

# No Place for Hate Month At the Lansdowne Public Library

MAY 2007

*"Education is the most powerful weapon  
you can use to change the world."  
—Nelson Mandela*

## Special Events and Programs At The Lansdowne Public Library and in the Borough:

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m.**      May Day March      **Lansdowne Avenue**

In honor of Pennsylvania's official observation of No Place for Hate Day, join your neighbors for a march down Lansdowne Avenue to celebrate peace and diversity and to take a stand against hatred & bigotry in all forms. **Meet at Lansdowne & Stratford Ave—the Garden Church.**

**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**      Feature Film      **Lansdowne Library**

*Pursuit of Happyness* Oscar nominated film of 2006 starring Will Smith. This film is about the excruciating challenge of surviving as a homeless person in New York City. While living on the streets of New York City with his young son, the main character fights to overcome obstacles to reach his ultimate goal of becoming a stock broker. Based on a true story.

We will discuss the film afterwards—exploring our feelings and reactions—including the issue of economic disparity in our country, the working poor, barriers to reaching goals.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free admission and popcorn.

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.**      Book Presentation  
**Borough Hall**

The May televised council meeting will feature a book and periodical presentation to the Lansdowne Library, as well as recertification of Lansdowne as a 'NO PLACE FOR HATE' Community by the Anti-Defamation League.

**Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**      Feature Book  
**Lansdowne Library**

*Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich, Arlie Hochschild. Barbara Ehrenreich spent months laboring as a cleaning woman; as a waitress; & as a Wal-Mart sales clerk. Her revelations about these hard, supposedly "unskilled" jobs & the difficulty of making ends meet in the U.S. gives this book a powerful, personal edge. Reading this book helps our understanding of the working poor & what great challenges they face and also challenges our thoughts and beliefs about what is fair and just.

**The Book Discussion Leader:** Wendy E. Chmielewski, PhD, is a Lansdowne resident. Wendy is Curator of the Swarthmore College Peace Collection. Please join Wendy and your neighbors for an informative and lively discussion about this revealing book.

## More No Place for Hate Library Events in May

### Adult Reading Group

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

#### Ten Little Indians by Sherman Alexie

This book is a collection of eleven stories that have a primary focus on the lives of Indians (rarely “Native Americans”) living in this country today. The author has great compassion for his characters and is very direct in his story telling. The way the stories are told will resonate with and move the reader. Join others in reading this book and gathering to discuss it. It will be a good opportunity to explore contemporary issues & find that the stories are ‘everyone’s stories.’ This reading group meets monthly.

### Women In Literature Reading Group

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon

#### Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

India is an inescapable presence in this collection of nine resonant tales, most of which have appeared in *The New Yorker* and other publications. Lahiri offers stories that stress the complex mechanics of adjustment to new circumstances, relationships, and cultures. Included are moving & authoritative pictures of culture shock and displaced identity. Please join this reading group which meets monthly to share insights & reactions to this book.

### Children’s Story Times

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

During the month of May will feature age-appropriate books that honor the mission of “No Place for Hate”. This is a pre-school group.

#### Find more information and updates:

Lansdowne Borough website:  
[www.LansdowneBorough.com](http://www.LansdowneBorough.com)

Lansdowne Public Library: 610-623-0239  
[www.LansdownePublicLibrary.com](http://www.LansdownePublicLibrary.com)

***“Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow there, firm as weeds among rocks.”***  
-Charlotte Bronte

In celebration of Lansdowne’s rich diversity, Borough officials have signed on with the No Place for Hate Program. Sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, this national program was designed as a community based campaign that empowers participants to challenge anti-Semitism, racism, hate, and bigotry in all forms. Lansdowne received its first official No Place for Hate designation in 2003.



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