

**Read/Write Library Launches Book Club with Contemporary Chicago
Perspective**

“Hungry for Stories” Connects Subscribers Directly to the Sources Shaping
Chicago’s Narratives

Chicago, IL – Read/Write Library, an independent nonprofit library and experimental community information lab, is pleased to announce the inaugural year of “Hungry for Stories: A Chicago Book Club.”

Beginning in January 2017, subscribers will receive a contemporary Chicago publication each month and meet to discuss it with the goals of broadening the public's media horizons, building their relationships to local writers and publishing, and encouraging them to dig deeper into which stories we value as a city. Each facilitated discussion will take place at Read/Write Library and feature the author, editor, publisher or another special guest.

Subscriptions will also be available by mail, perfect for former Chicagoans missing their home city or holiday gifts for college students new to the area.

Why "Hungry for Stories?"

“People are hungry for stories. It's part of our very being. Storytelling is a form of history, of immortality too. It goes from one generation to another.” - Studs Terkel

Studs influenced generations of media makers to challenge their perspective on what stories are worth telling. The 2017 selections continue that tradition by featuring publications that are diverse in form and content, opening in January with Zoe Zolbrod’s acclaimed memoir The Telling published by Curbside Splendor; For the People Artists Collective’s Color Me Rising radical coloring book in February; and Tim Jones-Yelvington’s “surreally, subversively, wonderfully funny” story collection This is a Dance Movie from Tiny Hardcore Press in March. Additional selections will be announced throughout the year and include artist publications, novels, comics, poetry chapbooks and more.

Discounted Early Bird subscription rates for the 2017 series go on sale October 10th, 2016 with regular rates starting November 1st. Subscriptions will be available in 3, 6 and 12-month increments to offer accessible pricing options. The first 20 subscribers to sign up for the 12-month option will receive a welcome kit featuring custom ReSketch notebooks (<http://resketchbook.com/>) and other perks to enhance their reading experience. Subscriptions will be available for purchase here: <http://readwritelibrary.org/hungry-for-stories-chicago-book-club>

About Read/Write Library

Read/Write Library collects, preserves, and provides access to community media in order to inspire and promote diverse modes of cultural production and civic engagement. Through our public programs and free browsing hours, growing collection of over 5,000 publications, and open source catalog, the library strives to raise the visibility of work produced by Chicagoans of all backgrounds to reveal connective threads across neighborhoods, generations, and cultures and to encourage inquiry into and ownership of the historical record. Started in 2006 as Chicago Underground Library, Read/Write Library is based in Humboldt Park and collaborates with other organizations to produce Pop Up Libraries throughout the Chicago area.

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