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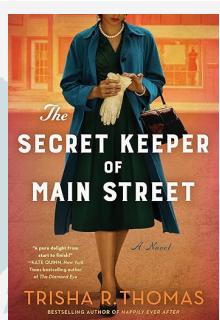
President's Corner

To my fellow colleagues, stakeholders, and friends, February reminds us that history is not just something we study. It is something we steward. Black History Month calls us to remember that progress has never been accidental. It has always been shaped by people who were privy enough to see injustice clearly, prayerful enough to seek wisdom from their higher power, positioned enough to act with courage, and compassionate enough to refuse indifference. The legacy we honor this month is not merely about past victories, but about present responsibility.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." That truth resonates deeply at The Interchurch Center, a place where faith, justice, service, and community intersect daily. None of us stand alone. What impacts one community, one tenant, one neighbor ultimately impacts us all. Our calling is not only to occupy space, but to use our shared space to advance dignity, equity, and hope.

As we move through this month, may we recommit ourselves to being a community that does more than reflect on history. We must respond to it. Let us remain prayerful to our higher power in our discernment, intentional in how we steward our influence, and compassionate in how we serve. When we are truly privy to the needs around us and positioned to respond with integrity, we do not just remember history. We help shape a better future together.

† Robert Bolton



BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB

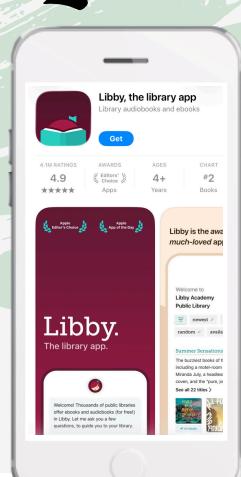
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This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features *The Secret Keeper of Main Street* by Trisha R. Thomas, a heartfelt and compelling novel set in a changing American town that explores love, resilience, and the weight of long-held secrets, revealing how hidden truths, family ties, and personal sacrifice shape identity and ultimately open the door to healing and freedom.

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TENANT SPOTLIGHT

NICHOLAS GRIFFIN



This month, we spotlight Nicholas Griffin, Executive Director of Americans for Middle East Understanding (AMEU), whose decades-long commitment to education, peace, and justice continues to inform and challenge public understanding of the Middle East.

About Americans for Middle East Understanding

Americans for Middle East Understanding was founded in 1968 in the wake of war in the Middle East, when leaders from business, the arts, government, and faith communities came together to address gaps in American understanding of the region. What was intended as a temporary effort has endured for more than six decades, reflecting the ongoing need for accurate information, thoughtful dialogue, and education. AMEU focuses on schools and public libraries, publishing educational resources that encourage critical thinking and informed engagement. Its flagship quarterly publication, *The Link*, has featured hundreds of distinguished authors from diverse backgrounds, addressing a wide range of topics related to the pursuit of a just peace. In recent years, AMEU's work has centered on examining America's role in the devastation of Gaza and the broader implications for peace and justice.

Their work includes:

- Publishing educational resources on Middle East history and current events
- Supporting schools and public libraries with accurate, accessible materials
- Hosting diverse voices through *The Link* quarterly publication
- Promoting informed dialogue toward a just and lasting peace

Spotlight on Nicholas Griffin

Nicholas Griffin succeeded AMEU's longtime Executive Director, John Mahoney, in 2022. A native New Yorker, Nick brings more than three decades of professional experience spanning overseas service with the Jesuits, global work with USAID, higher education initiatives in Egypt, and leadership roles at the United Nations Secretariat in New York City.

Throughout his career, issues of peace and justice in Palestine and Israel have remained central to Nick's work. As Executive Director, he leads AMEU with clarity, depth, and integrity—continuing the organization's long-standing mission to educate, inform, and advocate for understanding rooted in truth and justice.

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"Hope is not the belief that things will get better by themselves, but the belief that we can make them better by acting together."

Václav Havel

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/03 CPR / AED Training
- 2/04 CPR / AED Training
- 2/04 Noon-Day Concert (Kyle Walker)
- 2/04 NY Blood Center Blood Drive
- 2/11 Noon-Day Concert (Melody of Dragon)
- 2/12 Love Your Library Day
- 2/18 Ash Wednesday Service
- 2/19 Books That Bind Book Club Meeting
- 2/25 Noon-Day Concert (TIC Gospel Choir)



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY DAY

Celebrate Love Your Library Day with an afternoon of creativity, connection, and community! Join us for arts and crafts, games, chocolate, and plenty of library love as we come together to enjoy all the joy our library brings.



Blood is urgently needed. If you're eligible, please consider donating and helping save lives. Every drop counts.

Scan QR code to make an appointment.



MISSION MASTERY TIPS & TRICKS FOR NON-PROFITS

INVEST IN LEADERSHIP, STRENGTHEN THE MISSION

Executive coaching is a powerful resource for nonprofit leaders who are navigating complex responsibilities, limited resources, and high expectations. Coaching provides a confidential space to reflect, gain perspective, and clarify leadership goals while balancing mission, operations, and people management. It helps leaders move beyond day-to-day urgency and lead with greater intention, focus, and alignment.

Through executive coaching, nonprofit leaders can strengthen decision-making, communication, and strategic thinking. Coaching encourages self-awareness and accountability, equipping leaders to address challenges thoughtfully, manage change effectively, and build healthier relationships with staff, boards, and partners. This intentional leadership approach creates a more stable and collaborative organizational culture.

Investing in executive coaching is ultimately an investment in long-term sustainability and impact. When leaders are supported, resilient, and clear in their vision, organizations are better positioned to prevent burnout, adapt to evolving needs, and remain rooted in their mission. Strong leadership fosters trust, strengthens teams, and ensures nonprofits can continue serving their communities with confidence and purpose.

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CPR / AED TRAINING

In support of health and safety across our community, The Interchurch Center is offering Free CPR/AED Training exclusively for tenants. This hands-on workshop, led by certified instructors, will teach life-saving skills including CPR for all age groups and how to respond confidently in emergencies. Join us on Feb 3rd or Feb 4th

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[FEB 3RD](#)

[FEB 4TH](#)



Riverside Cafe

Check out the weekly menu here:

<https://interchurch-center.org/the-riverside-cafe/>

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Contact Rachel Rivera at rivera@interchurch-center.org or (212) - 870 - 2954

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