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You could win a great new book!

During the past three years, Fit Oshkosh has hosted Color-Brave Community Reads featuring four different books. Your response has been outstanding, and now we want to hear from you, whether you have attended a session or hope to attend.

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Please take five minutes to cast your vote for the next Book Read, which will start in January, and you could win a FREE copy of the upcoming title. Click the link at the right to start.

Thank you in advance.

Tracey shines in TEDxOshkosh spotlight

Tracey Robertson, director of Fit Oshkosh, was one of two speakers who received a standing ovation after a speech at the TEDxOshkosh event held at the Grand Opera House on Saturday, Nov. 4.



“She was wonderful,” said Michael Rust, the emcee and one of the three organizers of the show. “She was willing to address difficult questions that people dance around, but need to be said. We are pleased that through TEDxOshkosh’s concentration on ‘ideas worth spreading,’ we could provide a platform for Tracey’s ideas.”

Tracey was among 20 speakers during day long event, which was attended by 275 people.

Joe Wiedenmeier , retired IT director of the Oshkosh Catholic schools, believes that the audience really needed to hear Tracey’s message. “She had a wider than usual audience at TEDxOshkosh, and she let attendees know that she came from a place that might not be obvious to the general public. Some of her key points were statistics about people of color, who are not well-represented in positions in our city or county government offices.”

"I am a huge fan of TED Talks," Tracey said. "Being able to add 'TEDxOshkosh Speaker' to my list of professional accomplishments is something that I am incredibly proud of and I am grateful to have had this opportunity."

For those of us who missed the live performance, videos are in post-production. We will share the access link when it becomes available.

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Photo by Joanna D'Agostino

Holiday shopping? Here's a great idea!

The holidays are soon approaching. Some of us no longer exchange presents but opt to make contributions in honor of family and friends to our favorite non-profits. Please consider this idea when donating to Fit Oshkosh this year.

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If you wish to contribute the old-fashioned way, you may write a check to Fit Oshkosh, and mail it to 36 Broad Street, Suite 310 Oshkosh, WI 54901. Otherwise, press the Donate button and you are on your way.

Thank you.

Crawford named to Fit Oshkosh Board

We are pleased to welcome Shaniqua Crawford as the newest

member of the Fit Oshkosh Board of Directors.

After meeting Tracey and learning about Fit Oshkosh, Shaniqua joined the board. She believes that this is important work and is pleased that she can be of service and give back to the Oshkosh community.

“The work that Fit is doing is going to change the community,” she says. “I support the mission completely. Now is the time to do this work. It is necessary.”



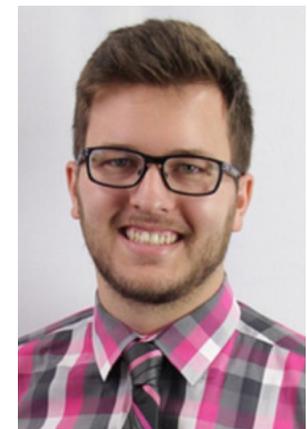
Shaniqua is a Deputy Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access at UW Oshkosh. Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs, including sexual violence and harassment. She conducts investigations into allegations of discrimination, sexual and other harassment and sexual assault on campus.

She is originally from Columbus, GA., and has a bachelor’s degree in history and philosophy from Georgia Southern University and a law degree from Ohio Northern University Petite College of Law in Ada, Ohio.

UWO intern returns as Outreach Coordinator

We have a new Outreach Coordinator, Mitchell Lahmann, who will be working with students, school administrators and teachers.

Last spring, Mitch completed his UWO internship at Fit Oshkosh working with other volunteers in the Color-Brave Lending Library. He identified teachers and principals in the public schools who were interested in bringing age-appropriate books featuring characters of color, related activities and guided conversations using the vast resources in our lending library.



Mitch is back. He has been hired to work under a three-year grant awarded to Fit Oshkosh by End Abuse Wisconsin, an organization that aims to stop domestic abuse through education. He will coordinate program logistics at Oshkosh high schools, middle schools and other locations.

Fit Oshkosh is involved in ending abuse because data shows that children of color are more likely to experience domestic abuse.

The program will use “Discovery Dating,” a 14-week healthy relationship curriculum that encourages young people to learn about themselves and others.

“I am very happy to be back working with Fit Oshkosh,” Lahmann said. “I know first-hand the work that we do plays a pivotal role in the community, and I am looking forward to continuing to help spread our message and vision throughout the Oshkosh community.”

He can be reached by email at fitosh.outreach@gmail.com and by phone at 920-267-8687.

Spotlight on a great new volunteer

If you are a volunteer for Fit Oshkosh events, you may have received an email from Amanda Heise. She is not only a new volunteer, she is our new Volunteer Coordinator.



Amanda has lived most of her life in Oshkosh and now attends UW Oshkosh, working toward a bachelor's degree. She and her husband love Oshkosh and have been looking for ways to invest in the community. She learned about Fit Oshkosh when friends posted on Facebook about the vigil held in Oshkosh's Opera House Square following the Charlottesville tragedy. When she learned about volunteer training she knew she wanted to join.

But as a housewife and writer she wasn't sure how she would, "fit into the Fit community." When meeting with Fit Oshkosh director Tracey Robertson, it seemed that the Volunteer Coordinator position would be the right match.

Her job is to let Fit volunteers know about upcoming events that need helpers and then remind volunteers to enter the hours they have worked. She also is doing graphic design work for Fit.

"I'm very excited to work with all of our volunteers and help Oshkosh to become a better community," Amanda said.

If you would like to volunteer for Fit Oshkosh events, please contact Amanda at the link below.

[Email Amanda](#)

Local TV turns its "Eye" on Fit Oshkosh

Eye on Oshkosh, a program of our local access TV and radio hosted by Cheryl Hentz, turned its attention on Fit Oshkosh last week.

In a recent hour-long segment, our very own Board President, Morgan Bailey, and our beloved librarian, Paula Steger, appeared on the show to talk about Fit Oshkosh and about the Color-Brave Lending Library.

"Both are typically shy people who fly-under-the-radar," says Tracey Robertson who knows them both pretty well. "I know this was a stretch for both Morgan and Paula to represent Fit Oshkosh in this way, but both did a fantastic job!"

You can see their television debut at the link provided:

[Eye on Oshkosh](#)

Due to upcoming holidays, the Fit Office and Color-

Brave Lending Library will be closed at various times. Please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

920-267-8687



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