

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Community Reading Project Begins

‘Exit West’ to spark conversations on humanity

Multnomah County Library’s Everybody Reads 2018, the library’s 16th annual community reading project, kicked off this month with the distribution of thousands of copies of Moshin Hamid’s Exit West.

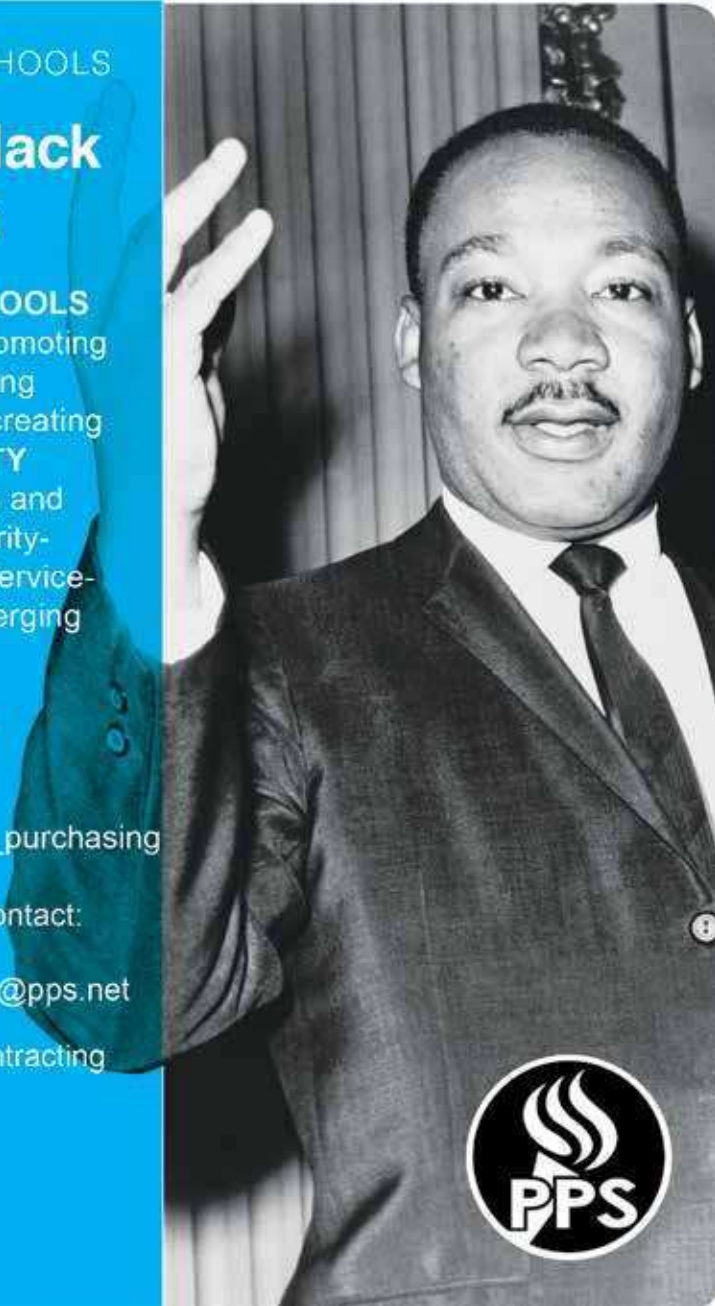
Readers and students from across the county will engage with the ideas and themes – safety, migration, displacement, conflict – presented in the book. Nearly 50 Everybody Reads discussions and related programs will take place at libraries and elsewhere in the community.

Thanks to The Library Foundation, 5,750 copies of Exit West are

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*Moshin Hamid a Pakistani writer who explores conditions of human displacement and migration in his 2017 novel ‘Exit West,’ is this year’s featured book and author for Multnomah County Library’s ‘Everybody Reads’ program.*



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