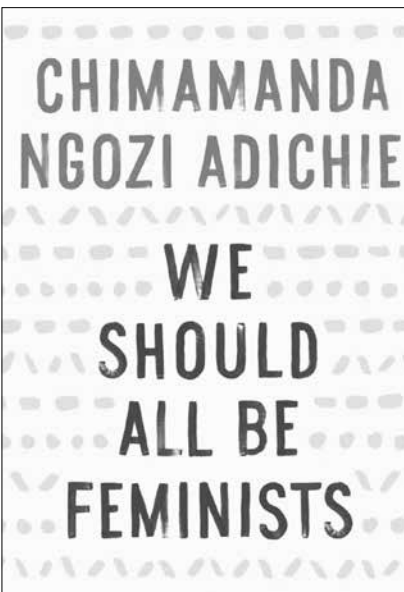
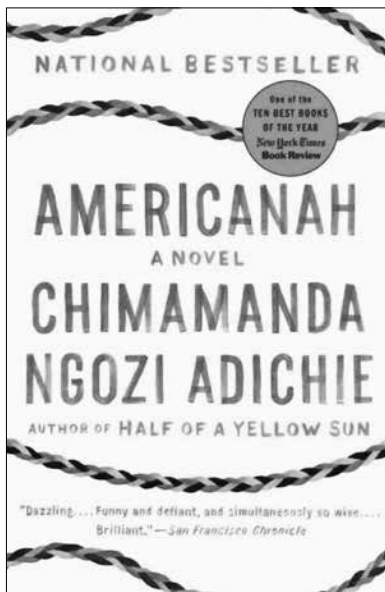


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Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie has won acclaim as an author, poet, playwright and speaker. Her books are the focus of Multnomah County Library's 17th annual community reading project Everybody Reads.

About Our Culture and Ourselves

Library's community reading project kicks off

Multnomah County Library's community reading project Everybody Reads 2019 began this month with the distribution of free copies of two books by award-winning author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *Americanah* (for adults) and *We Should All Be Feminists* (for high school students).

The goal of the 17th annual project is to engage deeply around the themes of a book, and convene meaningful conversations around difficult issues.

Thanks to The Library Foundation, 4,500 copies of *Americanah* are available to pick up at libraries across Multnomah County. An additional 4,900 copies of *We Should All Be Feminists* are being

distributed to high school students who are studying Adichie's essay in the winter term.

The library encourages readers to pass those copies along to friends and neighbors once they've finished the book. For the first time, readers can instantly access unlimited downloadable audiobook copies of *Americanah* through the RBDigital platform. E-book copies are available through Overdrive.

Community members are invited to attend the many Everybody Reads discussions and related programs taking place at libraries and elsewhere in the county, including a talk on the history of black feminism, an overview on how to run for office and many others.

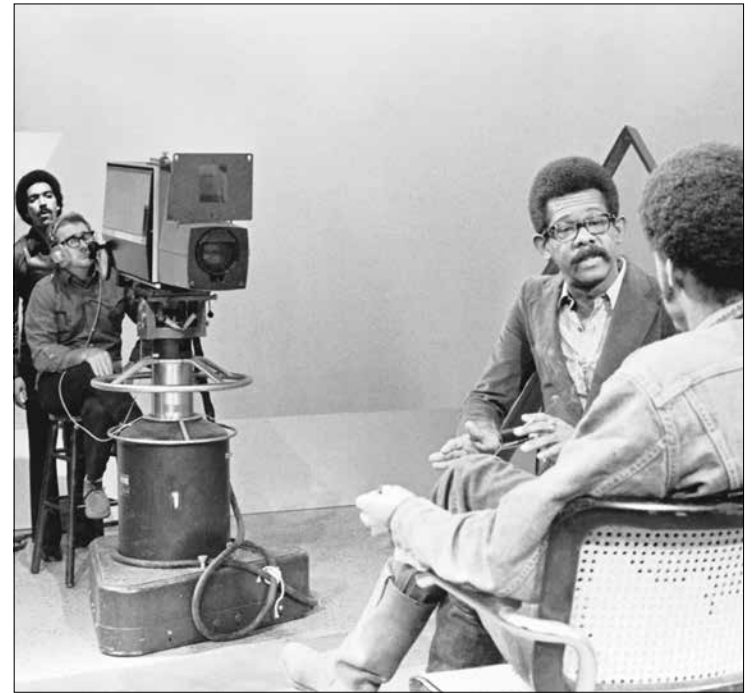
Adichie will speak on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The event is sold out.

A Nigerian-born artist whose influence spans continents and genres, Adichie has received ac-

claim as an author, poet, playwright and speaker. She was a recipient of a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and her work has been recognized with the O. Henry Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award (fiction) and the PEN Pinter Prize, among many other distinctions.

"Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's writing is simply beautiful, but it also plumbs deep truths within and around us," said Director of Libraries Vailey Oehlke. "With these two works, she offers us vehicles for important and constructive conversations about our culture and ourselves."

Everybody Reads, a community reading project of Multnomah County Library, is made possible in part by gifts to The Library Foundation with the author appearance made possible by Literary Arts. Programming support is also made possible in part by Portland State University and Portland Community College.



Before Oprah and before Arsenio, there was show *Mr. Soul!* The Northwest Film Center kicks off its annual Reel Music film festival on Friday, Jan. 18 with '*Mr. Soul!*' a new documentary about the now legendary public television show that aired from 1968 to 1973 centering on black life in America.

Mr. Soul Opens Reel Music Fest

The now legendary public television show "*Mr. Soul!*" which centered on black life in America and aired from 1968 to 1973 on PBS, is the subject of a new documentary of the same title and will be screening this week when the Northwest Film Center's kicks off its 36th annual "Reel Music" film festival.

Mr. Soul! was named in honor of the show's producer Ellis Haizlip and featured a myriad of incendiary interviews with and performances by the likes of Wilson Pickett, Donny Ha-

thaway, Al Green, Maya Angelou, Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, James Baldwin, Stevie Wonder, and Muhammad Ali, among many others

"*Mr. Soul!*" will screen on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in Whitsell Auditorium at the Portland Art Museum, the first of the month long series of "Reel Music" films celebrating great artists, sound and image, connecting music and culture through Feb. 16.

Admission is \$10. For a complete "Reel Music" film festival lineup, visit nwfilm.org.

Stock up on Books

Thousands of books of all shapes, sizes, and genres will be up for sale at bargain prices during the "Bookapalooza" book sale in Vancouver this week hosted by and benefiting the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation.

From art, biographies, children's picture books, classics, graphic novels, health, history, humor, craft and more, books will be bargain priced at just \$1

for most hardbacks and paperbacks, 50 cents for mass-market adult fiction paperbacks, and \$1 for CDs and DVDs.

The event will begin Thursday, Jan. 17 and continue through Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., each day, downstairs from Library Hall, the library district's operations center at 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. You're asked to bring your own box or bag.

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