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Great Michigan Read Spring Author Tour Launches on April 12

MARSHALL, MI—Michigan Humanities is pleased to announce the first set of spring 2026 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. Copies of *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* will be available for sale on-site by local booksellers. 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.

- **Lansing**—Sunday, April 12 at 1 p.m.: Riverwalk Theatre (228 Museum Dr.)
Co-hosted by the Capital City Film Festival, Capital Area District Libraries and Michigan State University Libraries. Registration is recommended.
- **Muskegon**—Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.: The Corner (280 W. Muskegon Ave.)
Co-hosted by Muskegon Area District Library and Muskegon Community College. Registration is required.
- **Flint**—Wednesday, April 15 at 6 p.m.: Gloria Coles Flint Public Library, C.S. Mott Foundation Community Room (1026 E. Kearsley St.)
Co-hosted by Gloria Coles Flint Public Library.

- **Port Huron**—Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m.: Don Dodge Auditorium (200 Grand River Ave.)
Co-hosted by St. Clair County Library System, Blue Water Allies and St. Clair County Community College. Registration is required.

In addition to the communities listed above, Chin will also visit Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Alma, University Center, Ann Arbor and Morenci for independent events with Great Michigan Read partners.

“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.”

Michigan Humanities will co-host a final set of spring author tour events in May 2026.

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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