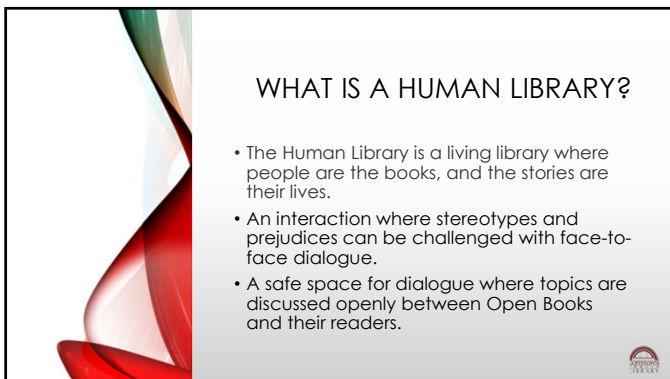





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EXAMPLES OF OPEN BOOKS:

- From county prosecutor to drug addict.
- Blind therapist.
- Drag queen.
- Family man to homeless alcoholic.
- Second Amendment proponent.
- Female rabbi and foster parent.
- LGBTQ+ rep & Select Board member.



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WHY ENGAGE IN A HUMAN LIBRARY?

- It is an opportunity for individuals to face biases and judgements.
- A path toward becoming a more welcoming community.
- Where communities come together to break down stigma and stereotypes and "walk a mile in another person's shoes".
- To better our understanding of diversity in order to help create more inclusive and cohesive communities across cultural, religious, social and ethnic differences.
(humanlibrary.org)
- Why not?




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THE GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPERIENCE





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- Goal: 10 Open Books at each event. 15- or 20-minute check outs.
- Always held on a Sunday afternoon when we are closed, to kick off National Library Week in April.
- Volunteers and their training are important to keep the event running smoothly and safely.
- Market the event. Heavily.




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- Volunteers and Open Books are together first for lunch.
- Our Friends volunteer for the event and pay for food and drinks, bake cookies.
- We discuss the agenda, timing, how to handle a challenging reader.
- The Open Book may choose to end the dialog at any time.



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- We publish a catalog and engage in a "check out" process. There are other ways!
- Simple example from the Human Library Reading Garden in Copenhagen.



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HOW WE FIND OUR OPEN BOOKS


- Word-of-mouth in the community.
- Friends, and friends of friends.....
- Knowledge of community members & connections with others.
- Newspapers: *The Hippo*, NH daily newspapers.
- Magazines: *NH Magazine*, *NH Business Review*, etc.
- Social media.




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OPEN BOOK EXPERIENCE: KELLY

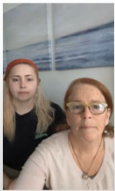





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READER EXPERIENCE: CHAFFEE CADORETTE FAMILY





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DEBRIEFING


- Feedback from attendees.
- Evaluation sent to the Open Books.
- Debrief meeting with volunteers
- Staff debrief to record notes and potential changes for the future.
- Dialog: emails, phone calls, criticism.



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QUESTIONS?



HUMAN LIBRARY
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