

"Communities that are healthy are always recreating themselves. Communities that are healthy are always facing new trials. Because as you grow, new trials emerge. **These are all trials in the short run, but they can be triumphs in the long run.**" - Rich Harwood, President & Founder, The Harwood Institute

The Mood of America

The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation has recently concluded research for a new study entitled The Mood of America. This research and its findings will be informed by the community conversations hosted across the nation. These conversations were centered around the state of America and people's communities. Conversations explored these four main areas of focus:

- People's Concerns and Hopes
- Politics, Journalism, and Trust
- Response to Covid and Civic Memory/Muscle
- Shared Stories and Struggles

The Harwood Institute will publish the Mood of America report in early 2022. One important early finding indicates that a different virus—a civic virus—has infected us as a society, and is perhaps even more pervasive, contagious, and perilous to our nation's health.

Visit this [link](#) for a glimpse into the study's initial key findings authored by The Harwood Institute's own Colleen Bowman.

A Walk to Respect

Aspirations to Actions, an initiative of The Patterson Foundation is pleased to announce that [Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas: A Walk to Respect](#)



Community Discussion groups, will be returning in January of 2022. The Patterson Foundation will host panel discussions featuring the actors and playwright, who just so happens to be The Patterson Foundation's Beth Duda, throughout the spring along with guided discussion group offerings. We strongly encourage you to engage in this unique offering which combines history, theater, community conversations, and a chance to talk through difficult but meaningful topics.

- Panel Discussion #1 - January 25
With Beth Duda (Playwright), Cedric Hameed (Spoken Word Poet), and Actors Joel PE King and Michael Krebs
(screening to be watched independently prior to discussion)
- Discussion Group #1-Tuesday's
7:00-8:30 P.M from February 1-February 22
- Discussion Group #2-Thursday's
7:00-8:30 P.M from February 3-February 24
- Discussion Group #3-Friday's
9:00-10:30 A.M from February 4-February 25

For more information on A Walk to Respect offerings, please fill out this [form](#).

Suncoast Remake Learning Days

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is bringing Remake Learning Days to Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties April 29th - May 8th, 2022.



Suncoast Remake Learning Days is a 10-day festival of free hands-on learning events for children and families...think of it as the world's largest open house for hands-on learning. Suncoast Remake Learning Days Events will be organized by different [learning themes](#) such as: The Arts, Maker Spaces, Outdoor Learning, Science, Technology, and Youth Voice. In addition, there will be Professional Development opportunities for school, out-of-school, child care, and non-traditional educators. Suncoast Remake Learning Days will forge connections between businesses, arts organizations, museums, libraries, schools, colleges, universities, faith-based organizations, out of school organizations, and child care centers, highlighting the important role families and caregivers have in the process of learning and affirming that we are working together toward a greater good and greater outcomes for our children and families. SCGLR Engagement Team members are spreading the word and cultivating interest in organizations hosting an event, partnering with other organizations to plan an event, and/or being a community ambassador to help generate widespread participation.

Scan the QR code for more information.



Quote

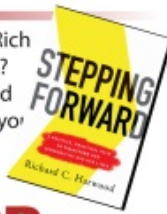
"As human beings, we often fear making choices. We fear tackling a challenge because we will have to engage with people who are different from ourselves, with whom we may feel uncomfortable or unfamiliar. When we choose to listen to others, we may hear things that are hurtful or painful to us or that are filled with the sorrow or rage of others. But here's what I know for sure: change happens only when we make intentional choices."



Rich Harwood

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Would you like to receive a copy of Rich Harwood's book **Stepping Forward**? Provide your mailing information and The Patterson Foundation will send you one! [Request your copy here.](#)



Have questions? Want to share info about a community event? Interested in more information on Aspirations to Actions? Contact Connor LaGrange at:

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