

THE ERACISM

FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES

Designed to heighten awareness and create a better understanding of the issues facing people of color or of minority ethnic backgrounds

An American Denial **Old Town Library** **Sunday, October 4 – 5:00pm**

*with Elizabeth Sink, Adjunct Instructor
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Colorado State University*



In the wake of recent events that have sparked a national dialogue on race dynamics, ***American Denial*** explores the impact of unconscious biases around race and class, using Gunnar Myrdal's investigation of Jim Crow racism. Swedish researcher and Nobel Laureate Gunnar Myrdal whose study, *An American Dilemma* (1944), provided a provocative inquiry into the dissonance between stated beliefs and what is perpetuated and allowed in the name of those beliefs. His inquiry into the United States' racial psyche becomes a lens for modern inquiry into how denial, cognitive dissonance, and unrecognized, unconscious attitudes continue to dominate racial dynamics in American life.

Central Park Five **Old Town Library** **Sunday, October 11 – 3:00pm**

*with Suzanne Kent, PhD, Instructor
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The Central Park Five, a film from award-winning filmmaker Ken Burns, tells the story of the five black and Latino teenagers from Harlem who were wrongly convicted of raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park in 1989. The film chronicles The Central Park Jogger case, for the first time from the perspective of these five teenagers whose lives were upended by this miscarriage of justice.

Poudre River Public Library District **Old Town Library**

201 Peterson Street, Fort Collins, CO

Admission is Free ~ Seating is Limited



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