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Great Michigan Read Spring Author Tour Continues May 11

MARSHALL, MI—Michigan Humanities is pleased to announce the May author tour events for the 2025–26 Great Michigan Read program. The featured book, Curtis Chin’s *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*, is the tenth Great Michigan Read. The program started in fall 2025, and online registration is still available for lending and participating partners.

The Great Michigan Read creates a statewide discussion around a Michigan-themed book by offering free books and resources for libraries, schools, book clubs and a wide range of other non-profit organizations. In the last five years alone, Michigan Humanities has distributed more than 50,000 books through the Great Michigan Read.

As part of the program, a featured author visits Great Michigan Read partners in communities across the state. Each upcoming event includes a moderated conversation with Curtis Chin, audience questions and a book signing. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required or recommended at several events. The following locations and partners are part of Chin’s spring tour organized by Michigan Humanities.

- **Charlevoix**—Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m.: Charlevoix Public Library (220 Clinton St).
- **Sault Ste. Marie**—Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m.: Bayliss Public Library (541 Library Drive).
- **Marquette**—Wednesday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m.: Peter White Public Library (217 N Front St). Registration is required.
- **West Branch**—Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m.: China Inn Restaurant (601 W Houghton Ave). Registration is required. Co-hosted by Ogemaw District Library and West Branch District Library.

The Marquette and West Branch events are part of Michigan Humanities’ *By the People* program series called Let’s Dish: Sharing Culture, Stories & Connection. *By the People: Conversations Beyond 250* is a series of community-driven programs created by humanities councils in collaboration with local partners. The initiative

was developed by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

In addition to the communities listed above, Chin will also visit St. Ignace on Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at the St. Ignace Public Library for a partner-organized event.

“Curtis Chin’s memoir provides opportunities for Michiganders to reflect, empathize and connect to memories of family and tradition,” said Jennifer Rupp, president & CEO of Michigan Humanities. “It also provides space to explore dynamics and themes that are relevant today. In a time when human connection and community are so critical, I look forward to our state coming together through the pages of this book and at the author tour events.”

Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant was published by Little, Brown and Company in October 2023. The book is Curtis Chin’s story about growing up Asian American in Detroit, coming out in his working-class immigrant community and being a first-generation college student at the University of Michigan. Chin’s family owned Chung’s, a Chinese restaurant that was located in Detroit.

The 2025–26 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide and local partners, including the Library of Michigan and Michigan State University Federal Credit Union. For more information about Great Michigan Read upcoming events and partnership opportunities, visit michiganhumanities.org.

About Michigan Humanities

[Michigan Humanities](#) strives to bring people together through stories, histories, cultures, and conversations. In carrying out this mission, Michigan Humanities builds awareness and excitement for humanities in everyday life, achieves best practices and sustainability for all humanities programs and services in Michigan, and upholds the following key values: uplifting all Michiganders; discovery and understanding; authentic conversation; respectful collaboration; and meaningful experiences. Michigan Humanities’ vision is a more thoughtful, connected, engaged, and informed Michigan.

About the Great Michigan Read

Since 2007, the [Great Michigan Read](#), a signature program of Michigan Humanities, has united communities across the state through Michigan-centered fiction and non-fiction books. These selections inspire conversations from diverse perspectives, foster a deeper appreciation for the humanities and connect thousands of readers with authors and engaging educational programs. Each book is chosen by seven regional selection committees, representing every corner of Michigan. All aspects of the program are free and open to the public. Great Michigan Read partners include libraries, schools, book clubs, and other nonprofits.

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