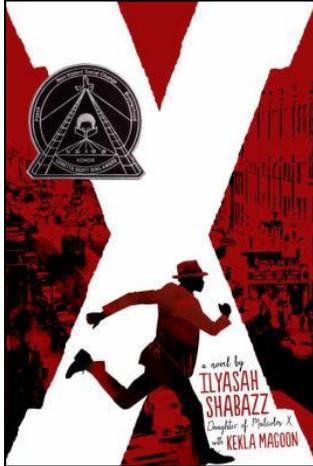




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Escanaba Public Library to Host Two Great Michigan Read Events



The Escanaba Public Library will host two 2017-18 Great Michigan Read events on the Great Michigan Read book selection, “X: A Novel,” written by Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon. The Great Michigan Read is a book club for the entire state focused on one title. Join us on April 12th at 6:00 p.m. for a talk on Malcolm X with Dr. Alan Scott Willis from Northern Michigan University and meet the author of “X: A Novel”, Kekla Magoon, on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. for an interactive author talk.

The book explores the Michigan roots of Malcolm X, including the early life experiences, both good and bad, that molded him into one of the most prominent leaders of the twentieth century. It is a fictionalized account of Malcolm X as a young man with boundless potential but with the odds stacked against him. After losing his father under suspicious circumstances and his mother to a mental health hospital, Malcolm fell into a life of petty crime and eventually went to prison. Instead of letting prison be his downfall, Malcom found a religion, a voice; and the podium that would eventually make him one of the most prominent figures in the burgeoning Civil Rights movement

The Great Michigan Read is a free statewide humanities initiative inviting Michiganians to read and participate in book discussions and events in their hometowns. Intended for young adults to senior citizens, the Great Michigan Read aims to make literature more accessible and appealing while also encouraging residents to learn more about their state. The program is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Print and digital copies of this title are available for check-out from the Escanaba Public Library. This is a free event with no registration required. For more information, please see the Escanaba Public Library web page for more information on this event, at www.escanabalibrary.org , (906) 789-7323 or on Facebook/Twitter. For more information about the Greater Michigan Read, visit www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/

