

#Choose2BKind: Building Community Through the Exchange of Empathy



Choose Civility

— HOWARD COUNTY, MD —



choosecivility.org

Choose Cycling

— IN HOWARD COUNTY —

www.princetonsports.com

Choose Compassion

— ON YOUR PLATE —

www.greatsage.com

Great Sage

Choose Insanity

— LIVE IN HOWARD COUNTY —

www.chooseinsanity.com

Choose Love

—  glenmar church —

www.glenmarumc.org

Choose A Lane

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, JUST CHOOSE ONE!

The future of civility in America needn't be dismal. It isn't true that nice guys finish last -- if they are also smart... I think the new century is going to be a century of connecting. Those (individuals and organizations) that look at others with inherent value will succeed.

-P.M. Forni

Choosing Civility

THE TWENTY-FIVE RULES
of CONSIDERATE
CONDUCT

P. M. Forni

Cofounder of the Johns Hopkins Civility Project



15 Principles of Civility

Pay attention | Listen | Speak kindly |
Assume the best | Respect others' opinions
Respect other people's time and space
Be inclusive | Acknowledge others | Accept
and give praise | Apologize earnestly
Assert yourself | Take responsibility
Accept and give constructive criticism |
Refrain from idle complaints | Be a
considerate guest

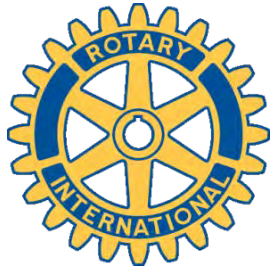
Vision

We choose to be a model of civility.

Mission

Valuing diversity, we choose respect, compassion, empathy, and inclusiveness as essential to our quality of life.

Partners



Kindness Creates Community

Signature Events & Classes

- Coding for Community Hackathon
- Pass it On Book Campaign
- #choose2Bkind sidewalk art & bumper stickers
- Human Library
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Choose Civility Themes

2010: The Role of Civility in Democracy

2011: Building a Responsible, Bully-Free Community

2012: Would It Kill You to Be More Civil?

2013: OMG to AARP: Bridging the Multigenerational Divide

2014: The Ball's in Your Court: Can Civility and Sports Coexist?

2015: Would You Say That to My Face?

2016 - 18: Kindness Creates Community



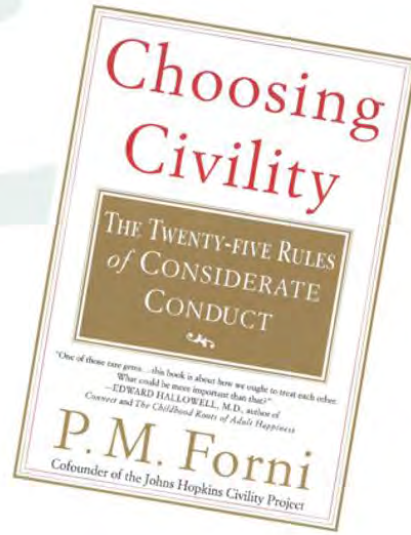
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2016-2018: Kindness Creates Community

#choose2Bkind

—— ChooseCivility.org ——

Pass It On!



Join Choose Civility's *Random Acts of Civility: A Year of Kindness* campaign and pass P.M. Forni's book, *Choosing Civility: The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct* around the county and beyond!

Look for copies at Howard County Library System branches, Columbia village centers, Columbia Association gyms, senior centers, Little Free Libraries, and other locations.

- Register it at **ChooseCivility.org**. Tell us your book number and where you plan to read it.
- Read it.
- Share it on social media with #
- Pass it to someone else to register, read, and pass—or leave it in a public place (a bookplate inside the front cover gives directions to the next person).

Return to ChooseCivility.org througho
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SUNDAY	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY 6
	Share this Random Acts of Civility Calendar	Create a kindness challenge for your family (#choose2Bkind)	Seek to understand someone with a different viewpoint	Make blankets for sick children (ProjectLinus.org)	Organize a food drive for the food bank	Clean off gym equipment when you finish
7 Be kind to yourself — be spontaneous	8 Buy coffee for the person in line behind you	9 Apply to be part of the Human Library (choosecivility.org)	10 Consider the person receiving your message or reading your online comment	11 Be an ally	12 Help a neighbor shovel snow	13 Organize a game night with friends or family
14 Be kind to yourself — try something new	15 Participate in the MLK Jr. National Day of Service	16 Explore ways to observe the National Day of Racial Healing	17 Share stories of kindness on social media with #choose2Bkind	18 Take treats to your local police or fire station	19 Be inclusive	20 Check on an elderly or shut-in neighbor
21 Be kind to yourself — take a map	22 Tell a manager about great service	23 Think the best	24 Explore local social justice training opportunities	25 Bring a healthy treat for coworkers	26 Give someone the benefit of the doubt	27 Host a potluck with your neighbors
28 Be kind to yourself — go for a nature walk	29 Read, register, and pass on <i>Choosing Civility: The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct</i>	30 Tell a family member how much you love them	31 Offer to babysit for a friend	 <p>Random Acts of Civility Calendar JANUARY 2018 #choose2Bkind ChooseCivility.org</p>		



