Information for Human Library Readers

We would like this to be a positive, exciting and valuable experience for both you and the human books. The human books available for you to “check out” are volunteers are very excited about being “borrowed” by you. We hope that you are excited to be checking them out.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR READERS

- Please arrive a few minutes earlier than your scheduled time. If you arrive late, we cannot guarantee that your spot will still be available.
- Please turn off cell phones.
- The human books are here to voluntarily share their own experiences. They cannot offer advice.
- The human books welcome your questions.
- Please be respectful of the books
- If you feel uncomfortable during a conversation with a human book, you can:
  - Steer the conversation back to a more comfortable discussion
  - Ask for assistance from staff
  - End the conversation & inform staff
- Do not hesitate to ask library staff for assistance at any time.

TIPS FOR READERS

Libraries all over the world have been offering the award-winning Human Library program to their public. Readers have participated in the program in various ways. They have done so to:

- Stepped outside their comfort zone and challenged themselves by talking to a human book whose experiences or beliefs are different from their own
- Talk to a book
  - That they can relate to
  - Out of curiosity
- To step into someone else’s shoes
- To learn more about a topic or the book’s experience

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Why did you volunteer to be a book?
- Do you know others who share your experience?
- If you could change the circumstances of your life, would you?