

THE POWER OF WORDS: PEOPLE AND STORIES

Inspired by the People and Stories / Gente y Cuentos program founded by Sarah Hirschman in 1972, participants in this series will read and discuss a different short story each week for 8 weeks. The story selections, 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, embody the best qualities of enduring literature: rich in artistry, they revel in life's complications, wonders, and ambiguities. No preparation is required. Copies of each story will be distributed to participants before every class. After hearing it read aloud during the online session, they will be encouraged to examine the issues and themes; tensions and contrasts; shadows; poetics; sounds of each story and, perhaps of most interest right now, how these stories resonate with this challenging time in all of our lives. All ages and backgrounds are welcome; diversity is critical to meaningful conversations.

LEADER: Ellen Gilbert, who has a doctorate in library science and is a trained "People and Stories" coordinator.

LOCATION: Zoom

MONDAYS: 10:00 am to noon., 8 weeks beginning February 28 through April 18

MAXIMUM: 18