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Be a Human Book

The Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County, in collaboration with the Friends & Foundation of RPL and the University of Rochester, is recruiting people to be books in a Human Library event to be held on January 25, 2014 from 1 to 4 PM. This afternoon event will take place in the Harold Hacker Hall of the Rundel Library Building of the Rochester Central Library. The Human Library is an opportunity to connect one-on-one with people who might otherwise never get the chance to chat with people who have life experiences, stories and beliefs very different than their own.

Just like borrowing a book from the library, participants can “check out” a human book, also called a living book, for a 30-minute conversation. Human books are people who are willing to share their experiences, perspectives, values and beliefs. They are open to any kind of question on their chosen topic that is posed in a respectful way.

“A Human Book is a person who has chosen to be a public representative of a certain group and an example of how people can be, if only minds are open long enough to find out, whom and what they really are. But before anything else, they are courageous people that stand by their convictions and are willing to discuss their values with others.” - humanlibrary.org

Are you the kind of person that would like to be a human book? Do you have a unique experience or perspective based on something that you have done or who you are that you would like to share?

We are looking for books of a variety of ethnicities, nationalities, religions, occupations, characteristics, genders and those who have unique and interesting stories and experiences.

If you are interested in being a human book, please contact Rebecca Fuss at 428-8350 or by e-mail at rebecca.fuss@libraryweb.org

For more information about this worldwide project, please visit humanlibrary.org.