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## **One Book, One Elmhurst Author Discusses Intersection of Music, Culture, and Identity**

*Elmhurst, IL* – Frank Waln, a Chicago-based hip hop artist, will speak about expressing culture through music at Elmhurst University on November 28.

Waln's visit to Elmhurst is the culminating event for One Book, One Elmhurst, an opportunity for the entire community to read and engage with the same book title. This year's choice, *American Like Me*, is a book of essays edited by American Ferrera that features prominent Americans with diverse backgrounds.

Waln is an award-winning Sicangu Lakota hip hop artist and music producer who currently calls Chicago home. His music is featured in Field Museum's permanent exhibition, *Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories*. He travels the world telling his story with the aid of his guitar and Native flutes. Waln honors the life of his grandmother, who, like him, was born and raised on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in south central South Dakota. He reflects on the strong women who raised him, finding our truth, and reconnecting to our roots. Presented by Elmhurst Public Library in partnership with Elmhurst University and the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library.

One Book, One Elmhurst: Author Visit with Frank Waln  
Monday, Nov. 28  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Elmhurst University Frick Center, 190 S. Prospect Ave.  
In-person and live on Zoom. Registration required.  
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