



Pima County Public Library

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Meet the director of this immigration documentary

Now Showing at Your Library: Welcome to Shelbyville

As part of Pima County Public Library's "Now Showing at Your Library" program, five library branch locations will screen the compelling documentary on contemporary immigration, "*Welcome to Shelbyville*".

The documentary is "a glimpse of America at a crossroads. In this one small town in the heart of America's Bible Belt, a community grapples with rapidly changing demographics . . . longtime African American and white residents are challenged with how best to integrate with a growing Latino population and the more recent arrival of hundreds of Muslim Somali refugees," according to information from Independent Television Service, or ITVS.

" . . . the film captures the interaction between these residents as they navigate new waters against the backdrop of a tumultuous year," ITVS continues. "The economy is in crisis, factories are closing, and jobs are hard to find. The local Tyson chicken plant is hiring hundreds of new Somali refugees, and when a local reporter initiates a series of articles about the newcomers, a flurry of controversy and debate erupts within the town."

Pima County Public Library hosts its "Now Showing" program in partnership with KUAZ-TV, Tucson's local PBS affiliate that will broadcast the film on May 24.

Producer/Director Kim A. Snyder will be present for a Question and Answer session following the film at two library screenings. David Lubell, executive director of Welcoming America, a national collaborative working to encourage mutual respect and cooperation between foreign-born and U.S.-born Americans, also will attend one screening with Snyder.

Here is the viewing schedule for *Welcome to Shelbyville* at Pima County Public Library:

Monday, May 9

Producer/Director Kim A. Snyder will be present for a Q and A session following the film.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Himmel Park Branch Library

1035 N. Treat Ave.

Wednesday, May 11

Director Kim A. Snyder and David Lubell will be present for a Q and A session following the film.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave.

Wednesday, May 18

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Geasa-Marana Branch Library
13370 N. Lon Adams Road

Saturday, May 21

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Miller-Golf Links Branch Library
9640 E. Golf Links Road

Saturday June 18

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave.

This showing will kick off a Refugee Fest taking place in the Jacome Plaza the same day.

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