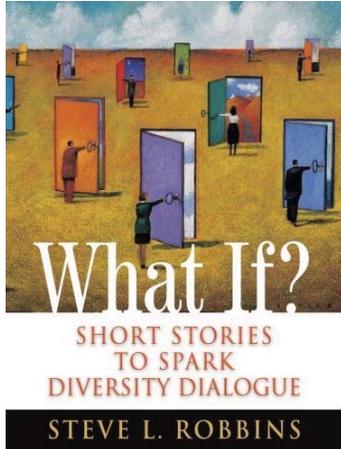


DURING THE MONTH OF JULY KENT COUNTY WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF AMERICA

All Kent County employees are invited to participate in this observance by attending the following program:



Cultural Awareness Book Club

The Cultural Awareness Book Club was developed earlier this year as a way to increase all employees' understanding of diversity and inclusion and for employees to gain knowledge through reading cultural diversity books. Book club meetings will encourage County employees to interact with one another in an environment that encourages open dialogue.

To launch our introductory book club meeting the Cultural Insight Council has selected:

Title: What If? SHORT STORIES TO SPARK DIVERSITY DIALOGUE
Author: Steve L. Robbins
Publisher: Davies-Black Publishing (June 25, 2008), 148 pages

In What If?, Robbins provides twenty-six inspiring, lively, and sometimes deeply personal stories illustrating diversity and inclusion concepts. Robbins has added tips and suggestions for putting these key lessons into action. Questions and an activity are also included at the end of each chapter to help readers further explore each topic. This is an easy, fun read filled with insightful observations about human behavior, featuring questions to stimulate diversity dialogue and activities that help individuals and groups practice new thinking and behaviors.

During the months of June and July, read What If? Come and be prepared to discuss your views with other participants. The Book Club Facilitator will be the author of the book, Steve L. Robbins.

When: Wednesday, July 30, 2008
Where: Kent/MSU Cooperative Extension
775 Ball Avenue, NE
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

What If? can be purchased for \$15.00 in the Kent County Human Resources Training Room on June 11 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and on June 18 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. What If? can also be purchased online at www.Amazon.com and at Schuler Books & Music (downtown location).

To register for this event please contact the Human Resources Department at 632-7440.

Who will benefit from this program?

- Any Kent County employee who would like to enhance his/her ability to acknowledge and respect the individual differences of others in our workplace.
- Any Kent County employee who would like to improve his/her knowledge of how different cultures function.
- Any department director, manager or supervisor who desires an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the cultural differences of his/her employees.
- Any Kent County employee who provides direct services to a diverse clientele and would like to improve his/her understanding of their clients' needs.

These initiatives are brought to you by the Kent County Cultural Insight Council.



Kent County
Where Diversity & Inclusion Matter