



Falls Village Equity Project Recent Programs 2024



Curious what we've been up to?
Check out our recent events and programs!

Banned Book Club Discussion Series with the David M. Hunt Library

The Equity Project and the Falls Village Library host and facilitates discussions of banned books on the first Friday of every other month. Books this year included: *The Bluest Eye*, *Last Night At The Telegraph Club*, *Gender Queer*

Juneteenth Educational Event at David M. Hunt Library

On June 20th, 2024, Tammy Denease, Historical Storyteller and Outreach Director for the CT Freedom Trail, presented Honoring a Heroine: The Mumbet Story. Elezabeth "Mumbet" Freeman was a young enslaved woman who won her freedom in court in 1781 from nearby Sheffield, MA. This event was hosted by the David M. Hunt Library.

Juneteenth Educational Event at Isabella Freedman

On June 18th, 2024, an educational event was facilitated by Carol Taylor with guest speaker, Helene Gaynor, a Falls Village resident and holocaust survivor/refugee. This event included viewing the documentary *Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom* and group reflection and discussion on racial hierarchy and antisemitism.

Women in History Month Documentary Research

In March 2024, group members conducted and shared their own documentary research on notable women in recognition of women's history month. Women highlighted included Eleanor Roosevelt and Shirley Chisholm.

Village Voices Community Conversations Project

In February 2024, The Equity Project met with members of LWB during development to share perspectives and ideas for making the project more inclusive and diverse. Several Equity Project members submitted their family stories including on the Great Migration and enslaved ancestors.

Film Discussions

Members met to discuss films throughout the year. Some of these films included *American Fiction* and *Origin*.



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Documentary and Film Discussions

- *Origin*
- *American Fiction*
- *Life in Angola Prison, From the Men Who've Been Incarcerated for Decades*
- Ava DuVernay's Documentary Film - *13th*
- *Viral: Antisemitism in Four Mutations*
- *Gentleman's Agreement* and Hollywood Backstory documentary on the film
- *The Swimmer*
- *1619 Project Series*
- *Making Black America - PBS series*
- *Baldwin vs. Buckley Debate*
- *Race: The Power of an Illusion*
- *Gather*
- *Crip Camp*
- *Dolores*

- *An Ordinary Hero: True Story of Joan Trumpauer Mulholland*
- *My Name is Pauli Murray*
- *I Am NOT Your Negro*
- *Passing*

Educational and Other Events

- Juneteenth educational events
- Banned Book Club Discussion Series
- Housing Our Neighbors Film and Presentation
- MLK educational event at Lee H. Kellogg School
- Live Play: *A Raisin in the Sun* at Sharon Play House