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FOR OUR 31ST

# EX LIBRIS

## Annual Event

Supporting adult literacy in Oakland County

*Stories that  
Change the World*



A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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# Ex Libris

{From the Library of}

A Virtual Celebration  
and Benefit



with Guest Speaker

**Kenneth Jones**

playwright, lyricist, librettist,  
writer, and theatre advocate

Thursday, November 19, 2020  
7 pm

Honoring the tireless work  
of our volunteer tutors

*Proceeds benefit Oakland Literacy Council*



*"Books allow us to solve mysteries,  
satisfy curiosity, realize dreams."*

--Emily Wheelock Reed as portrayed in *Alabama Story*,  
a play written by Kenneth Jones

**Kenneth Jones**, an Oakland County native, is a playwright, librettist, and lyricist. His play, *Alabama Story*, was a nominee for the Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award and a Finalist in the O'Neill Theater Center's National Playwrights Conference. By fall 2020, the play will have been seen in more than 30 presentations around the country since its 2015 world premiere by Pioneer Theatre Company. The play is inspired by an article in *The New York Times* about Emily Wheelock Reed, the former State Librarian of Alabama, who had been challenged by a segregationist politician in 1959. Alabama State Senator E.O. Eddins demanded that a children's picture book — Garth Williams' *The Rabbits' Wedding*, about a rabbit with black fur marrying a rabbit with white fur — be purged from the shelves of Alabama libraries on the grounds that it promoted racial integration. Their conflict was reported worldwide.

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