



Welcomes you
to the 32nd

Ex Libris annual event

Supporting adult literacy in Oakland County

Stories of Transformation

10.28.2021



"The butterfly said to the
sun, 'They can't stop talking
about my transformation.
I can only do it once in my lifetime.
If only they know they can do it at any
time and in countless ways.'"

Dodinsky



The idea was simple... the Motor City Wine and Food Frolic was created to offer unique adventures in the Metro Detroit area bringing together people who would not only enjoy the various experiences offered but would also contribute to adult literacy organizations. In six years, we have donated more than \$50,000 to assist in programs, materials, and other essential items imperative to benefit local adult literacy organizations and, in particular, Oakland Literacy Council.

We are at it again. We hope you will join us on Thursday, April 28, 2022, as we celebrate another exciting one-of-a-kind event. Information will be sent directly to our 2020 ticket holders, sponsors, and advertisers. Of course, additional updates and ticket information will be posted on our Facebook page and the Oakland Literacy Council's website.

Applause and thank you for your support!



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32nd annual Ex Libris

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**Benefit Dinner and Virtual Event
Supporting Adult Literacy in Oakland County**

With guest speaker

Angeline Boulley

An enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, author Angeline Boulley writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Her first novel, *Firekeeper's Daughter*, debuted in March 2021 on the New York Times Bestseller List (YA Fiction). Netflix is developing the book into an original series. She lives in southwest Michigan.

Emcee

Damany Head, Oakland Literacy Council Board Member
and Chair of the Pontiac Regional Chamber

Featured Students and Tutors

Dawoon Choi, Ray Huey, Sue Iles, Rachel Jones, Jim Linn,
Brenda Ortega, Kim Wiggins, Cornelius Williams, Bernadette Young

Proceeds from Ex Libris enable the Oakland Literacy Council to reach adults who need literacy instruction (reading, speaking English, math, and digital), recruit and train tutors, assess students, and support learning with instructional materials, innovative curriculum and online study programs, conversation groups, laptops and hotspots, 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 Oakland Literacy Council, I welcome you to our 32nd Ex Libris event!

**Words are
sometimes
inadequate,
but to all
of you here
tonight and
to those
watching
from home,
please know
that you have
touched my
heart and that
I will always
treasure your
continued
friendship and
support.**

This evening marks my last Ex Libris as President of Oakland Literacy Council. I can't think of a better "swan song" than tonight's theme, *Stories of Transformation*. As always, this year has brought a host of changes to our organization. Each year when I sit down to write this letter, I am amazed at the ongoing transformations the Oakland Literacy Council embraces. We are an organization always looking forward but applauding the rich history that brought us to this point in time. It is the continued support of our tutors, volunteers, donors, friends, board members, and staff who through hard work, financial support, and the energy to get things done have bolstered our mission these past 37 years.

Tonight, we bring together the "jewels" in our organization – friends and associates who have supported our mission and purpose and those who have discovered our place in this community – a place that helps transform lives, a place that nurtures the very best in each and every one of us.

Together, we are making a difference for thousands of adults striving to reach their literacy goals.

Words are sometimes inadequate, but to all of you here tonight and to those watching from home, please know that you have touched my heart and that I will always treasure your continued friendship and support.

Applause and thanks to all of you.

Judy Lindstrom
President, Oakland Literacy Council

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Short Story

Sarah and William Birkhill, Karen Hagenlocker,

Ellen and Marc Lipton, Ann and George Manning, Oakland University,

Alicia and Khalfani Stephens, Three C's Landscaping

Dedication

Joan and Bill Allesee, Bank of Ann Arbor, Greg Barnas, Camille Breen, Burlington English, Mary Jo Byrd, Keith and Janet Collin, Community Financial Credit Union, Gretchen and Ethan Davidson, Encore Development, Robert Gaylor, Carol and Jay Herbst, FINNEA Group, Barbara and Ed Klarman, Boleka and Peter Lindstrom, Lisa and Dan Machesky, Russell Moore, Oakland Community College, Teckla Rhoads, Julie and Gary Sikorski, Donna and Isaac Sheppard, Cathy and Joel Topf

In our students' words

Thank you to the 200+ Oakland Literacy Council volunteer tutors and small group leaders! How are they changing lives every day? Students tell the story best!

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“I can't thank my tutor enough. For getting me to read books and do worksheets to answer questions. I write full pages of paper. You can't imagine how this makes me feel. I thank Oakland Literacy.”

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“I thank my tutor who has always been with me and has helped me improve my English. Thanks to her, I managed to present my citizenship exam successfully. For all of this and more. Thank you.”

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“Thank you for encouraging me all the way. It means the world to me.”

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“I always appreciate you. You are my first best tutor and friend in the USA.”

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“Thank you for your thoughtful and passionate teaching.”

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“I am so grateful for my tutor. With her help I will reach my goals. This opportunity with my tutor and Oakland Literacy Council will teach me to read and become a complete man.”

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“Thank you for teaching me. You taught me everything not only English.”

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

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“You are my hero! You are the best teacher ever!!”

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“You are not only my English teacher. You are my window that made me see the USA. Even if I say thank you 1000 times, it's not enough!”

**With heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, friends, staff,
and OLC board members.**

**Judy Lindstrom
Rita-Ann Lindstrom**

Briefs from our Short Story

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Thank you to the Oakland Literacy Council and the wonderful tutors for helping end adult illiteracy in our community. Keep up the great work!

– Oakland University

The older we get, the more we understand the value of a quality mattress, the magic of wonder, and the wisdom of “post turtle” jokes.

– Alicia and Khalfani Stephens

Best wishes to the Oakland Literacy Council for another successful Ex Libris event and thank you for the amazing work you do in our community!

– Ellen and Marc Lipton

Children are 72% more likely to be functionally illiterate if their parents are. We can develop tomorrow's leaders by giving their parents the tools with which to learn and teach.

– Ann and George Manning

**With gratitude
to these literacy
advocates for their
kind support:**

**Julie and Craig
Hoensheid**

**Eleanor and Bernard
Robertson**

Barbara Van Dusen

Ex Libris Committee

John Almstadt, Paula Brown, Judy Bryce, Robert Gaylor, Damany Head, Julie Hoensheid, Sue Klunk, Judy Lindstrom, Rita-Ann Lindstrom, Lisa Machesky, Ann Manning, Angela Ryo, Beverly Stanbrough, Alicia Stephens, Shelley Taub

With Special Thanks

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And to OLC graduate and volunteer **Alma Renteria** for generously sharing her graphic design talent with us. Alma created the beautiful Ex Libris 2021 graphics, including the invitations and this event program.

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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

To learn more about becoming a volunteer tutor, attend a 30-minute information session.

Contact Laurie Weeks, Tutor Coordinator, at laurie.w@oaklandliteracy.com or go to www.oaklandliteracy.com.

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