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Great Michigan Read Author Comes to CADL

Lansing, MI – Join the Capital Area District Library (CADL) this fall as we celebrate the Great Michigan Read! Along with our community partners, we are proud to present these special events which will conclude with a visit from this year’s Michigan Humanities Council selection for the Great Michigan Read, author Kevin Boyle.

His book *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, is a real-life account of a murder trial that resulted when an African American physician purchased a home in a white Detroit neighborhood in 1925.

CADL and its community partners are presenting several special events related to the themes of the book beginning with a Night of Jazz on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. The Michigan State University Jazz Ensemble will perform music from the 1920s era in the Mills Supplies Building on Michigan Avenue at the corner of Museum Drive. This event is co-sponsored by Traction.

Then, on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. attend *The Cartography of Race* in CADL Downtown Lansing’s auditorium, presented by Professor Matthew Daley, an expert on Detroit’s rapid urban growth from 1915 to 1945. Discover how white homeowners prevented African Americans from moving into their neighborhoods, creating maps that defined the patterns of segregation for decades.

The author, Boyle, will be front and center on Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School at 300 S. Capitol Avenue on the corner of W. Washtenaw. He will discuss his book and this period of Michigan history. Cooley is a co-sponsor for this program and will also provide copies of the author’s book for purchase and signing at the event.

The Great Michigan Read is a free, statewide humanities initiative inviting Michigan residents to read and participate in book discussions and events in their hometowns. The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Capital Area District Library operates 13 branches and a Bookmobile in Ingham County. For information about locations, services or events, visit cadl.org.

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