



Human Book Interview

Volunteer's name: _____

E-mail address or telephone number: _____

Branch(es) (skip if not applicable): _____

Interviewer: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Hello, I want to start off by thanking you for your interest in [your library's name] Library's Human Library pilot program. As you know, this program provides an exciting opportunity for the public to connect one-on-one with individuals who share their unique set of life experiences, stories, and knowledge with them. Through positive, personal dialogue, the library's goals are to encourage new ideas and ways of thinking, to celebrate differences and to promote community building.

As a Human Book you will be sharing your personal experiences with strangers and it is important to display respect for other people's opinions. Individual Readers will be able to borrow you to hear / talk about your experiences during a scheduled [enter length here] session at the library. While we try to schedule Books ahead of the event, we will also accept walk-in appointments. You will be entitled to breaks.

Today, I will ask you several questions, so I can get to know you better. We are interviewing quite a number of potential participants and I will follow up with you shortly after this interview regarding your potential participation in our program. Please feel free to stop me for clarification at any time.

Interviewer: Please circle the best answer and complete the questions below.

1. The event takes place on (date/time)_____. Can you commit to this date?

Yes No

Can you commit to these times?

Yes No Half-day (what time frame?)

2. There is also an orientation session on _____. The orientation session provides you with advice on preparing to be a Book and answering questions that you may be asked. Can you attend this session?

Yes No



3. We're asking our Human Books to participate on a voluntary and unpaid basis. Are you able to do so?

Yes No

4. What interests you about the Human Library program and what do you hope to get out of your participation?

5. What is your story? What do you wish to tell?. Perhaps, thinking of yourself as a Book would help. What would the book jacket say?

6. Please describe an experience and setting where you have spoken and/or been interviewed about your story.



7. The goal of the Human Library is to promote values of tolerance and understanding. Please describe an interview and/or conversation where you were made uncomfortable and/or where your ideas were challenged. How did you respond to this situation?

8. Are you ready and able to talk about your experiences and emotions? Do you have a support group in place should you need to discuss your experience as a Book?

9. Are you comfortable telling your story to people of all ages?

Yes No Exceptions _____

10. Are you agreeable with talking to more than one person if a special request is made?

Yes No

11. Are you willing to speak to the media about your story and to sign a release form?

Yes No

12. Based on your answers above, please give yourself a "title." You will have a chance to review this title at orientation and to write your book jacket "summary".

Title _____

Did you have any questions or comments?

Thank you again for taking the time to speak with me and for your interest in the Human Library program. I will follow up with you in a few days about your possible participation in our program.