BOOK LIST for adults

FICTION

- F Aus *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- F Bak *The Little Giant of Aberdeen Coast* by Tiffany Baker
- F Bro *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
- F Cle *Little Bee* by Chris Cleaver
- F Dai *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Sijie Dai
- F For *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
- F Gen *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova
- F Gho *Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh
- F Gib *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons
- F Gla *Three Junes* by Julia Glass
- F Had *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon
- F Har *Just Too Good to be True* by E. Lynn Harris
- F Ish *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- F Kid *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- F Lah *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- F Lee *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- F Liv *The House on Fortune Street* by Lisa Thompson



BOOK LIST for workplaces

NONFICTION

- 150.13 C *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie

Intelligence by Bradberry

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Conversations: How to Make High Quality Conversations by Patterson et al.

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BOOK LIST for children

EASY PICTURE BOOKS

Call numbers follow the "E A B C" pattern, using the first three letters of author's last name.

for example:

E Ber *Martha Doesn't Say Sorry* by Samantha Berger

You Will Be My Friend! by Peter Brown

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau

Henry and the Bull by Nancy Carlson

The Cloud Spinner by Michael Catchpool

I Repeat, Don't Cheat by Margery Cuyler



BOOK LIST for teens

- YA Avi *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi
- YA Bro *The Moves Make the Man* by Bruce Brooks
- YA But *The Truth About Truman School* by Dori Hillestad Butler
- YA Col *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier
- YA Dra *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
- YA Hol *Operation Yes* by Sara Holmes
- YA How *The Misfits* by James Howe
- YA Kel *The Evolution of Calpurnia* by Tate Jacqueline Kelly
- YA Kor *Ben* by Ron

MEAN GIRLS

Learn how to negotiate the social world of female friendships with expert Deborah West.

GLENWOOD	Oct 4	Thu	6:30 - 8 pm
SAVAGE	Nov 1	Thu	6:30 - 8 pm
CENTRAL	Nov 29	Thu	6:30 - 8 pm

Sponsored by the Horizon Foundation and the Women's Giving Circle.

KEEP IT CIVIL: STRAIGHT TALK TEEN-TO-TEEN

Join us for a facilitated panel discussion exploring civility in daily life for teens. Adult panelists and student members of Howard County Voices for Change explore issues of stress, wellness, bullying and friendships, presenting practical information to assist you in making positive changes in your life. For teens and parents.

MILLER	Oct 16	Tue	7 - 8:30 pm
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Sponsored by Howard County Voices for Change.

JUNIOR DIPLOMATS

What if you were chosen to represent your community at an international event? Learn the etiquette of diplomats: how to greet others and hold a conversation, table manners, and decorum. Finger foods served. Ages 6-8; 45 min. Registration required.

EAST COLUMBIA	Wed	Sep 26	2 pm	Ho. Co. schools closed
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EXCUSE ME, PLEASE & THANK YOU

Prepare your toddler to learn good manners and practice civility through literature, songs, and a craft. Ages 18-36 months with adult; 30 min. Registration required.

GLENWOOD	Wed	Oct 3	10:30 am
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CHOOSE CIVILITY THE ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE WAY!

Learn how Elephant and Piggie "Choose Civility" and are always kind to each other. Ages 4-7; 30 min. Tickets required.





A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

"The Human Library™ is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue.

The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers.

A place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered."

www.HumanLibrary.org



In March, 2016, Howard County Library System became the first public library in Maryland to host a Human Library event.

Our 17 Human Library Books included:

- People with bipolar disorder and depression
- People of the Muslim faith
- Members of the LGBTQ Community
- A Parsee Zoroastrian
- Person in an Arranged Marriage
- Immigrants from several countries
- Victim of a Hate Crime
- Allan Kittleman, Howard County Executive

HCLS Human Library Goals

- Connect members of the Howard County community who might not otherwise interact
- Facilitate a radical exchange of empathy between community members
- Teach participants about Othering, and help them see around it
- Encourage People First language and actions, reject "they" groupings
- Connect Choose Civility with current community engagement needs
- Further establish HCLS as a community center where everyone is welcome



HCLS Human Library Committee



Alan Simpson
Assistant Manager,
Savage Branch

Rohini Gupta
Adult Curriculum Specialist,
Administrative Branch



Allison Jessing
Events & Seminars Manager,
Administrative Branch

HCLS Human Library Books



Many Books brought personal and cultural objects to help illustrate their personal story.









