25 years.

Five Seasons

Different childhood. My story with the Gulf War. Imaginary reality. Happiness is a decision.

Protecting Your Family During Climate Change

Learn safety strategies to protect your family in difficult weather, like floods, tornado or heat waves. Discuss ways to help our environment by reusing items or rethinking our use, rags instead of paper towels, sustainable toilet paper.

How does the Human Library Work?

Community volunteers join as "books" to create the human library.

Each volunteer agrees to share a story about their life, identity or experience.

You join the event as a "reader"

As the reader, you select a "book" from the library catalog to check out

The human book and reader engage in one-on-one conversation

The reader explores the story with the Human Book as their guide

See other side



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Outdoor Stewardship:

A Minimal Impact Way of Enjoying the Outdoors

People enjoy the outdoors in many ways from ATVing to Ziplining. Whatever the activity, we make impacts but we can make decisions to reduce those impacts.

El Paso, The Passage

My experience with unaccompanied minors crossing the border for a better life in the US. The passage is about the harrowing journey minors make - it is both heartbreaking, heartwarming and one of hope filled with humanity.

Scandinavian Samurai

Growing up in small town in Denmark, a chance encounter with the Shogun TV series changed the course of my life. Though I outgrew the childhood dream of becoming a samurai, several years in Japan and a move to Minnesota have offered great life experiences and many different views of the world.

Journey From Rice to Corn Fields

The journey of an Indian immigrant from a rural part of India to Minnesota who navigated themselves the last 50 years from learning English, working as a dishwasher, worked as a Chief technology officer of a billion-dollar company, worked as a CEO of a startup, serve as the City Council member and owning his own Data Analysis company. A heartwarming story, motivational story and it could even be an unbelievable one!

Chat with the Chief

Learn how one officer went from rookie to Chief in Eden Prairie. A man on a mission to serve and connect with his community, with a few funny stories along the way.

With Difficulty Comes Ease

After surviving a brutal civil war and 4.5 years in one of the largest refugee camps in Kenya, a young man finds his way to the cold climate of Minnesota. This is a story of how he has spent 20 years building a new life in Eden Prairie, creating a family and is seizing his dreams.

Love's Unspoken Vows

In this deeply heartfelt personal book, I invite you to witness the profound love and unfulfilled promises that were intended for a cherished soul mate. I offer you the opportunity to delve into the depths of my emotions and experiences, capturing the essence of a love that transcends time and circumstances.

During a trip for work, amidst our conversations about our future, I poured my heart and soul into crafting vows for the man who held my dreams, aspirations, and heart. With tears of happiness streaming down my face, I typed those sacred words in the notes app on my phone, promising to love him unconditionally and always throughout our days. Though circumstances prevented me from saying those vows to him as planned, I find solace in sharing our love with you. I hope that I can do justice to him and the love we shared - a love that blossomed from a beautiful friendship and evolved into an extraordinary bond filled with dreams of a wedding and home.

Tragically, both of us became victims of circumstances that forever altered our lives. On that fateful night of 1 October, 2017, our lives were shattered by the senseless act of violence, forever marked by the profound impact it had and serves as a reminder of the fragility of life and the preciousness of every moment we share together.

"Love's Unspoken Vows" captures the essence of a love story interrupted, a tale of unfulfilled promises, and a testament to the depth of emotions experienced in our journey together. It is a reminder of the power of love, the resilience of the human heart and the bittersweet beauty that can be found in both cherished memories and unrealized dreams. As a human book, I offer you an intimate glimpse into the transformative power of love and the complexities of navigating a path filled with hope and longing. Join me on this emotional journey as we explore the depths of a connection that reminds us of the profound impact one person can have on our lives. "Love's Unspoken Vows" invites you to reflect on the fragility and strength of the human heart, the depths of love's endurance and the resilience it takes to carry forward when dreams are altered. Together, we can honor the love that was, celebrate the love that remains, and discover the profound lessons hidden within the fabric of our shared experiences.

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