

## Rochester Reads 2019

*American War* by Omar El Akkad



**Reading and Book  
Signing by the  
Author**

**Wednesday, March 27  
12 noon – 1:30pm**

Kate Gleason Auditorium

Offered in partnership with Writers & Books.



Omar El Akkad was born in Cairo, Egypt and grew up in Doha, Qatar until he moved to Canada with his family. He is an award-winning journalist and author who has traveled around the world to cover many of the most important news stories of the last decade. His reporting includes dispatches from the NATO-led war in Afghanistan, the military trials at Guantánamo Bay, the Arab Spring revolution in Egypt and the Black Lives Matter movement in Ferguson, Missouri. He lives in Portland, Oregon. His debut novel, *American War*, was published to critical acclaim in the Spring of 2017.



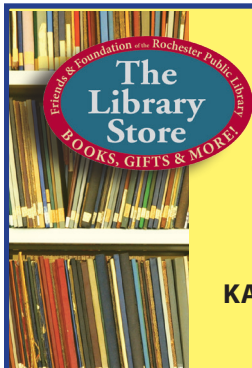
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**Thursday–Saturday  
March 14-16, 2019**

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sokol High School Literary Awards Reception and Ceremony

**Thursday, May 2 • 4pm**

Kate Gleason Auditorium, Central Library

**Deadline for Submissions:  
Thursday, January 31**

Monroe County students in grades 9 – 12 may enter original poetry and/or prose, either written or performed, to be judged by nationally-known authors for cash prizes.

Visit [www.Sokol.ffrpl.org](http://www.Sokol.ffrpl.org) for contest details.

The Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library has a 65-year history of serving at the forefront of intellectual freedom – promoting and helping to fund diverse programming for the community (including programs like *Tuesday Topics*).



In recognition of the organization's significant role in this area, the New York Library Association honored FFRPL Executive Director Ned Davis with NYLA's 2018 Intellectual Freedom Award.

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## 2019 WINTER PROGRAMS

featuring

# TUESDAY TOPICS



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is so much 'More Than You Think.'



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**January 15**  
**The Rochester Public Library as Social Infrastructure**

Using sociologist Eric Klinenberg's *Palaces for the People* as a reference point, we will hear how the public library provides the social infrastructure needed for a community to flourish.

**This talk will serve as the overview for the season's Tuesday Topics series, which will examine the many ways in which the public library provides services, programs, gathering spaces, and access to information for the Rochester community.**

**Presenter: Monroe County Library System/ Rochester Public Library Director Patricia Uttaro**



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**January 22**  
**Racial Equity and Justice After Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'Dream'**

Learn about some of the greatest progress that has been made since MLK Jr.'s speech, as well as some of the greatest challenges that remain in the U.S. today. Hear about the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center's new Racial Equity and Justice Initiative, and the organization's goals for the project.

FFRPL and the Library regularly partner with organizations like St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center to continue to further diversity, inclusion and equity in all components of our service to the community.

**Presenter: Dr. Kiah E. Nyame, LPC, CPE**, Racial Equity and Justice Initiative Administrator, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, Inc.



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**January 29**  
**ROC the Riverway and Central Library's Rundel Terrace Revitalization Project**

Hear about this exciting major capital project, which will include a complete renovation of infrastructure, large-scale public art, site-specific historical information, and community gathering spaces. The project will begin in 2019 and is slated for completion in 2020.

**Presenter: Brie Harrison**, Finance Director for the Rochester Public Library & Monroe County Library System



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[Please Note: No Program February 5]



**February 12**  
**Advances and Trends in Technology and Media: Past, Present and Future**

Hear about some key technology advances in the past as well as some trends for 2019 and beyond. Learn about some of the many resources Central Library offers, including new items such as 'GoChip Beams,' with preloaded movies and wi-fi.

**Presenter: Joe Born**, Division Supervisor for Central Library's Reynolds Media Center



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**February 19**  
**Food Insecurity and Housing Insecurity in Rochester**

Meeting students' basic needs – food, housing, transportation, child care – remains a constant challenge for colleges and universities. Hear how MCC addresses these needs as part of the many services the College provides.

The Library plays an increasing role in meeting patrons' basic needs, most notably through LROC, a collaboration between the Rochester Public Library and local human services agencies that enables Central Library to offer services to those in need of food, clothing, housing, Case Management, medical care, legal assistance, and employment.

**Presenter: Dr. Lloyd Holmes**, Vice President of Student Services at Monroe Community College



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**February 26**  
**Identifying and Protecting Intellectual Property**

Learn about Central Library's Chester F. Carlson Patent and Trademark Center, and the kinds of trademark assistance that Library staff can provide, including new 'virtual talks,' where current and potential patent holders can talk with an attorney regarding their specific projects.

Many local businesses and entrepreneurs credit the expert Library staff and Library resources (including specialized databases) for their professional success.

**Presenter: Kate Meddaugh**, Manager of the Carlson Patent and Trademark Center



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**March 5**  
**Stonewall @ 50**

Hear about the Library's large-scale exhibition, *Stonewall @ 50*, which marks the 50th anniversary of the uprising in New York City that helped start the modern LGBTQ movement. Learn about Stonewall's ongoing impact on Rochester's social reform legacy.

**The exhibition will be on view March 1 through July 12, 2019.**

*Central Library's community partners include ImageOut, the Out Alliance, University of Rochester, the College at Brockport, the Human Rights Campaign, Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library, Trillium Health, the Rochester City School District, WXXI, the City of Rochester, and RIT.*

*Visit [ffrpl.org](http://ffrpl.org) or [roccitylibrary.org](http://roccitylibrary.org) to learn more about corollary LGBTQ programming related to this exhibition. For information on FFRPL's new endowed 'Equality Fund for Humanity & Enlightenment,' visit: [ffrpl.libraryweb.org/fundraising/equality-fund/](http://ffrpl.libraryweb.org/fundraising/equality-fund/)*

**Presenter: Christine Ridarsky**, City Historian and Library Historical Services Consultant



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