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Community-Wide Muslim Journeys Book Discussion Series Continues at Oak Park Public Library with *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel

Oak Park, IL – Dr. Samina Hadi-Tabassum, associate professor at Dominican University, leads a discussion of Eboo Patel’s award-winning autobiography, *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm, at Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake St. This is the second in the community-wide *Let’s Talk About It: Muslim Journeys* series, exploring Muslim culture through scholar-led reading and discussion.

Let’s Talk About It is a collaborative series hosted by Oak Park Public Library, River Forest Public Library, and Dominican University’s Rebecca Crown Library, funded through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA). Continuing through March 2014, *Let’s Talk About It* discussions are designed to provide area residents with a comprehensive introduction to Islamic art, culture and history. All books being discussed are selected from the *Bridging Cultures* Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys, available for check-out at the participating libraries.

Acts of Faith author Eboo Patel is the former Lund-Gill Chair at Dominican University and founder of Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based international nonprofit building the interfaith youth movement. A regular contributor to *The Washington Post*, National Public Radio, and CNN, Patel was appointed by President Obama to the Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The book recounts his personal struggle with forging and cherishing his Muslim identity and faith, as an American.

About Oak Park Public Library

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