SPECIAL EVENTS

Take part in one of these new, timely programs presented through the collaboration of OLLI’s Special Projects and Social Interaction committees. Our cutting-edge panel discussions, symposia, and pop-up lectures not only examine the most pressing issues of our day but also offer intentional opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of other OLLI members and make new friendships along the way.

OLLI READS

In Collaboration with Michigan Humanities’ Great Michigan Read

Presents

Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD
Discussing her Book

What the Eyes Don’t See – A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City

Day/Date: Monday, October 21
Time: 9:30am-12:00pm
Location: WCC, Morris Lawrence Building

9:30am Coffee
10:00-11:00am Discussion with Mona Hanna-Attisha, followed by Q&A
11:00am-Noon Light Lunch and Book Signing

This event is free and open to the public; advanced registration is required and seating is limited.

What the Eyes Don’t See

This is the inspiring story of how Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, alongside a team of researchers, parents, friends, and community leaders, discovered that the children of Flint, Michigan, were being exposed to lead in their tap water—and then battled her own government and a brutal backlash to expose that truth to the world. Paced like a scientific thriller, What the Eyes Don’t See reveals how misguided austerity policies, broken democracy, and callous bureaucratic indifference placed an entire city at risk. And at the center of the story is Dr. Mona herself—an immigrant, doctor, scientist, and mother whose family’s activist roots inspired her pursuit of justice.

What the Eyes Don’t See is a riveting account of a shameful disaster that became a tale of hope, the story of a city on the ropes that came together to fight for justice, self-determination, and the right to build a better world for their—and all of our—children. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

See page 14 for the OLLI Out of Town day trip to Flint.
**OLLI Reads Hosts Great Michigan Read!**

**OLLI Reads** invites OLLI members to read together and discuss two books a year, non-fiction in the fall, fiction in the spring. This fall we are collaborating with Great Michigan Read, and other community partners, to enjoy participating in a wider project. Michigan Humanities’ Great Michigan Read creates a statewide discussion each year on the humanities themes of a selected book. Through partnerships with libraries, schools, book clubs, and a wide range of other non-profit organizations, the Great Michigan Read facilitates statewide reading and programs to bridge communities with a common conversation.

**More About Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD**

Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, is the founder and director of the Michigan State University and Hurley Children’s Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative, an innovative and model public health program in Flint. Currently an associate professor of pediatrics and human development at the MSU College of Human Medicine, she has been named one of *Time* magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in the World for her role in uncovering the Flint water crisis and leading recovery efforts. She was one of the first to question whether lead was leaching from the city’s water pipes after an emergency manager switched the city’s water supply to the Flint River in 2014.

Books will be available to borrow from the OLLI Office as of September 10. This event is FREE. However, seats are limited and pre-registration is mandatory. To register for this event or for more information, please contact olli.info@umich.edu or call 734-998-9351.

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