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Bestselling Author Scott Ellsworth Joins Troy Public Library for March Program
Ellsworth to Share History and Facts of 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre

TROY, MICHIGAN: The Troy Public Library will host author Scott Ellsworth at the Troy Community Center on March 16 from 7–8:30 pm to discuss his *New York Times* bestselling book *The Ground Breaking: An American City and Its Search for Justice*, which covers the long-suppressed story of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.

Over the course of less than twenty-four hours in the spring of 1921, more than 1,000 Tulsa homes and business, restaurants and movie theaters, churches and doctor's offices, a hospital, a public library, and a post office were wiped off the map and erased from the history books.

Join Scott as he reveals how the Massacre was finally brought to light by a courageous group of survivors who fought to keep the story alive.

"This is such an important story to tell," says Adult Services Librarian Cassandra Suh. "Before I booked Scott to speak at TPL I had no idea about this part of our country's history, and I was shocked and horrified that it was covered up and ignored for so long. It's important to learn from the past, and I am thrilled to be bringing this speaker to our community."

Scott has been Longlisted for the 2021 National Book Award and 2022 Carnegie Medal for Nonfiction.

The program will be hosted at the Troy Community Center, located at 3179 Livernois Road, in order to accommodate a large audience and allow for social distancing.

Register for the program at troypl.org/calendar or by calling 248.524.3534. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Troy Public Library.

Troy Public Library is located at 510 W. Big Beaver Rd., just northeast of City Hall.
Visit troypl.org or call 248.524.3538 for library information.

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