

**ILDC JUNE
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2016
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

#ILDCMultiracial

When There's No Box to Check: Multiracial Individuals and Falling in the Racial Cracks

12:00 Networking Lunch
12:30 Presentation
1:30 Closing

In this 40-minute talk, Crystal recounts what it's like to be mixed-race in a monoracial world and how people can be allies to mixed-race people. She also illustrates other countries' confusion with mixed-race identity through the reception of her internationally-renowned book, *Bird*, which features a mixed-race protagonist.

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Crystal Chan

Crystal Chan grew up as a mixed-race kid in the middle of the Wisconsin cornfields and has been trying to find her place in the world ever since. Over time, she found that her heart lies in public speaking, performing, and ultimately, writing. She has given talks and workshops across the country; facilitated discussion groups at national conferences; is a professional storyteller for children and adults alike; and is a regular contributor to Wisconsin Public Radio.

In Chicago, where Crystal now lives, you will find her biking along the city streets and talking to her pet turtle. Her debut middle-grade novel, *Bird*, is published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers in the U.S. and has been published in 10 countries around the world. For the *Bird* audiobook, Amandla Stenberg is the narrator; Ms. Stenberg played Rue in *The Hunger Games*.



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2016 DiversityFIRST Awards Luncheon
August 18, 2016

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June 6 | The Beginning of Ramadan

June 15 | Native American Citizenship Day

June 19 | Juneteenth, National Freedom Day of 1865

June 26 | USA LGBT Pride Day



The Chicago Pride Festival takes place along North Halsted Street, in the heart of Boystown. photo by Andrew Collins