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Lake Villa District Library Welcomes Maxwell King

It will be a beautiful evening in the neighborhood on Wednesday, June 17 at 7pm. Maxwell King, author of the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, will virtually visit Lake Villa District Library.

The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers (Abrams Press, 2018) tells the story of the utterly unique and enduring American icon. Drawing on original interviews, oral histories, and archival documents, King traces Rogers's personal, professional, and artistic life through decades of work. Visit www.lvdl.org/events to register and to receive the link to the Zoom event.

Mr. King's career spanned four decades and includes the presidencies of two of the country's largest philanthropies and the editorship of one of its most influential daily newspapers, The Philadelphia Inquirer. He also served as director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Library staff selected King's book along with three other titles to complement the 2020 reading program, 'Summer in the Neighborhood', which celebrates the life and legacy of Fred Rogers. As the creator and star of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood he was a champion of compassion, equality, and kindness, fiercely devoted to children and taking their questions about the world seriously.

The other selected titles are:

- *Hello, Neighbor! The Kind and Caring World of Mister Rogers* by Matthew Cordell
- *Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood: Wonderful Wisdom from Everyone's Favorite Neighbor* by Melissa Wagner
- *Officer Clemmons* by Francois Clemmons

Copies of the books, generously purchased by the Friends of Lake Villa District Library, are available for checkout. Digital editions are also available on the Libby and Hoopla platforms.

For more information and/or to participate in 'Summer in the Neighborhood' visit www.lvdl.org/summer or call 847.356.7711.

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