

Friday, September 18, 2015

OU, Pontiac Public Library present Fall Freedom to Read Series starting Sept. 26

The Fall Freedom to Read Series focuses on the classic novel "Fahrenheit 451."

During the months of September and October, Oakland University and the Pontiac Public Library will host a series of events celebrating literacy, creativity and the freedom to read. The series focuses on the classic novel "Fahrenheit 451," by Ray Bradbury, which depicts an authoritarian society in which books are outlawed.

The series, which is open to everyone, consists of four events:

- **Kick-off read-aloud event:** *Saturday, Sept. 26, 1-3 p.m.*

OU students and others will visit the Pontiac Public Library to read excerpts from "Fahrenheit 451" to celebrate Banned Books Week.

- **Film Showing & Discussion:** *Saturday, Oct. 17, 1-3 p.m.*

OU Cinema Studies faculty member Charlene Meyers will lead a discussion before and after the film showing.

- **Video Workshops:** *Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m.*

Participants will have the opportunity to create works relevant to the book. OU students will bring video camera and other equipment from the Student Technology Center, if needed. Creative works can be entered into a contest.

- **Halloween Party:** *Saturday, Oct. 31, noon – 5 p.m.*

Participants are invited to dress up as characters from the book. Creative works from video workshops will be exhibited and the contest winner will be announced.

The Fall Freedom to Read Series is supported by the **Judd Family Endowed Fund** at Oakland University. All events will be held

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at the **Pontiac Public Library**, located at **60 E. Pike St.** For more information, contact the library at (248) 758-3942 or orpont@tin.lib.mi.us.

The series is also a part of the Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences 2015-2016 Theme **“Cracking Codes: Literacy Now.”**