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## **Harford County Public Library Looks for 'Human Library Book' volunteers**

*The 'Human Library' will be available in Abingdon in February,  
Havre de Grace in March and Fallston in April*

**Belcamp, Md., December 19, 2018** -- Harford County Public Library is looking for volunteers to share their unique experiences as part of its upcoming "Human Library" programs, which are part of Choose Civility Harford County.

The "Human Library" lets people "borrow" an actual person who has agreed to be a "book" for the event. "Book" participants, representing all walks of life, from a variety of diverse jobs, programs and backgrounds, will share their stories. Each session encourages the human book and the person who checked it out to have a meaningful discussion on the "book's" topic.

The goal is to facilitate dialogue, challenge stereotypes and promote understanding among people in the community.

"By bringing the 'Human Library' to Harford County, we hope to contribute to a greater understanding of diversity in our community," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. "Diversity takes many forms, and our hope is to showcase folks from many different backgrounds who live in Harford County and who are willing to share their life experiences."

The "Human Library" will be available to borrow February 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Abingdon Library; March 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Library; and April 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fallston Library. Reader registration will take place closer to each event date.

To apply to be a "book" for the "Human Library," stop by any Harford County Public Library location for an application or visit [HCPLonline.org](http://HCPLonline.org). Questions about the "Human Library" should be directed to Leslie Greenly Smith, marketing and communications administrator, at [smithl@hcplonline.org](mailto:smithl@hcplonline.org) or at 410-273-5707.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County. More than 1.6 million visitors use library services and resources each year. In 2018 Harford County Public Library was named one of America's Star Libraries for the eighth time by *Library Journal*. It is also the recipient of a 2018 Graphic Design USA American Inhouse Design Award. For more information, visit [HCPLonline.org](http://HCPLonline.org).



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