

# The Main Event

## Speaker Series

**Autumn 2018 Main Library Auditorium**

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

### A Sunday Afternoon with Alexander McCall Smith – Acclaimed and Bestselling Scottish Author

**Sunday, November 11, 2 pm**

One of the most popular and prolific authors of our time, Alexander McCall Smith has written or contributed to more than 100 books, including mysteries, children's books, short story collections, and academic articles. Most well-known for his *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series of mysteries, his many other novels include the *Sunday Philosophy Club* series, *44 Scotland Street*, *Corduroy Mansions*, and *Chance Development*. His children's books include the *School Ship Tobermory* series and the *Harriet Bean* series, among many others. McCall Smith was born in what is now Zimbabwe, became a law professor in Scotland, and returned to Africa to work in Botswana, where he helped to set up the University of Botswana Law School. He has also served as vice-chairman of the Human Genetics Commission of the UK, and is Professor Emeritus at the University of Edinburgh. Alexander McCall Smith currently lives in Edinburgh with his wife Elizabeth.

*The Colors of All the Cattle* - His brand new novel, the 19th in the *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* series, will be available for sale at the event. As part of the program, there will be a Q&A, and a book signing.



Alexander McCall Smith,  
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### Fortunato Film School Presents IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

**Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 pm**

Just in time for the Holidays, Arizona State University film professor (and Akron native) Joe Fortunato premieres his "Fortunato Film School" series at Akron Main Library with a fun analysis of this timeless classic featuring James Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore. If you think you "know" this popular film, you need to see it with Joe's informed and often humorous commentary! Featuring a short introduction, and a post-screening

discussion, Joe Fortunato gives insight into the filmmaking process and shows how to "read" a film creatively. We are happy to bring Fortunato Film School to the Akron Main Library – it will be a regular series in 2019. Join us and hear "every time a bell rings!"

Presented by the Akron-Summit County Public Library and Friends of Main Library. Friends members receive preferred seating.

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