



Book to Action 2021 Case Study

Library: Nevada County Community Library

Book to Action 2021 Summary & Impact Reflection

Please summarize your Book to Action 2021 public programming series. Write for an audience that has never heard of your library, your community, or the Book to Action concept. Start by introducing your library and community. Be sure to show how the Book to Action topic and titles met a specific community need or aspiration. Be sure to highlight your community partners, explain significant, innovative, or new models for public programs, and show how this program impacted your community. Limit 2-3 paragraphs.

Nevada County is a rural county of just under 100,000 people in the Sierra Foothills of northern California, sixty miles northeast of Sacramento. The Gold Rush in the mid-1800s brought thousands of prospectors to the area in the hopes of striking it rich. Today, Nevada County's residents and visitors enjoy a new kind of wealth in the well-preserved architecture of the Gold Rush towns; beautiful outdoor activities in the County's forests, mountains, rivers, and lakes; and vibrant arts and cultural community. The Nevada County Community Library consists of 6 branches throughout Nevada County while partnering with a multitude of local organizations.

Since 2005, the Library has partnered with the office of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to plan annual programs, activities, and writing contests around a selected book as part of Nevada County Reads & Writes. The themes explored in *The Round House*, such as justice, family, how a crime reverberates through society, and the resilience of a native culture are ones of significance to the Nevada County community. The modern history of the Nisenan, the people indigenous to western Nevada County, is one of unresolved injustice. In the 1960s the Nisenan were stripped of their tribal status by the federal government and their remaining small parcel of land was sold.

As recently as 10 years ago, many members of the public thought that the Nisenan people, culture, and language were extinct. Tribal members have emerged from virtual anonymity to become vocal and visible proponents for respect and recognition of their history and contributions in the area. However, the Nisenan continue to fight in the federal court system for the recognition that was taken from them. The participation of members of the Nisenan in NEA Big Read programs and events showcased the resilience of their culture and acted as a call to action for program participants. Many of the programs gave our community an understanding of what our local indigenous peoples need from their community and offered information on how to act.

Community Member Quotes

Please enter 1-2 community member quotes from surveys or public comments that may be anonymized and used in future grant applications and program model sharing.

"Thank you Nevada County Library for shining your spotlight on the Nisenan!"

"The library and librarians are amazing! Love programs like this! Thank you all so much!"

"Good program in this virtual moment thank you for sharing."

Impact on Professional Development

Please summarize how participating in the Book to Action 2021 initiative impacted you and your team's professional development. As a result of participating in this program, what skills did you or your team learn? What professional takeaways would you share with others looking to improve community engagement with adults & intergenerational groups?

Outreach and community partnerships were a large component of this year's Book to Action programming. Staff learned new skills such as networking, coordination, collaboration, and negotiation. Due to the pandemic, staff also learned new skills for virtual programming, such as Zoom skills and social media skills.

Final Words of Advice

What brief bit of advice (1-2 sentences) would you give to library staff members interested in coordinating a Book to Action or similar community engagement series for adults and intergenerational groups in their community?

- Start planning as early as you can and focus on your call to action.
- Be as flexible as possible, both in format and in content so that anyone can attend.

Total # Programs: 47

Total Attendance at Programs: 4,559

Book to Action URL(s): **Book to Action Images:** nevadacountyreads.com

Please attach 1-2 images (.jpg or .png files only) that best represent your Book to Action 2021 series

