



“Comin’ to America”

Creating Community With Newcomers

Monday Evenings in April & May 2016 | 6:30PM - 7:30PM
Kent District Library - Kentwood Branch



The West Michigan Response to Refugees Monday, April 18th

Panel moderated by:

Susan Kragt

Executive Director
West Michigan Refugee Education and
Cultural Center (WMRECC)



Newcomers to Michigan Monday, April 25th

Bing Goei

Director
State of Michigan Office for New Americans



How Canada is Resettling Syrian Refugees Monday, May 2nd

Douglas George

Consul General
The Consulate General of Canada (Detroit)

How is Western Michigan (and Canada!) responding to newcomers, including refugees?

We provide the answers as our series...

- Creates an open dialogue on this controversial topic
- Discusses practical local responses to refugee resettlement
- Clears up language: What is the difference between an immigrant and refugee (or are we all simply human?)
- Gives facts on federal requirements to enter the country as a refugee. The series includes a short video by the Department of Homeland Security outlining the process that refugees follow when entering the country
- Presents the economic costs AND benefits of developing refugee and immigrant talent

And, as the final speaker in this series, we are honored to host our region’s highest ranking Canadian diplomat, Consul General Douglas George, who will tell us how Canada is settling over 25,000 Syrian refugees.

All are invited! Free to attend! No reservations needed! Free parking!

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