

You, Me, We Together: Children's Literature to Educate, Create Dialogue, and Build Bridges

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
5 - 7 p.m.

Targeted audience: Early childhood teachers, early elementary teachers (preK-3rd grade), Child Care Center Directors and administrators, and community partners

Children need exposure with diverse cultures and experiences that expand on their knowledge of themselves and the world around them, including but not limited to people of color, gender diversity, LGBTQIA+, Native, people with disabilities, and ethnic, cultural, and religious minorities. Literature is one way for children imagine life outside of themselves. Books featuring diverse characters and topics provide an opportunity for thoughtful conversations about culture.

In conjunction with our new special exhibit, *America to Zanzibar: Muslim Cultures Near and Far*, and a partnership with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, we are hosting a Teacher Night to learn about using children's literature to promote proactive classroom discussions of culture. Additionally, teachers will work to create a field trip request to visit the Omaha Children's Museum.

This event includes:

- Free admission and tour of *America to Zanzibar: Muslim Cultures Near and Far*
- Professional Development on using children's literature to discuss Muslim culture. **Presented by: Dr. Anne Karabon, UNO (Early Childhood Education), Dr. Amanda Steiner, UNO (Elementary Education), and graduate students (teachers)**
- Access to Additional Educator Resources
- Workshop time to write a curriculum-based field trip request
- **2 Inservice hours compliant (CDA subject area: Advancing children's physical and intellectual development; EC Core Competency: Planning Learning Experiences/Curriculum; School Age Core Competency: Learning)**

