

# The Main Event Speaker Series

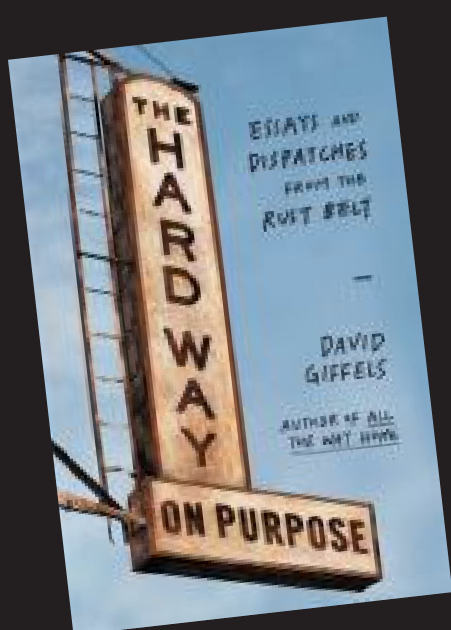
Free and open  
to the public

An author series featuring prominent voices from the worlds of literature, the arts, politics and journalism

## David Giffels

Thursday, March 20, 7 pm  
Main Library Auditorium

David Giffels is the author of the new book *The Hard Way on Purpose: Essays and Dispatches from the Rust Belt*, a collection of linked essays about the quirky, hard-bitten cultural landscape of the Rust Belt, the people who live there – and Akron in particular.



Rob Sheffield of *Rolling Stone* magazine calls *The Hard Way* “an amazing book which will resonate with anyone who’s ever loved a hometown, wherever it might be.” And Pat Carney of The Black Keys adds “It is a great story, an authentic one about the way people protect the places they love.”

David Giffels is also the author of *All the Way Home: Building a Family in a Falling-Down House*, which the *New York Times* called “sweet and funny.” Currently an assistant professor of English at the University of Akron, Giffels was a longtime columnist for the *Akron Beacon Journal*, and has written for *The New York Times Magazine*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Grantland*, *Parade*, and many other publications.

**A question and answer session follows the presentation. Books will be available for purchase.**

Presented by the Akron-Summit County Public Library and Friends of Main Library.

**Auditorium doors open at 6:30 pm.**

Parking in the High/Market Street deck is free for those arriving after 6 pm.

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