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My America: Storytelling at Elmhurst Public Library Nov. 16

ELMHURST, IL — "No matter how different from each other we are as Americans—where we come from, how we spend our time, what is most important to us— we are all human beings," says Scott Whitehair, founder of Story Lab Chicago. "Through storytelling, we can embrace that common ground, rather than dwelling on the things we're repeatedly told should drive us apart."

Friday, Nov. 16, Whitehair hosts My America: A Night of Stories at Elmhurst Public Library, which features a panel of local storytellers telling firsthand accounts of what it means to them to be an American. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Whitehair says attending a storytelling event like this is a rare opportunity to fully connect without interference from screens, schedules, or interruptions.

For this event, each storyteller zeros in on one particular story they'd love to share with their friends, families, and neighbors, taking the time and thoughtfulness to craft it in a way that transforms it into a gift for those in attendance.

Attendees will hear stories that are both hilarious and heartbreaking, touching on both victory and loss.

"Everyone is a storyteller," says Whitehair. "We all do it constantly, every day. It is who we are."

What: My America: A Night of Stories When: Friday, Nov. 16 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst Free. Register by calling (630) 279-8696, or online: elmlib.org/register.

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