

- John Dewey once stated, “We do not learn from experience; we learn from reflecting on experience”. To build upon this concept, the Office of Neighborhood Partnerships is making a conscious effort to incorporate reading reflections to complement the **Fugate** and **Community Partner Scholars'** service experience.

Scholars are reading **Unnoticed Neighbors: A Pilgrimage into the Social Justice History** by Erina Ludwig, which is a featured piece on the **IUPUI Common Theme** book list. The book touches on several social justice issues and includes anecdotes from real people.

Ms. Ludwig, a resident of Indianapolis, makes references to local experiences several times throughout the book, which increases its relevancy to students. During monthly trainings, scholars discuss a chapter and relate it to the service at their current community sites. In addition to the readings and discussion, ONP hosted Ms. Ludwig for a “Meet the Author” event, during which students had the opportunity to meet her and ask questions about the book and her journey to publish it. ONP hopes to continue this reflective practice as an integral part of the service scholarship experience.

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