

Diverse Perspectives

Do you know this American?



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Paul Murray was an African-American activist, lawyer, writer and Episcopal priest. She was instrumental in bridging civil rights with women's rights. Murray co-founded the National Organization of Women as well as the Congress of Racial Equality. She fought to have gender included in the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. Murray was also passionate about fighting for LGBT rights.

The library has books by and about Paul Murray, and you can see what is in our collection by clicking here.

Shirley Chisholm became the first African American woman to serve in the United States Congress in 1968. She fought for causes like women's rights, civil rights and the end to poverty. Chisholm was known for hiring only women on her staff which was unheard of in 1968. She served for 14 years. In 1972 she campaigned for President of the United States. After her career in Congress she helped form the National Political Congress of Black Women.

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"Judy Blume, in the Unlikely Event"
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Judy Blume is a bestselling author of more than 30 children's, young adult and adult books. Her books have sold over 82 million copies and have been translated into 32 different languages. She has written about topics that many people have considered to be taboo which has made her a target of censors. Blume has become an anti-censorship activist due to her books being targeted. Blume has won more than 90 awards including the Library of Congress Living Legends Award.

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Sandra Cisneros is a bestselling Mexican American author and the first Hispanic American to receive a major publishing contract. Her first novel, *The House on Mango Street* has sold over six million copies, translated in over 20 languages and is required reading in many high schools and colleges. Cisneros is the recipient of NEA fellowships in poetry and in fiction, a MacArthur fellowship and numerous national and international book awards.

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