Common Threads
Our Community Tapestry
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Building Common Ground is an initiative created by the ALA and the Fetzer Institute.

Grants were available to support the Building Common Ground programming at libraries.

The programming was to be designed to:

1) represent the themes of community, civility, and compassion,
2) to encourage relationship building between the library and community organizations, and
3) enhance the library’s role as a central and neutral ground for appreciation of community, cultural, spiritual and civic life.
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All programs are held in the library Program Room unless noted. No registration is needed.
Common Threads
This program series invites you to contemplate and investigate the threads that weave us together and the importance of civility and compassion in our daily lives.

As we read, view, reflect, and discuss, we hope to enhance the quality of life and learning in our community.

By creating meaningful relationships with those we meet, we celebrate how we are more alike than different and that the fabrics of our lives are woven together to enrich us all.

For the Next 7 Generations
Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m.
presented by HPI, staff Michelle Dennis, Head of Circulation and René Bue, Bilingual Outreach Coordinator
View and discuss the award-winning documentary that chronicles 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, shamans and medicine women from around the world who have come together to share their sacred wisdom and practices.

Through their teachings, they are lighting the way to a peaceful, sustainable planet.

The Wakenheza Project: Creating Welcoming Environments
Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m.
presented by Michelle Dennis, Head of Circulation at Hildberg Public Library
The Wakenheza Project is a community-wide effort that provides tools and strategies for creating welcoming environments.

There will be a one-hour introduction to the history, philosophy and practices of the Wakenheza Project. Time for discussion and questions will follow.

Michelle is a trainer with the Wakenheza Project and has worked with several library organizations in Wisconsin. She is known in Wisconsin as a customer service and team development trainer.

The Power of Forgiveness
Tuesday, August 21, 6 p.m.
Join local religious leaders to view and discuss this powerful film which features stories about the Amish, the 9/11 tragedy, and peace-building in Northern Ireland.

Along with interviews with renowned Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, Elie Weisel, and others, The Power of Forgiveness explores recent research into the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and within relationships. The film also explores the role forgiveness holds in various faith traditions, and provides an honest look at the intensity of anger and grief as a part of human nature.

The Platinum Rule
Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m.
presented by Marc Perry, Community Action, Inc.
“Treat others the way they want to be treated” - The Platinum Rule

It’s a twist on the Golden Rule that accommodates the feelings of others and changes the focus of relationships so we can recognize our options for working together. The goal is personal chemistry and productive relationships. Learn more about the Platinum Rule and how it is used in the business world but can easily be used in daily life.

Marc Perry is the Director of Planning and Development for Community Action Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties. Perry serves on many boards and committees, including the Starline Community Foundation, DreamWorks Teen Center, Rock County Homeless Intervention Task Force Executive Committee, Homeless Education Action Team Executive Committee, Diversity Action Team, Greater Beloit Minority Coalition and the URF Collaborative.

Peace Week Events
The International Day of Peace, established by a United Nations resolution in 1981, provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date.

International Day of Peace: Brown Bag Lunch Discussion
Friday, September 21, 12-1 p.m. • Library Program Room presented by Robyn Lehman, author of Searching for Spiritual Unity...Can There Be Common Ground?

Native American Storytelling and Drumming
Friday, September 21, 7-9 p.m. • BTC Commons

Traditional Native American Pow Wow
Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Peace Park
co-sponsored by HPI, Janesville Leisure Services, Diversity Action Team of Rock County, YWCA Rock County, Blackhawk Technical College, BTC Diversity Advancement Committee and UW-Rock County Multicultural Student Union

Complete with drummers, dancers, food and vendors. Grand Entry at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Community Feast from 5 - 7 p.m. ($5/adult).
Learn More

Enjoy these titles that explore the themes discussed in each Common Threads program.

For the Next 7 Generations

Grandmothers Counsel the World: Women Elders Offer Their Vision for the Planet
by Carol Schaefer. 398.27 SCHAE

Little Princess: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal
by Conor Grennan. 362.76 GRENN

Hearing the Call across Traditions: Readings on Faith and Service
by Adam Davis. 204.4 HEAR

The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World
by Wade Davis. 303.482 DAVIS

Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond
by Don Cheadle and Jon Prendergast. 962.4043 CHEAD

For the Next 7 Generations: 13 Indigenous Grandmothers Weaving a World that Works
narrated by Ashley Judd. DVD 179.1 FOR

The Wakanheza Project

The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger
by Kate Pickett and Richard Wilkinson. 306.01 WILKI

How to Be Compassionate: A Handbook for Creating Inner Peace and a Happier World
by the Dalai Lama. 294.3567 BSTAN

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life
by Karen Armstrong. 177.7 ARMS

Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue
by Paul Woodruff. 170 WOODR

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How to Win Friends and Influence People
by Dale Carnegie. 158.1 CARNE

Customer Tells: Deliver World Class Customer Service by Reading Your Customers’ Signs and Signals
by Marty Selman, C. John Futterknecht, Benjamin S. Sorensen. 658.8 SELDM

Learn More (continued)

The Power of Forgiveness
by Ken Turner. 362.88 TURN

Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy
by Donald B. Kraybill, Steven M. Nolt, David L. Weaver-Zercher. 364.152 KRAYB

I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity
by Izzeldin Abuelaish. 610.92 ABUEL

Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard
by Liz Murray. 362.7409 MURRA

Dakota: A Spiritual Biography
by Kathleen Norris. 978.4 NORRIS

Searching For Spiritual Unity: Can There Be Common Ground?
by Robyn Lebron.

The Power of Forgiveness with Elie Weisel, Thich Nhat Hanh
DVD 179.9 POWER

Nine Days that Changed the World
DVD 252.02 NINE

Nancy Parker
Library Programs for Adults

These free programs are supported by the Nancy B. Parker Endowment Fund.

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Our community is a blend of all races and faiths. We have more in common with one another than we have differences. THAT is what we have to celebrate!
---Rene Bue

"In all my work what I try to say is that as human beings we are more alike than we are unalike."
---Maya Angelou
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  – www.forthenext7generations.com
• Wakanheza – thewakanhezaproject.org
• Platinum rule – www.platinumrule.com
• Civil Discussions for Uncivil Times
  – League or Women Voters national project
• Power of Forgiveness -
  – www.thepowerofforgiveness.com
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