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STAR: Students Together Assisting Refugees

AWARENESS

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Awareness is the key to understanding and making change. Going into the summer, here are some films and movies that help raise awareness of the Global Refugee Crisis. Next month on 6/20 is World Refugee Day. Stay up to date through awareness efforts.



"Awareness is the greatest agent for change" -Eckhart Tolle

"Refugee"- Alexander J. Farrell

This film is incredibly well-done. Focusing on a Syrian family that is separated by the European borders, this film will move you.

"Human Flow"- Ai Weiwei

Storytelling. One year in 23 countries. This film is beautifully made as it truly encompasses the current Global Refugee Crisis. It leaves the viewers wanting to act and create change. It's definitely one of our personal favorites.

"Simple As Water"- Megan Mylan This film follows and documents the journey of Syrian refugees across five different countries. Forced apart by war, these individuals help share the importance of love, compassion, and family.

"Sea Prayer"- Khaled Hosseini

This is one of our favorite books with beautiful illustrations. Inspired by the story of Alan Kurdi, this book highlights the urgency about the Global Refugee Crisis. The story in the form of a letter written from a father to a son and is truly moving.

"Refugee"- Alan Gratz

Another favorite with its emphasis on empathy and understanding. With three unique protagonists from different timelines, this book focuses on the commonality between the refugee experience. It truly is a story of strength and resilience.

"When Stars Are Scattered"-Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Based on the true story of Mohamed's childhood as a Somali refugee, this story focuses on Omar and his brother Hassan as they navigate life in a Kenyan refugee camp. It is thoroughly engaging with its graphic novel format.



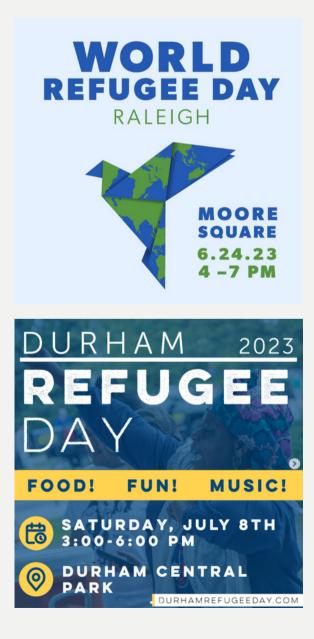
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WORLD REFUGEE DAY

"World Refugee Day, celebrated around the world every June 20, serves as a day to pay tribute to people who have been compelled to flee their homes. Those who leave their countries seeking safety are known as refugees or asylum-seekers" - VOA News

Since STAR is off for the summer during the month of June. Here are some celebrations for World Refugee Day for the local NC!



Happening on Saturday, June 24. World Refugee Day is a celebration for refugees and migrants, With performances, vendors, and food, this event is a great experience for those wanting to learn more about World Refugee Day!

Durham Refugee Day is an event with local music, food, and a great way to learn about the refugee community. Hear from vendors and local refugee organizations on Saturday, July 8.