

PLAN YOUR VISIT

CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE: FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES AT THE BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CENTRAL LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 6-NOVEMBER 30, 2011 3030 POPLAR AVENUE

Explore on your own or bring a group to visit the exhibition. Guided group tours are available Monday through Friday, September 6 through November 30, 2011. Other days, including nights and weekends, are available upon request. Reservations are required for all school and group visits. Space is limited. Please make your reservation as early as possible. Transportation grants are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to subsidize cost of transportation for school group visits to the exhibition. To learn more or to register, visit choosingtoparticipate.org, call 901-452-1776 x227, or email Nancy_Knight@facing.org.

Choosing to Participate is open to the public during regular library hours:

Monday–Thursday, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Friday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

To learn more about Choosing to Participate's events and resources, visit <http://www.choosingtoparticipate.org>.

EVENT CALENDAR

Ostracized! Playhouse on the Square, Teens In Theatre

Play Opening and Talk Back

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. @ The Evergreen Theatre, 1705 Poplar Avenue

Additional performances will be held October 7–8, 13–16

Sunday, October 9, 3:00 p.m. @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Sunday, October 16, 3:00 p.m. @ Germantown Branch Library

Teens In Theatre will create a one act play on the concept of bullying.

Community Conversation Featuring

Wednesdays in Mississippi

Presented by Facing History and Ourselves and The Allstate Foundation

Thursday, October 20, 7:00–9:00 p.m. @ Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, 1934 Poplar Avenue

Join us for a screening and panel discussion featuring *Wednesdays in Mississippi*, a documentary film that tells the story of courageous black and white women who reached across the chasm of race, class, geography, and religion to end segregation in America. The panel discussion will include the filmmakers and women featured in the film.

15th Annual Memphis Benefit Dinner

November 3, 6:00–9:00 p.m. @ The Peabody Hotel, 149 Union Avenue

Rose & Richard Flenorl and Andie & Michael Uiberall invite you to explore the historical moment that had the greatest impact on you at our 15th annual Memphis Benefit Dinner. Please join us for an inspirational evening that brings the community together to experience Facing History and Ourselves firsthand. For ticket and sponsorship information, please email sonji_branch@facing.org or call 901-452-1776.

Outcasts United

Thursday, November 10, 7:00–8:30 p.m. @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar Avenue

Warren St. John, the author of national bestseller, *Outcasts United*, will speak at a free community event and book signing. This event is held in partnership with *International Paper* and the *Commercial Appeal's* Newspapers in Education, which is creating a serialization of the book that will run from late September through mid-November. In the 1990s, Clarkston, Georgia, became a resettlement center for refugees from war zones in Liberia, Congo, Sudan, Iraq, and Afghanistan. *Outcasts United* is the story of a refugee soccer team, a remarkable female coach and a small southern town turned upside down by the process of refugee resettlement.

Educator Workshop on Bullying

Monday, November 14, 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Facing History Memphis Office, 650 E. Parkway South

This workshop explores the fundamental issue of choice through various perspectives: the bullied, the bully, and the community. Through the use of film and guided discussion this program provides a forum for conversation on this ever-present, increasingly relevant topic in schools today. This workshop is designed for educators teaching in a Jewish setting, but educators from all disciplines and religious affiliations are

Family Day

The Christmas Menorahs: How a Town Fought Hate

Sunday, November 20, 3:00–4:30 p.m. @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar Avenue

How do you talk to your children about the difficult choices they face? About what to do when they encounter difference or exclusion? Join us for this unique opportunity for families in grades K-6 to come together to engage in activities and conversation about these important lessons through the story of Billings, Montana, featured in the Choosing to Participate installation, *Not in Our Town*.

Give Bigotry No Sanction:

Exploring Religious Freedom and Democracy

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Temple Israel, 1376 East Massey Road

“To Bigotry No Sanction, to Persecution No Assistance” – So wrote George Washington in his landmark “Letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island of 1790.” Inspired by Washington’s historic words defending American religious liberty, please join us for a panel discussion on citizenship, religious freedom, and equality in a democracy. Co-hosted by Facing History and Ourselves, Ambassador John L. Loeb, Jr., and the George Washington Institute for Religious Freedom, in partnership with Temple Israel.

EXPLORE Memphis

Choosing to Participate features two local components that explore how residents of the Mid-South have chosen to participate in their communities and schools.

Upstanders: Portraits of Courage

How can I participate? Who are the people making a difference in my community? Visit this photography exhibition that honors the contributions of local individuals and groups who spoke out, did the right thing, and made a difference—people we call Upstanders.

pARTicipation: Young Artists Speak Up

How would you react in the face of injustice? How do you respond to someone who is different than you? These are just some of the questions we asked students to think about and respond to through art. Explore this remarkable student artwork from all over Memphis.

Facing History acknowledges with gratitude the following funders whose generous support of *Choosing to Participate* enables us to bring new ideas to educators and the young people they teach.

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