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## **'ONE MINNEAPOLIS, ONE READ' PROGRAMS AT LIBRARIES FEATURE A BOOK DISCUSSION, THE PREMIERE OF A STUDENT- PRODUCED VIDEO, AND TIPS ON TRACING FAMILY HISTORY**

[Hennepin County Library](#) will present four "[One Minneapolis, One Read](#)" programs in February as this citywide collaboration of Hennepin County Library, the City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis Public Schools wraps up. "One Minneapolis, One Read" programs are inspired by "[The Grace of Silence](#)," a memoir by Michele Norris that explores themes of race, family, and identity. Norris is a Minneapolis native and National Public Radio host.

"One Minneapolis, One Read" programs promote literacy and respectful public dialogue. They encourage Minneapolis residents to play a positive role in their communities and explore important and sometimes difficult issues they face as a community by reading "The Grace of Silence" and getting involved.

Previous "One Minneapolis, One Read" programs at Hennepin County libraries have featured book discussions, talks on genealogy resources, and a "family tree" program for children. In February, library programs will include a book discussion, the premiere of a video on race relations produced by Minneapolis teens, and an African American librarian's tips on tracing family history.

Following are details about the [programs](#), which are free. For more information, go online to [www.oneminneapolisoneread.com](http://www.oneminneapolisoneread.com) or call the libraries.

One Minneapolis, One Read: Interviews Premiere

### **[North Regional Library](#)**

Sunday, Feb. 5, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Attend the premiere of videos on race relations. A group of Minneapolis teens teamed up with MVStudio last fall to interview family members or someone in their community about their experiences with race relations. Discussion will follow videos.

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One Minneapolis, One Read: The Grace of Silence

### **[Washburn Library](#)**

Monday, Feb. 6, 7–9 p.m.

*Held at Washburn High School, 201 W. 49th St., Minneapolis.*

February is "I Love to Read" and "Black History" months. Read and discuss "The Grace of Silence," Michele Norris' memoir of her family as the first African American family on their south Minneapolis block. The discussion will explore neighborhood histories in the context of race, and how this impacts current race relations in America. To register, call Washburn Community Education at 612-668-3450.

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One Minneapolis, One Read: Interviews Premiere

**North Regional Library**

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12. Attend the premiere of videos on race relations. A group of Minneapolis teens teamed up with MVStudio last fall to interview family members or someone in their community about their experiences with race relations. Discussion will follow videos.

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One Minneapolis, One Read: Challenges of Black Genealogy

**Sumner Library**

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2–3 p.m.

Registration required, begins Jan 28. Register online or call 612-543-6875.

Master storyteller and librarian Jerry Blue will share the experience of tracing his family history. He also will demonstrate resources to help you dig up your own black roots.

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