



Popular in late 19th and early 20th century America—and now nearly forgotten—the CHAUTAUQUA (*Shaw-taw-kwa*) was a series of community programs featuring noted speakers. Often held under tents, it brought civic-minded dialogue to rural towns. The name is from the Iroquois and refers to the *Finger Lake Region* in upstate New York where the movement began. Please join us as we revive this tradition through a series of fascinating presentations on topics related to Human Rights.

4 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30-7:30 PM ON THE HENRY CARTER HULL LIBRARY LAWN

SPEAKERS! MUSICIANS! STORYTELLERS! POETS! REFRESHMENTS!

We have invited a diverse group of community leaders involved in issues related to Human Rights to share insights into their work. Each program will offer refreshments and a unique mix of music, poetry, storytelling and lively talk!



JULY 13, 2022
Serving and Protecting The Citizens of Clinton

Vincent DeMaio, *Clinton Chief of Police*
 Dedicated to providing superior police services, preventing crime and preserving the peace for all citizens and visitors, Chief Vincent DeMaio of The Clinton Police Department, will join us to tell you about his team of trained officers who work and serve in partnership with our community to promote safety, security and mutual respect.

MUSICAL GUEST: Ukulele Master Jim Beloff



JULY 20, 2022
Food Poverty in Our Town
Lynn Hidek

Vice President, Families Helping Families
 Families Helping Families envisions a Clinton where “every family has

a warm home, healthy meals, and children the tools to succeed...” Lynn Hidek will be here with Beth Critchley from the *Food for All Garden* along with other volunteers to speak about the work of these tremendous organizations and of the very real issue of food poverty.

MUSICAL GUEST: Master Guitarist Robert Messoro



JULY 27, 2022
Welcoming Refugees to Our Community

Chris George, *Director of IRIS*
 We are pleased to bring Chris George, Executive Director of Integrated

Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS), for a discussion of the ways our town and organizations are playing a role in refugee resettlement. Learn about how IRIS is helping refugee families integrate into their new communities and how you might help.

MUSICAL GUEST: Banjo & Guitar Master Paul Neri



AUGUST 3, 2022
Trans Awareness 101
Jillian Celentano, MSW (she/her)

Author and Transgender Community Advocate
 Jillian is a therapist, educator and mentor for transgender children and

young adults. Her book *Transitioning Later in Life: A Personal Guide* was informed by her transition at age 55. With a Bachelor’s in psychology and Master’s in social work she co-authored two transgender studies at Yale and volunteers with the Yale Gender Program.

MUSICAL GUEST: Singer-songwriter Alison Farrell

Poetry & Stories presented by Clinton Poet Laureate Cathy Weiss

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Learn more about our first annual CHAUTAUQUA at hchlibrary.org

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, your friends & family, and relax on the lawn by our Gazebo!