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The Shared Experience of Myths: Quincy College Students and PCCF Inmates meet to discuss mythology

November 14 Day of Myth event held at Plymouth Public Library to feature student and Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) inmate myths at Free, Open-to-Public event

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Plymouth, MA (11/6/2018) - Quincy College in coordination with Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and the Plymouth Public Library has developed a unique program to explore the themes and works of myth with a two-part event for the community, in particular students and inmates will come together to discuss the works.

18 Students enrolled in English 205: World Mythology during the Fall 2018 semester will have the opportunity to visit the Plymouth County Correction Facility (PCCF), under the supervision of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and Quincy College Instructor of English and Humanities Dr. Laurel Kornhisser's and Manomet Librarian, Margaret McGrath's guidance, to discuss Greco-Roman, Norse, and Native American mythology. Specifically looking at myths from Homer's The Iliad and trickster myths from Norse and Native American sources with the inmates at PCCF. As part of the program, Quincy College students will to spend ninety to one hundred and twenty minutes reading a select group of myths and discussing them on November 14, 2018 with fourteen inmates.

Students and PCCF inmates have the option to write a poem inspired by a myth or to write an original myth. Their original myth can explain an aspect of human experience, a feature of nature, or even

something like the source of knowledge to build skyscrapers or computers (was this like the Promethean theft of fire?). Professor Kornhiser explains: " As I told students, there are no limits to the imagination. Myths explain everything from why we have belly buttons to what happens when we die."

" The Day of Myth event is a wonderful opportunity for collaboration between Quincy College Plymouth, the Plymouth Public Library, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department to bring myths to a diverse audience of readers. Individual myths link us to the minds and times of others who have shared this world. They show us humans trying to understand themselves and their existence, their purpose, how we came to be, why we are the way we are. These are themes everyone can relate to. When we study mythology, we do so to understand ourselves and others, and we see in many of the myths common threads, common motifs, explained through the theories of scholars like Carl Jung and Joseph Campbell. We are also interested in tracing the divergences. What makes a culture or mindset unique, and what accounts for those divergences (particularities of the environment, experience, contact or lack of contact with other cultures)," states Quincy College's Instructor of English and Humanities, Dr. Laurel Kornhiser.

During the November 14th meeting between the students and the inmates, volunteers will read myths and then the group will discuss them. The day will culminate in an event held at the Plymouth Public Library. Original works from inmates and students will be read as part of an Open Mic event on November 14, 2018 starting at 6pm.

Reflecting on the value of the Day of Myth Program for inmates at Plymouth County Correctional Facility, Sheriff Joseph McDonald states: "I am very appreciative of our partnership with Quincy College and Plymouth Public Library. Their willingness to work with the men at the Correctional Facility enriches the opportunity for insightful discussions which is very helpful."

"The Plymouth Public Library uses this collaboration as inspiration for additional programming beyond the November 14th event at 3:30 p.m. We have included the movie, "Death on the Nile" an Agatha Christie classic set in Egypt, Mythology Trivia and Jeopardy for families, a Mythology Read-A-Thon the morning of November 14th between 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We also use the creative artistry of one of our Teens and incorporate her artwork in our Mythological November collaboration. Check us out at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org," states Jennifer Harris, Library Director, Plymouth Public Library.

For more information on this event, please visit:

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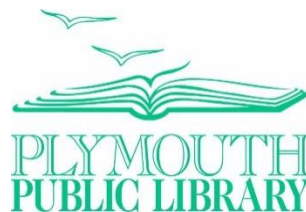
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College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 34 associate degree programs and 24 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, and Natural & Health Sciences. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu



About Plymouth County Sheriff's Office

The Plymouth County Correctional Facility (PCCF) is one of the largest correctional facilities under one roof in New England. The jail holds a diverse male inmate population, including county, state and federal prisoners. Some have been sentenced; others are awaiting trial. Opened in 1994, PCCF's design and operation reflects contemporary corrections management practices. PCCF is accredited by the American Correctional Association and in its most recent compliance audit the facility received a 100% score through county public safety efforts. The department also supports its K-9, Warrant Apprehension and Honor Guard. The Communications Department coordinates all fire mutual aid in the county, serves as the communications link between paramedics and hospitals, and provides communications services at the scene of major events. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation assists local police in collecting and analyzing evidence from crime scenes, and in photographing major traffic accident scenes. All public safety support services are provided at the request of local police and fire departments. The Civil Process Department, headquartered in Brockton, dispatches deputies to serve legal documents in civil cases. Fees paid by attorneys and plaintiffs for delivery of these documents fund the division's operation. Today, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department employs more than 500 professional people, making it one of the largest employers in Plymouth County.



About Plymouth Public Library

Serving the community since 1857, the mission of the Plymouth Public Library is to select, acquire, organize, preserve and make conveniently accessible services and a collection of materials, in various formats, held in common by the people of Plymouth for their education, cultural, recreational and informational needs and interests. The library is among the 29 member libraries belonging to the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN), which circulated almost 6 million titles last year alone. Intralibrary delivery brings these items to your local library. An integral part of municipal government, the library supports lifelong learning and the reading enjoyment of the community. For more information, visit: <http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org/about-us/>.