Sample File Name: BTA 2021 San Leandro Library Image 1.jpg

Image 1 File Name: NCRW2021-3

Image 1 Caption: Marketing image for social media with book cover & BTA logo

Image 2 File Name: Finale Native Voices Screenshot

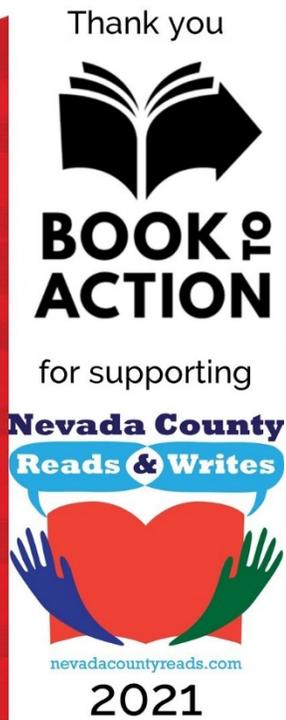
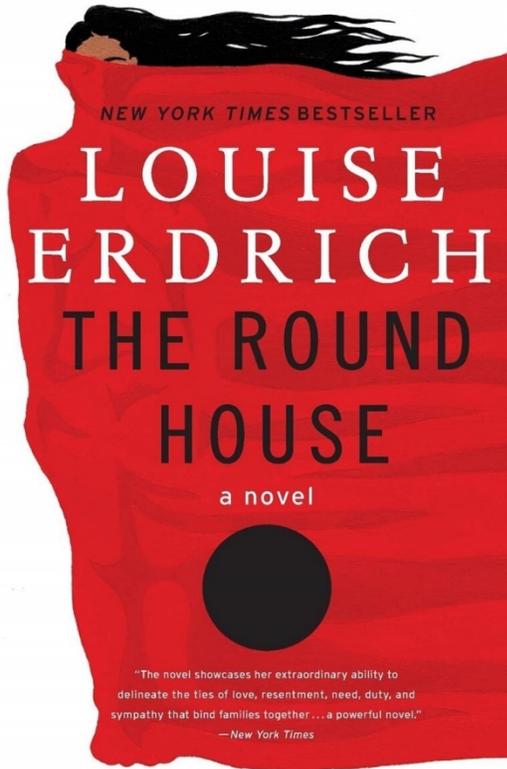
Image 2 Caption: Screenshot of the Finale: Native Voices

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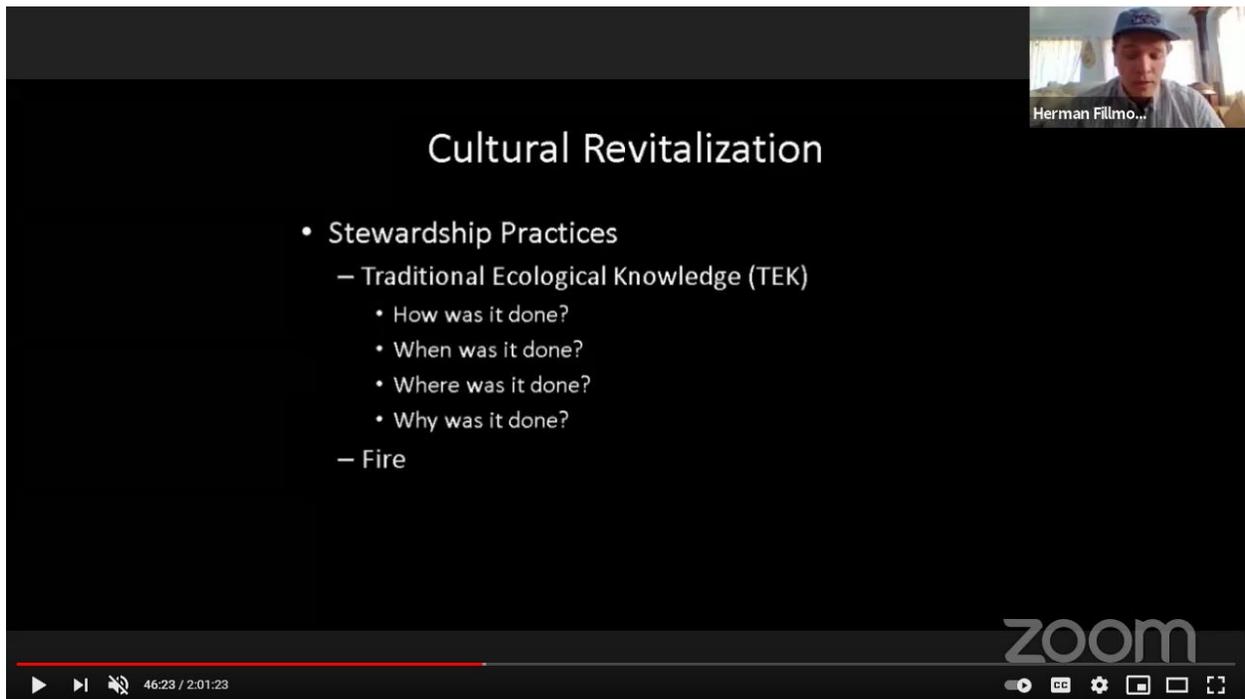
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May others contact you with questions? Yes No

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Screenshot of the Finale: Native Voices