Local Conversations:  
NEW AMERICANS + U.S.

The U.S. is home to nearly 34 million lawful immigrants and another 11 million people who are undocumented, according to data from Pew Research Center. Putting political and policy discussions aside, it is time that Utahns talk about how we welcome people to the neighborhood.

Presented by The University of Utah Center for Research on Migration & Refugee Integration, in partnership with The City Library-Marmalade Branch and 90.9fm KRCL, this new conversation series will further community discussions about topics linked to immigration. We will explore the journeys of individual refugees through film, consider the impact of DACA on students in Utah, and discuss the upcoming U.S. Census and Utah’s part in providing household information.

Driven by requests from community members, the following events offer the opportunity to meet and understand the needs of new Americans among us, as well as their contributions.

“Human Rights in Myanmar & the Rohingya Refugee Crisis”
Wednesday, August 29, 2018  I  7:00 – 8:30 pm
Marmalade Library, 280 West 500 North, Salt Lake City
This forum will focus on the Rohingya refugee crisis and the broader human rights context across Myanmar and its neighboring Asian nations. The forum will feature a brief film screening, followed by a panel discussion with local and international experts on the origins and consequences of events that the United Nations has referred to as “textbook ethnic cleansing,” and that have led to mass violence and the flight of over 400,000 Rohingyas to refugee camps in Bangladesh. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Utah Asia Center.

“Why is My Information Needed for the U.S. Census?”
Wednesday, September 26, 2018  I  7:00 – 8:00 pm
Marmalade Library, 280 West 500 North, Salt Lake City
Moderator: Lara Jones/90.9fm KRCL

January 30, 2019  I  7:00 – 8:00 pm
Marmalade Library, 280 West 500 North, Salt Lake City
The goal of this conversation is to ensure that communities in Utah have an understanding about the legal impact and ramifications on individuals and families with immigrant or refugee backgrounds. More information about this event is forthcoming.

These events are free and open to the public.