

# EX LIBRIS 2019

November 14, 2019  
Village Club  
Bloomfield Hills

A benefit for the

## Oakland Literacy Council

*The Stories That  
Weave Us  
Together*

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Dear Literacy Champion:

This year the Oakland Literacy Council has been collecting stories from our students, tutors, and long-time advocates. I have been amazed how these stories weave together to form a beautiful tapestry of our collective work. Your stories are also a part of this rich tapestry and the reason we have decided to make the theme of this year's Ex Libris benefit dinner *The Stories That Weave Us Together*.

The Oakland Literacy Council is pleased to bring a keynote speaker to this year's event with a riveting family story of his own. Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Detroit native David Marann's newest book, *A Good American Family: The Red Scare and My Father*, weaves together his family's ordeal of fear and triumph during a dark period in our country's recent history. Set in Detroit, the book is his twelfth in an impressive list of best sellers.

**I invite you to become a sponsor of this year's Ex Libris dinner. Your sponsorship of our largest fundraising event of the year will equip adults with essential literacy skills and empower them to weave the next chapter in their personal story.**

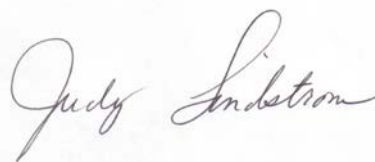
Your support will truly change lives. The Oakland Literacy Council is the only nonprofit agency solely dedicated to ending adult illiteracy in Oakland County. Former students who once held dead end jobs now own businesses that help our communities thrive. Students who were unable to complete a medical history form now take charge of their health. Students who came to this country as immigrants now participate in our democracy as citizens. Students who struggled to read now read to their children.

This year's Ex Libris dinner marks two milestones for the Oakland Literacy Council — the Council's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ex Libris. We will be honoring our sponsors and other long-time advocates who have watched the Council grow over the years into a beautiful tapestry. The event will be held at the lovely Village Club in Bloomfield Hills on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

I hope you will give this request to sustain the important mission of the Oakland Literacy Council your most thoughtful consideration. **Please be sure to return your response by September 25th, 2019 if you wish to be included in our Ex Libris invitation.** Feel free to contact me at 248-642-3122 if you have any questions.

**"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something." Sandra Day O'Connor**

Thank you for your consideration.



Judy Lindstrom  
President, Oakland Literacy Council and Ex Libris 2019 Event Chair

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# EX LIBRIS 2019 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## MARK TWAIN - \$5,000

- Eight Benefactor tickets and special gift
- Recognition in the Ex Libris invitation, Council newsletter, and website
- Full page ad in the event program

## EMILY DICKINSON - \$3,000

- Four Benefactor tickets and special gift
- Recognition in the Ex Libris invitation, Council newsletter, and website
- Half page ad in the event program

## ERNEST HEMINGWAY - \$1,500

- Four Patron tickets
- Recognition in the Ex Libris invitation, Council newsletter, and website
- Quarter page ad in the event program

## EDGAR A. POE - \$500

- Two Patron tickets
- Recognition in the Ex Libris invitation, Council newsletter, and website

Yes, we would be delighted to sponsor Ex Libris 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it should appear in program:

Mark Twain - \$5,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Emily Dickinson - \$3,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Ernest Hemingway - \$1,500 \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Oakland Literacy Council**

*Sponsorships can also be purchased at [www.oaklandliteracy.com/exlibris2019](http://www.oaklandliteracy.com/exlibris2019)*

AMEX, Visa or Mastercard #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To ensure your name will appear on the Ex Libris invitation, please return by

**September 25, 2019**

Ad copy for the program must be received by **October 17, 2019**. Please format ads in either .jpeg, .png or PDF file and send to [info@oaklandliteracy.com](mailto:info@oaklandliteracy.com)

*Your donation is tax deductible to the extent provided by law.*



**105,400** adults in Oakland County are FUNCTIONALLY ILLITERATE

They may struggle to understand



Job applications



Bus schedules



Prescription labels

### ADULT ILLITERACY is a cost to our communities



Lost tax revenue due to underemployment and unemployment, and increased public spending on health and social services.



Children of functionally illiterate adults have a 72% chance of winding up functionally illiterate themselves, perpetuating a cycle of lost opportunity.

The Oakland Literacy Council is the only organization solely dedicated to ending adult illiteracy in Oakland County.

*With your support, the Council delivered **12,500** hours of instruction to **200** adult learners in 2018-19.*



One-on-one tutoring



No cost to students



Flexible schedule



Customized curriculum



Referrals to job training, GED programs

To bring literacy to every adult who needs it, we must expand. You can be part of the solution.

Goal #1:

Recruit, train, and retain more tutors to provide one-on-one service to more adults.



Goal #2:

Offer group learning experiences to every student to supplement tutoring and speed their progress.



Goal #3:

Partner with local employers to offer literacy training in the workplace.

