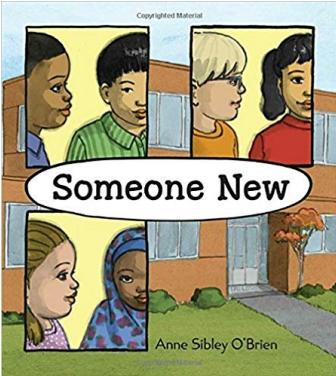


International Day of Peace Celebration "Building Bridges of Understanding"

Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza

Friday, September 21, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:



Anne Sibley O'Brien returns with this companion story to *I'm New Here*, as three elementary schoolers – who aren't new – begin to understand and embrace three immigrant students in an honest and heartwarming look at diversity, inclusion and friendship.

Each class attending the International Day of Peace will receive a copy of *Someone New* for their classroom and another to read with a younger class – spreading these lessons even wider.

Dorothy Paige Turner – award-winning, well-known and highly respected artist and music educator will help students understand how each of us can bridge cultures promoting peace and understanding through music and interactive interpretation of the featured story.

Lewis Lemon - History comes to life with the story of **Lewis Lemon**, a freed slave and founder of Rockford.

Sue Crandall - portrays local legend in peace-making history, **Jane Addams**. *Ms. Addams* graduated from Rockford College in 1881, and founded and sustained the world famous social settlement Hull-House.

Nestor Gomez – Nestor immigrated to the US from Guatemala as a child in the 1980's. He is an award-winning storyteller and will tell his story of immigration and personal experiences in a new country, new school and new culture.

Megan Wells – National Award winning actress and storyteller, presents "Island of Hope" an Irish girl tells the story of her journey to America through the amazing and frightening Ellis Island.



Jim May – Emmy award winning storyteller, teacher, author and Peace Day favorite – We are pleased to welcome Jim back to share his stories of peace and understanding with the children.



Interactive peace-making activities include:

Center for Non-Violence – will bring 2 mobile labs; the tech lab has computers and music equipment and the art lab is for sketching and drawing encouraging the children to use imagination in peace-related ways.

Rockford Arts Council - Walk the Chalk! – messages of peace on the bike path at the Peace Plaza

Yoga for Everyone – stretch your body as well as your mind with Tami Bogardt

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department - get to know our Keepers of the Peace

Rockford's Sister Cities will share their language, stories and customs

Students can also: "Take the Peace Pledge", have their passports stamped, do rubbings of the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" from the Peace Poles and meet the peaceful pigeons!

To register your students for this free event contact, space is limited: Karen.Bieschke@aol.com.