

— Reconciliation Report —

News and Updates



Your Books Have Shipped!

On September 6th, your 10,000 books and 5,000 pairs of reading glasses left Minnesota for Mosul! Our shipment will travel first to New York, where it will join a humanitarian shipment from the Critical Needs Support Foundation (CNSF) for Iraq.

We will keep our community updated about our shipment's progress, and stay tuned for a thank-you celebration event later this fall. We are grateful to our entire community here in Minnesota and across the U.S. for their contributions towards shipping, books, and volunteer hours! We are also delighted to announce that thanks to an anonymous donor on August 28, we reached our \$15,000 fundraising goal, which ensured that our books were able to leave as scheduled!



Iraqi Community Members Meet Mayor Jacob Frey

On August 22, members of the Iraqi community and IARP staff were delighted to meet the Mayor of Minneapolis, Mayor Jacob Frey. Our Iraqi community members gave the Mayor an update on the recent protests throughout Iraq, including Minneapolis's sister city of Najaf, Iraq, and discussed the diversity and challenges of the Iraqi community in Minnesota. We appreciated the Mayor's interest in the work of IARP and his wish to build a strong relationship with the Iraqi community in Minnesota.

Thank you to our Iraqi friends for speaking on behalf of their community in Minnesota and Iraq!



IARP Fall Internships Open for Applications

Do you know, or are you a current college or university student interested in learning more about the nonprofit sector? Please consider applying for our **Development and Communications Internship** or **Programs Internship** this fall! The Development and Communications Intern will be given significant responsibility and opportunity to build IARP's fundraising and communications strategies. Our Programs Intern will gain valuable experience in program design and management.

You can find more information and an application on our website [here](#).

Upcoming Events



"Forced From Home" Exhibit in Minneapolis This Week

This week, Doctors Without Borders has brought an exciting and important traveling exhibit to The Commons Park in Minneapolis. The exhibit, "Forced from Home," is an outdoor, traveling, free and interactive exhibition on the global refugee crisis and runs until September 16.

It is a particularly relevant exhibition in these times and we encourage the IARP community to attend this eye-opening exhibit! You can find out more information at the event website [here](#) or on the Facebook event page [here](#).



"Welcoming Week" at the Carry On Homes Pavilion September 21

IARP will be participating in an upcoming City of Minneapolis event for "Welcoming Week" with a number of local organizations and community members at the Carry On Homes Pavilion at the Commons Park on September 21. The event will run from 3:30 - 7:00 pm and feature speakers, cultural performances, and information tables.

The goal for this event is to show that the city strongly supports our immigrant communities, to help create a meaningful opportunity for people to meet and learn about one another, and to provide information. Read more at the Welcoming Week Facebook event [here](#).

We hope to see you there!



Mizna's 13th Twin Cities Arab Film Festival

Our friends at Mizna proudly present the 13th Twin Cities Arab Film Festival, September 27 to September 30—a chance to see thoughtfully curated contemporary films from local, national, and international Arab and Arab American filmmakers.

WHEN: Thursday, September 27 to Sunday, September 30, 2018

WHERE: Film Society's Screen 3 at St. Anthony Main Theatre | 115 SE Main St, Minneapolis, MN 55414

FULL SCHEDULE: <http://mizna.org/articles/events/201.shtml>

TICKETS: Passes, 6-packs, and 3-packs are now available

<https://mspfilm.org/mizna-twin-cities-arab-film-festival-2018/>

Stay tuned for individual tickets!



IARP Sponsors Iraqi-Kurdish Documentary "Separation"

For this year's Arab Film Fest, IARP is sponsoring the Minnesota premier of the Iraqi-Kurdish documentary "Separation." After fleeing besieged Shingal in Iraq, thousands of Yazidi Kurds found themselves trapped at the top of Shingal Mountain without food or water. Faced with no other choice, three men leave the group to seek sustenance for their families, unaware that safe passage to Kurdistan is possible. As the men search for food, water, and refuge, the film focuses on their wives and children—those who are left behind to anxiously wait in a refugee camp for their families to return.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh4oYy3lR1c>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/havibon/>

"Separation" will be screened on **Friday, September 28, at 3:30 pm** at St. Anthony Main Theatre.



Iraqi Voices Film Screening and Discussion with the Minnesota International NGO Network

IARP and the Minnesota International NGO Network (MINN) would like to invite you to an event featuring Iraqi Voices short documentary films and filmmakers on **Thursday, October 25th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at IARP.**

The short documentary films are written and directed by Iraqi-Minnesotan refugees and immigrants through the Iraqi Voices program, an art lab that provides opportunities and skills to share stories through art. The goal of the documentaries are to break negative stereotypes, build a foundation of mutual understanding and respect and to create an open dialogue that leads to rebuilding relationships and Iraq.

IARP is located at 2021 East Hennepin Avenue Suite #200, Minneapolis MN. The screening will be held in the lower level conference room.

Come along for incredible documentaries, tea, and an engaging discussion with filmmakers to follow! You can buy tickets or RSVP [here](#).



Next Critical Creative Bimonthly Meet-up October 11

The next “Critical Creative Meet-up”, a series co-hosted by IARP, will be held on **October 11 at 7 pm** on the topic “Equity in Our Communities”. Critical Creative is calling all Arab American, Muslim, East African, West African, West Asian and other creatives looking to connect with peers. These informal meetups are for people interested in gathering to build community and supporting one another during this challenging political time. Though not exclusive, this is a space for folks from the local Arab, East African, West Africa and Muslim communities and the larger West Asian and Middle East, North Africa (MENA) regions to connect with others and build cross-collaborations. This is a place to get to know the organizations and resources that exist in our community. All are welcome.

For more information and event location, please contact jessy@reconciliationproject.org

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