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How critical librarianship and pedagogy principles counter neutral narratives and benefit the profession.

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“The identification of whiteness and its structuralizing principles is necessary in order to combat its invisibility and normative effects. Hence, the theoretical investigation into histories of whiteness is a crucial intervention within the LIS field.”

- Todd Honma



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Resources (at Decker Library and elsewhere) for investigating the history of Baltimore, Baltimore '68 riots, and the Baltimore Uprising of 2015.

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Mural by artist Nether. Image by the artist and from Street Art NYC.

libguides.mica.edu/civiconrest

The purpose of this guide is for students, faculty, and interested parties to use the resources found here to investigate and understand civic unrest in Baltimore from 1968 through present day through library materials available at Decker Library, as well as resources available elsewhere.

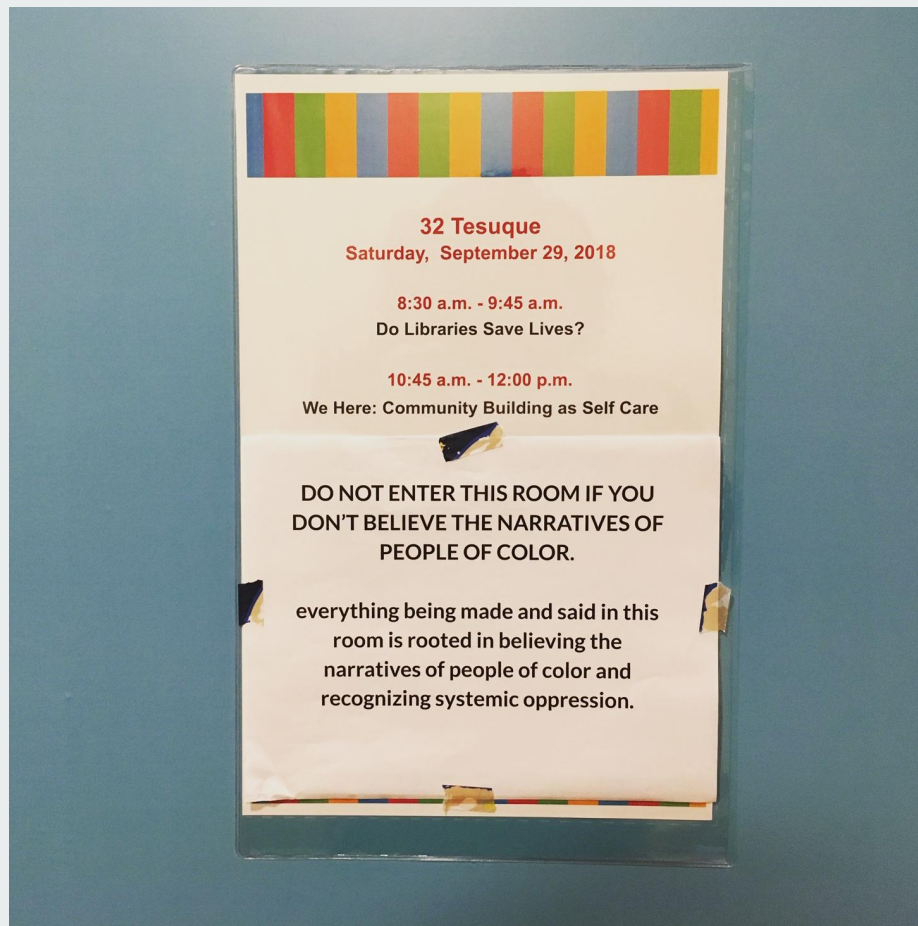
About the History of Civic Unrest in Baltimore

Civil Rights protests took place in Baltimore, Citywell before the battles began and lasted all day of the night during the 1960s. The city

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This sign seems hostile. Have we given up on trying to educate and communicate? That said, Please know I'm trying to educate myself about intersectionality and I hope not to receive hate for this comment. I'm very well aware that I am not a POC.

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a). have you ever been in a situation where you felt you could have benefited from self-reflection before making an assumption?

b). have you ever witnessed a call for de-centering whiteness to be read as hostile?

Special shout out to **Marisa Méndez-Brady** for helping me develop these questions.

“To surmount the situation of oppression, people must first critically recognize its causes, so that through transforming action they can create a new situation, one which makes possible the pursuit of a fuller humanity.”

- Paulo Freire



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