More than 200 people participated
in our inaugural event.

Some participated in
friend groups and as a
family activity.



Many checked out
multiple Books.



Human Library 2018

Saturday March 17, 1-5 pm

Miller Branch

Human Books include:

- ✦ A Veteran with PTSD
- ✦ An Immigrant
- ✦ Members of the Jewish, Muslim, Mormon and Hindu Faith Communities
- ✦ A Person with an Invisible Illness
- ✦ A Survivor of Domestic and Sexual Violence
- ✦ A Woman of Color & Member of the LGBTQ Community
- ✦ A Single Mother & Survivor of Suicide Loss

Apply to be a book at bit.ly/2018HumanLibrary or participate as a reader!



July 30, 2016

Historic Flooding ravages downtown
Ellicott City, MD.



The Longest Table: Dayton



The Longest Table: Tallahassee













On the Menu:

1Garden salad and dressings

1Chicken Fettucine with Dill
(Vegetarian version also available)

1Gourmet Breads

1Assorted desserts

1Unsweetened iced tea and chilled spring water

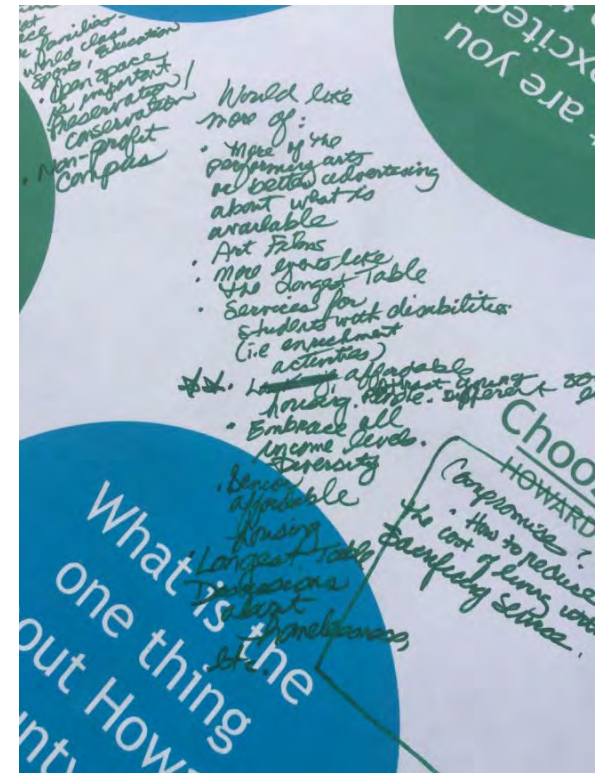
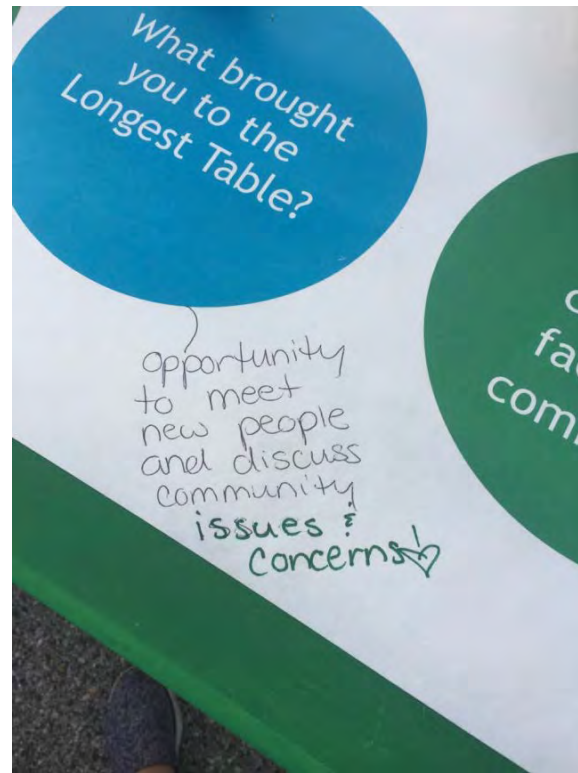












Thank
you
for bringing
us together.
What a great night!
Dad

brought
to the
Table?

What's the
biggest
challenge
facing our
community?

Carrying on the Columbia legacy
with new residents + new generations

Reach kids who live in poverty - lift
them up!

make Howard County Billable!

