

Meet the residents of West Ridge through the stories they've written.

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As 2019 draws to a close, we approach the final show of our 2019 Season!

This week, learn about West Ridge Story Festival and consider joining us December 14–17.



## West Ridge Story Festival December 14–17, 2019

A Collection of Staged Readings  
Written by Members of the West Ridge  
Community



"West Ridge is more than just a neighborhood on Chicago's far north side. In a city known for its distinct neighborhoods, it is a work-in-

preservation, and what some might call, integration interrupted. We like to think of West Ridge as both an American experiment and an exciting reboot of the American dream. Depending on whom you ask, and how you frame the question, West Ridge is a destination, a refuge, a way station, a launching pad, a window, a bridge, a laboratory, a microcosm, a metaphor, a history, and a home. Undoubtedly a place where people have interesting stories to tell."

-Jamil Khoury & Malik Gillani

Over the summer and throughout the fall, Silk Road Rising has been working with students of all ages at Mather High School, Boone Elementary School, Indian Boundary Park, and Warren Park. At Mather, high school students participated in EPIC (Empathic Playwrighting Intensive Course) through a partnership with After School Matters. Boone was host to two Silk Road Rising teaching artists who taught EPIC to the entire 7th grade. Indian Boundary Park and Warren Park hosted multi-generational students who opted in to participate in this community building version of EPIC.

This showcase is the opportunity for Silk Road Rising to highlight some of the creative, brilliant, and savvy students we had the pleasure of working with this summer and fall.

We invite you to visit West Ridge and hear the stories of this diverse community, which are both distinct and reflective of multicultural and multireligious neighborhoods across the US.

[Buy Tickets](#)

## Four Performances across Three Venues

Our festival begins with a free preview performance at the **Northtown Branch, Chicago Public Library** on **Saturday, December 14 at 3:00pm**.



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Northtown Branch, Chicago Public Library  
6800 N Western Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645

Saturday, December 14 at 3:00pm

[FREE - Reserve Tickets](#)

Our festival then moves to **Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center** on **Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm** and **Monday, December 16 at 7:30pm**.



Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center  
2500 W Lunt Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm  
Monday, December 16 at 7:30pm

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Our festival closes at **Music House, School of Performing Arts** on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm**.



Music House, School of Performing Arts  
2925 W Devon Ave  
Chicago, IL 60659

Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Join us at any of three neighborhood events for a screening of *Obstacle Course*, a new video play written by Jamil Khoury, Founding Artistic Director of Silk Road Rising. Set in Naperville, Illinois, this 45-minute video play, adapted from Khoury's stage play *Mosque Alert*, explores reaction to a proposed Islamic community Center on the site of a beloved landmark.

Sunday, November 17 at 2:00pm

Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center  
2500 W Lunt Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645



Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm

Northtown Library  
6800 N Western Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645

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Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00pm

High Ridge YMCA  
2525 W Touhy Ave  
Chicago, IL 60645



Free to attend! Questions? Contact Michael Mead, Community Engagement Coordinator, at 312-857-1234 x 207 or email [michael@silkroadrising.org](mailto:michael@silkroadrising.org)

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