



# Human Books Event

Encouraging Dialogue

**Between now and September 16 2020,** The Library is looking for suggestions and/or volunteers for potential Human Books as we strive to create a diverse and inclusive roster for the event. As part of **Cultural Harmony Week**, we are looking for stories related to cultural and racial diversity that represent Geneseo's minorities.

**The Human Books Event** utilizes a positive and interactive approach to challenge stereotypes and prejudices in a constructive and non-confrontational atmosphere of exploration and discovery. The event is intended to encourage dialogue as a path toward developing intellectual curiosity, empathy, and empowerment through the exploration of diversity, equity and inclusion perspectives.

**A Human Book** is someone with a unique perspective and a personal story to tell or a passion to share. They'll engage with Geneseo students, faculty, staff and community members in several small groups during the four-hour event. Though prepared remarks are fine, these are conversations, not presentations.

**Examples of Human Books have included:** Holocaust survivors, community activists, members of the local LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, people with disabilities, a refugee, a first-generation college student, a Jamaican cuisine expert, faculty or staff from Non-Western backgrounds and more!

## Would you like to participate as a Human Book?

Fill out this form by September 16,2020:

[go.geneseo.edu/HumanBooksEvent](https://go.geneseo.edu/HumanBooksEvent)

## Do you know of someone who might make a great Human Book?

Contact Alessandra Otero ([aotero@geneseo.edu](mailto:aotero@geneseo.edu))

Please feel free to share this flyer with anyone who might be interested.