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— ANNUAL EVENT —

Supporting adult literacy in Oakland County

Stories that change the world

November 19, 2020



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

Emily Wheelock Reed,
as portrayed in Kenneth Jones’s
play, *Alabama Story*.

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We are at it again. We hope you will join us in 2021 as we celebrate another exciting one-of-a-kind-event. With the cancellation of our 2020 frolic, we are awaiting a new date, and, once established, we will herald our return! Information will be sent directly to our 2020 ticket holders, sponsors, and advertisers. Of course, additional updates and information will be posted on our Facebook page and the Oakland Literacy Council's website www.oaklandliteracy.com.

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Oakland Literacy Council
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The 31st Annual
EX LIBRIS
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Benefit Event Supporting Adult Literacy in
Oakland County

with guest speaker
Kenneth Jones

A New York playwright, librettist, and lyricist, author of *Alabama Story*, a 2016 nominee for the Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award. A leading writer and editor of *Playbill* for 15 years and theater reporter and critic for *The Detroit News* for ten years, including four seasons as chief critic.

Featured Tutor and Students
Hannah Hilbert, Evelyn Barahona, and Alma Renteria

We proudly honor the tireless work of our volunteer tutors.

Proceeds from Ex Libris enable the Oakland Literacy Council to reach adults with literacy needs, recruit and train tutors, test students, and support learning with instructional materials, online programs, conversation groups, digital literacy instruction, and guidance from our professional staff.



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Dear Ex Libris Friends, Tutors, Sponsors, and Students,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Oakland Literacy Council, I welcome you to our 31st Ex Libris event and first virtual experience.

Tonight, we join with all of you who make up the story of the Oakland Literacy Council. Friends and associates who have supported the mission and purpose for 36 years. Tutors who wrote a new virtual story this year and students who summoned the courage to write a new story for themselves. And staff who edited the story for all. Your stories have changed the world during an unforgettable year.

To describe the last nine months would take a thesaurus to conjure up all the adjectives. I think we can all agree that this has been a journey. New paths were forged. Simple joys were magnified. Family became our “north star.” Stories and experiences took on new meanings. Change was/is inevitable.

Tonight, we want to celebrate and applaud our literacy “HEROES” – our tutors. These amazing individuals define the true meaning of volunteerism. This year they focused on how best to serve their student/s. The creative ideas they developed were inventive, inspired, and original.

Our students, tutors, volunteers, staff, and board appreciate your continued friendship and support. Applause and thanks to all of you here tonight.

Judy Lindstrom,

Oakland Literacy Council President

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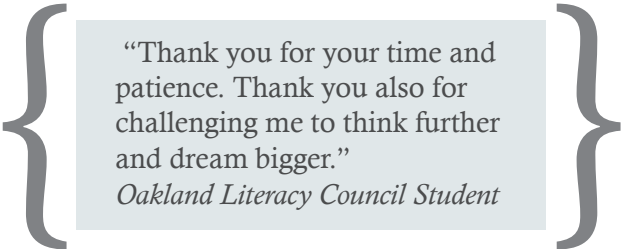
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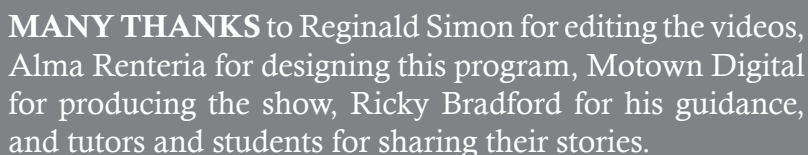
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“Thank you for your time and patience. Thank you also for challenging me to think further and dream bigger.”

Oakland Literacy Council Student



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