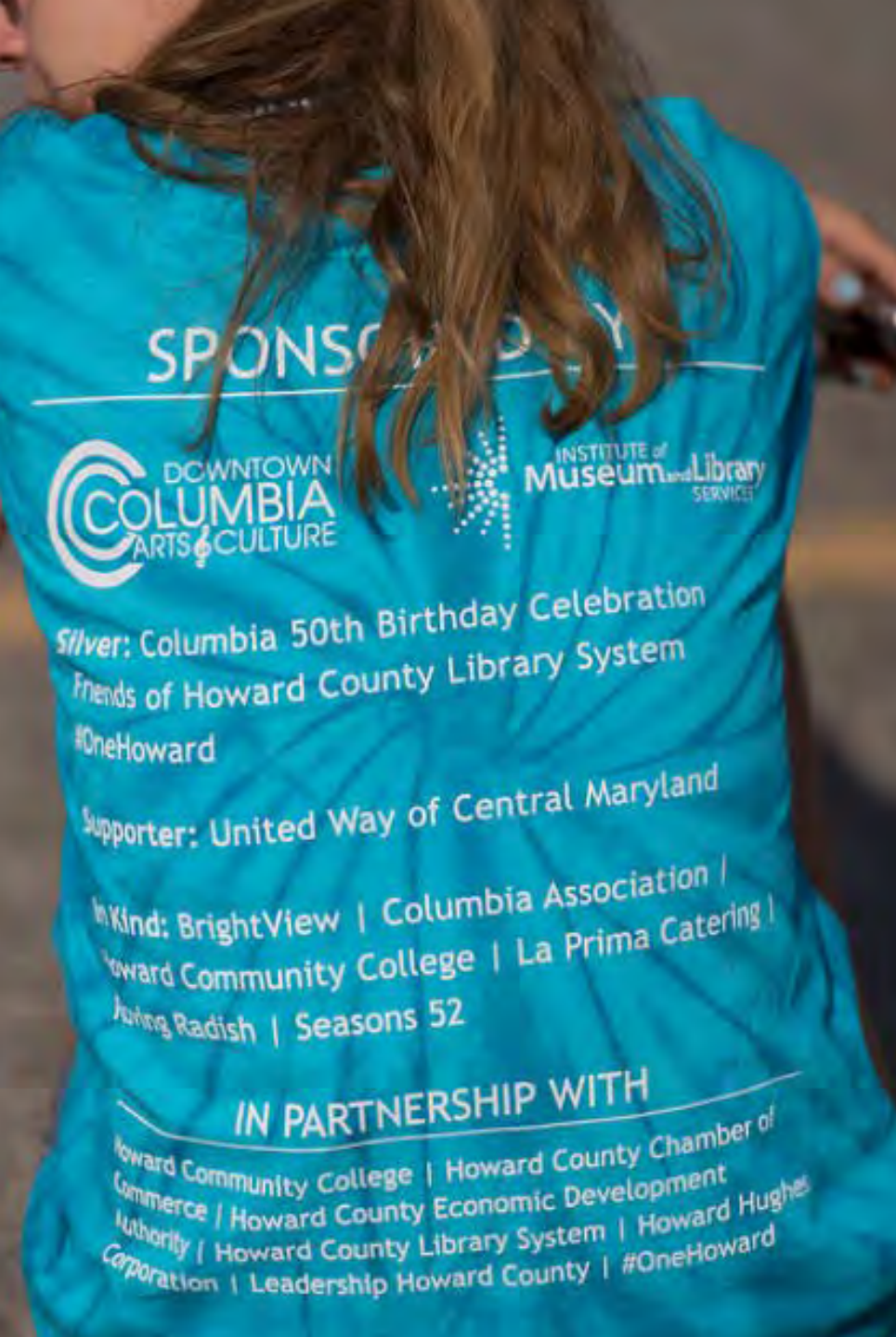
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Jeri Mayman
Tebbi
Jeffrey
Alice
C.B.
Columbubble
Transportation
Education system
Walkability in
downtown
Congestion
Alpha Achievers

Choose Civility
HOWARD COUNTY, MD

A wonderful evening
Great food, friendly people,
and interesting
conversation.
Who could ask for more?
😊



Thanks to our generous sponsors:

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Columbia 50th Birthday Celebration
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Seasons 52



Presented in partnership with Howard Community College, Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Howard County Economic Development Authority, Howard County Library System, Howard Hughes Corporation, Leadership Howard County, and #OneHoward

How can YOU get involved?

- Apply to be a Become a Choose Civility Partner Organization
- Apply to be a Human Book at the Human Library! Apply at bit.ly/2018HumanLibrary. Or, attend the Human Library as a Reader!
- Volunteer to be a Table Host at the next Longest Table on June 16, 2018. Sign up at bit.ly/LongestTableHost
- Attend any of our Choose Civility classes or events
- Become a Choose Civility Partner Organization

Visit ChooseCivility.org or
HCLibrary.org for more information!



SAVE THE DATE:

March 17, 2018 - Miller Branch
2nd Annual Human Library

June 16, 2018 – HCC Campus
2nd Annual Longest Table

Dinner

Learn more at ChooseCivility.org
Questions? Email Alli.Jessing@HCLibrary.org
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THANK YOU!