

People and Stories: the Power of Words

Inspired by the People and Stories / Gente y Cuentos program founded by Sarah Hirschman in 1972, this class will read and discuss different short stories each week. Selections will be made from works (in translation, as appropriate) by writers like Chinua Achebe, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Louise Erdrich, Gish Jen, James Joyce, Jamaica Kincaid, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Tim O'Brien, Tillie Olsen, Hernando Tellez, and Alice Walker. *Note: We will **not** repeat stories read in this class last spring.* The instructor will supply copies of the stories at the beginning of each class; no preparation is required. Participants will be encouraged to examine the issues and themes; tensions and contrasts; shadows; poetics, and sounds of each story. Essays, book reviews, and other related materials will also be distributed.

Leader: Ellen Gilbert, who has a doctorate in library science, is a trained "People & Stories" coordinator. Previous Evergreen Forum courses include: Alice (in Wonderland) at 150, History of Children's Books, and History of Libraries.

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 8 weeks: February 28 through April 18

Location: The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville