



Families and Incarceration

10,000 children

It is estimated that at least 10,000 children in Minnesota have a parent currently in prison or jail.

Hennepin County Library is offering several programs to bring light to this issue.

Brookdale Library | 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center

EDUCATOR FORUM | Families Affected by Incarceration | Wednesday, March 22, 4:30-6 p.m.

Join author Nora Raleigh Baskin as she discusses "Ruby on the Outside", her children's book about a young girl and her incarcerated mother. Afterwards, hear from a panel of local experts and develop strategies to help families affected by incarceration.

Minneapolis Central Library | 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

FILM | Mothers of Bedford | Thursday, March 2, 7-9:30 p.m.

Explore the challenges faced by incarcerated families in this film that follows five mothers at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in New York. Screening followed by a discussion with filmmaker Jenifer McShane and Mona Graves, a mother featured in the film.

AUTHOR TALK | Ana Castillo | Thursday, April 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Discussing her memoir "Black Dove: Mamá, Mi'jo, and Me", Castillo will examine what it means to be a single, brown, feminist parent in a world of mass incarceration.

PERFORMANCE | Hold: A Play About Women and Incarceration | Thursday, May 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

Minneapolis actor and playwright Thomasina Petrus will perform stories, songs and poems written by women incarcerated at the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility.

AUTHOR TALK | Howard Zehr | Wednesday, June 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

Author of "What Will Happen to Me?", Zehr will discuss families, incarceration and restorative justice.

AUTHOR TALK | Maya Schenwar | Wednesday, June 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Author of "Locked Down, Locked Out: Why Prison Doesn't Work and How We Can Do Better", Schenwar will discuss the impact of mass incarceration on families, including her own.

AUTHOR TALK | Shaka Senghor | Thursday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

Discussing his bestselling memoir "Writing My Wrongs", Senghor will share stories of his incarceration that included seven years of solitary confinement and how he found redemption.

Please register for these free events online at www.hclib.org/events, call 612-543-KNOW (5669) or ask library staff.



These programs were made possible in part by funding from the Minnesota Department of Education through a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in these programs do not necessarily represent those of the Institute of Museum and Library Services or the Minnesota Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by federal or state government.

