

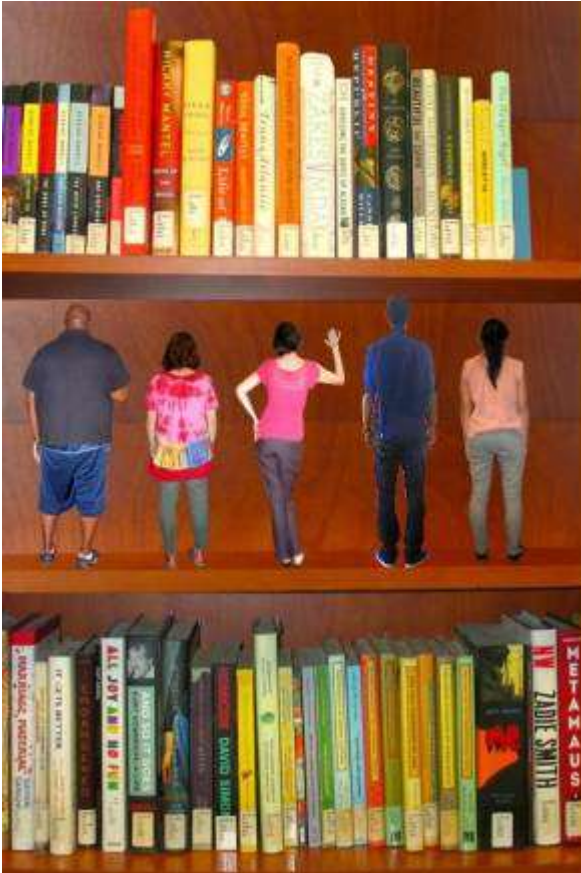
Multicultural Day at the Library November 18, 2014

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This week the Library hosted its first comprehensive multicultural event, the centerpiece of which was the Living Library.



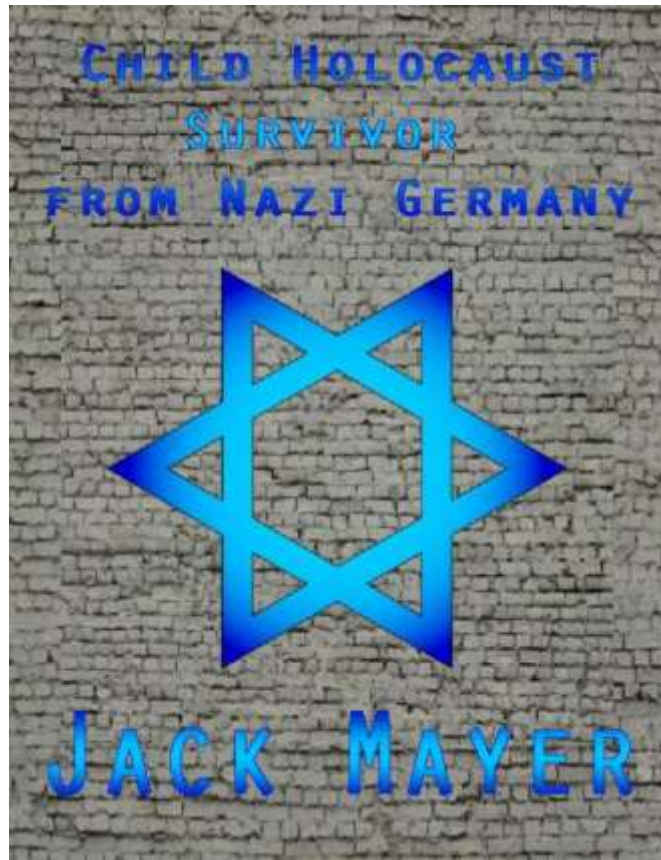
**Multicultural Day
at the Library**
Tuesday, November 18, 2014

9:00 – 11:00	Living Library <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Checkout a Human Book- 1st Floor Library
11:00 – 11:30	Diversity Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Vikki Gaskin Butler- Library Café
11:30 – 1:00	Mediterranean Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Poynter Corner
12:30	Bollywood Dancing <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Library Atrium

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The Living Library brings in people from different backgrounds to be “Living Books” so that others can “check them out” and have a conversation with them about their life’s experiences. The Poynter Library’s first Living Books included USFSP students, faculty, and staff as well as people from the surrounding community.

All Living Book participants selected a book title and Associate Librarian Kaya van Beynen, Chair of the Library’s Diversity Committee, created book covers to guide attendees to their selected Living Book.



In our first effort, we had 12 Living Books and approximately 70 students and others who came to have conversations and learn a little bit about what life was like for someone with a background different from their own.





Following the Living Library event, Dr. Vikki Gaskin Butler, USFSP Instructor of Psychology, presided over a Mediterranean Luncheon (catered by Mazzaro's) and led a discussion about the event asking people to share what they had learned and with whom they were going to share what they learned. Discussion among attendees and Living Books was lively, with feedback making it clear that everyone thought it was great start to what they hoped would be an ongoing event. The day concluded with a demonstration of [SAA Bollywood Dance Team's performance of "Nagada Sang Dhol"](#)

For more information about the event, participants, and to see posters, pictures, and videos, please visit the event site at: <http://dspace.nelson.usf.edu/xmlui/handle/10806/12396>