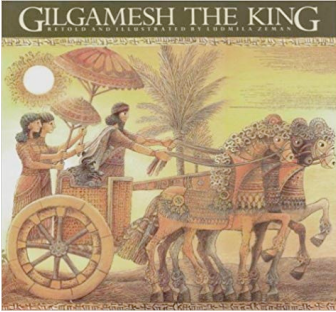


International Day of Peace Celebration "Creating a New Way of Being"

Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza

Friday, September 20, 2019 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:



Gilgamesh the King is the book chosen for 2019 International Day of Peace. The story of Gilgamesh was first carved onto clay tablets in Mesopotamia. Its message of compassion, forgiveness, and friendship has echoed through the ages from its origins over 5000 years ago. The people who lived in Mesopotamia discovered many things: irrigation, the wheel, the first codes of law, the 60-minute hour, and, most important, writing. The Sumerians wrote the story in cuneiform, the first script in the world.

Each class attending the International Day of Peace will receive a copy of *Gilgamesh the King* for their classroom

Dorothy Paige Turner – award-winning, well-known and highly respected artist and music educator will tell the story of **Constance Lane**, the first black teacher and principal in the Rockford Public Schools. The newest school in the Rockford district is named after her.

Xavier Ramey – Chicago native, Xavier Ramey, CEO of Justice Informed and a noted educator, community activist and award winning public speaker will inspire the young people and encourage them to *"make the possible probable"*.

Lewis Lemon – **Carl Towns** masterfully brings history to life with the story of **Lewis Lemon**, a freed slave and founder of Rockford.

Jane Addams – **Sue Crandall** portrays local legend in peace-making history, **Jane Addams**.

Ms. Addams graduated from Rockford College in 1881, and founded and sustained the world famous social settlement Hull-House.



Megan Wells – *Gilgamesh* told by Master Storyteller Megan Wells: What's an ancient myth got to do with our lives or our future? Deep in every human are stories of how people behave AND how we ought to behave instead. Old myths show us deep imagination movies that teach us how to change!

Jim May – Emmy award winning storyteller, teacher, author and Peace Day favorite – We are pleased to welcome Jim back to share his stories of peace and understanding.

Interactive peace-making activities include:

Center for Non-Violence – will bring 2 mobile labs; the tech lab has computers and music equipment and the art lab is for sketching and drawing encouraging the children to use imagination in peace-related ways.

Rockford Arts Council – learn to write like a Sumerian.

Yoga for Everyone – stretch your body as well as your mind with Tami Bogard

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department - get to know our Keepers of the Peace

Rockford's Sister Cities will share their language, stories and customs

Students can also: "Take the Peace Pledge", have their passports stamped, do rubbings of the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" from the Peace Poles and meet the peaceful pigeons!

To register your students for this free event contact, Karen.Bieschke@aol.com, space is limited.