

GREAT IMMIGRANTS ★ GREAT AMERICANS

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WHEN YOU'RE A LIBRARIAN, A LOT OF YOUR JOB IS ANSWERING QUESTIONS.



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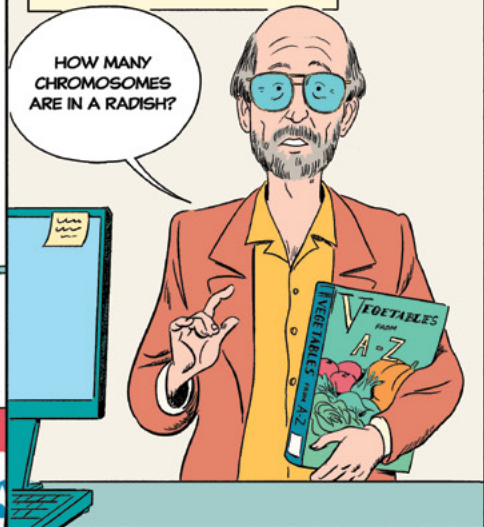
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MAYBE A CONVERSATION STARTS WITH A SIMPLE REFERENCE QUESTION.



WHERE ARE YOUR BOOKS ON THE STOCK MARKET?

OR ONE THAT'S NOT SO SIMPLE.



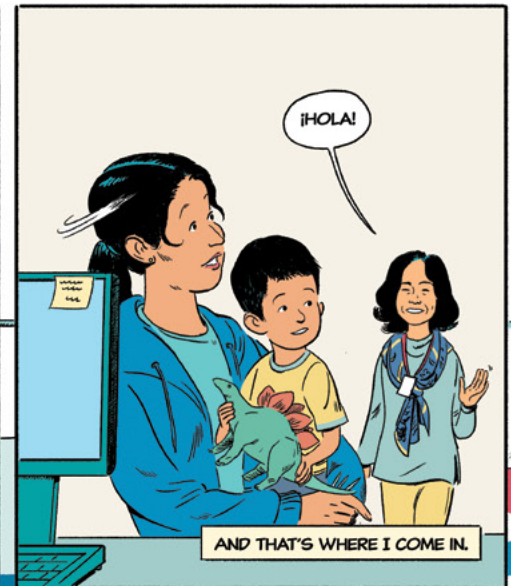
HOW MANY CHROMOSOMES ARE IN A RADISH?

BUT SOONER OR LATER, THE CONVERSATION TURNS PERSONAL, AND YOU START LOOKING FOR WAYS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS TOGETHER.



¿CÓMO REGISTRO A MI HIJO EN LA ESCUELA?

¡HOLA!



AND THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.

The American Place

I STARTED THE AMERICAN PLACE AT THE HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN 2000, AFTER MANY YEARS OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS AS A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN.

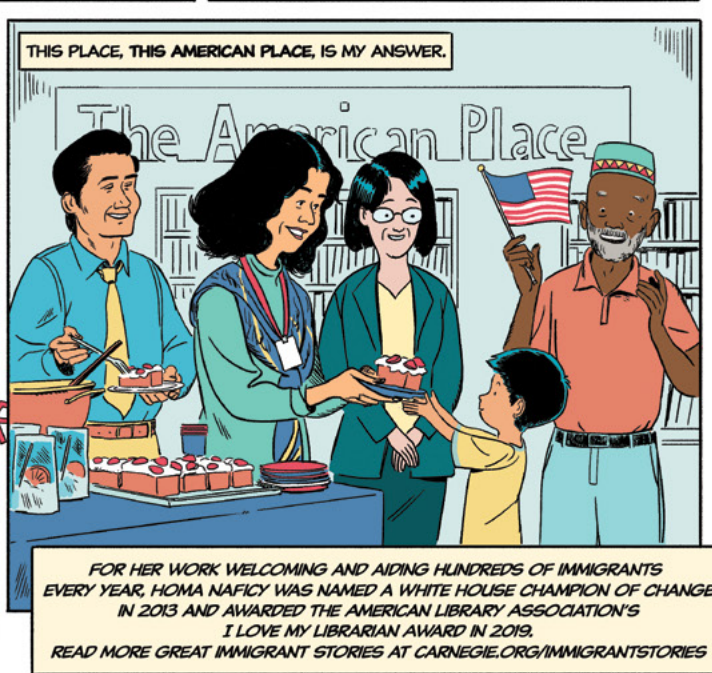
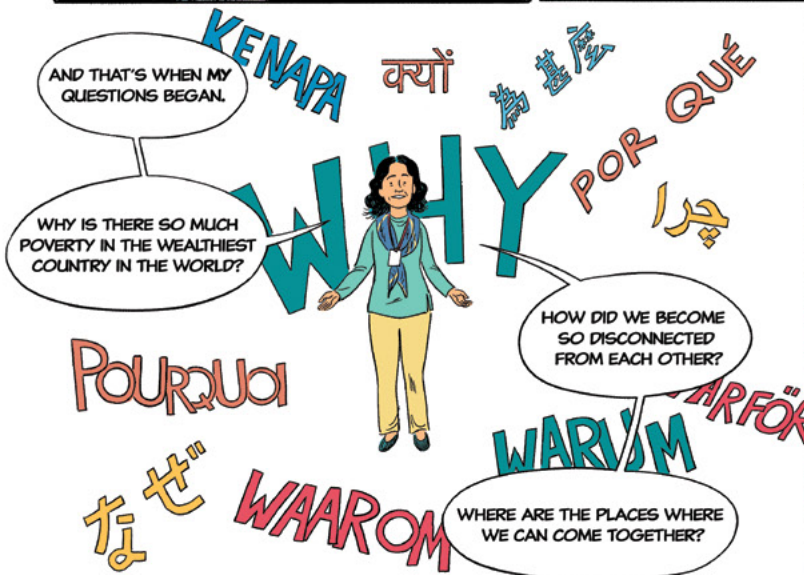
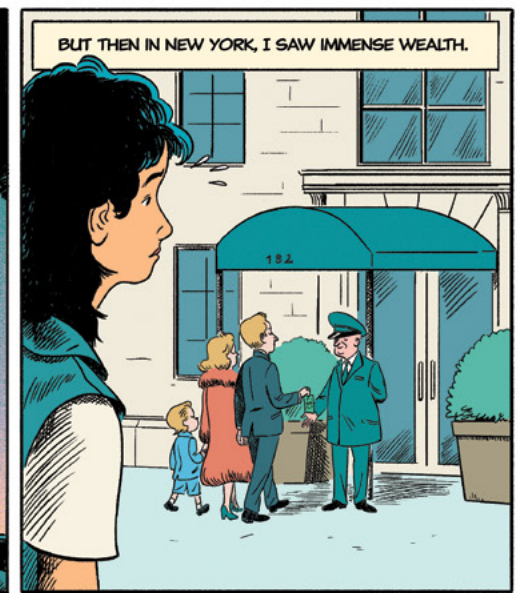
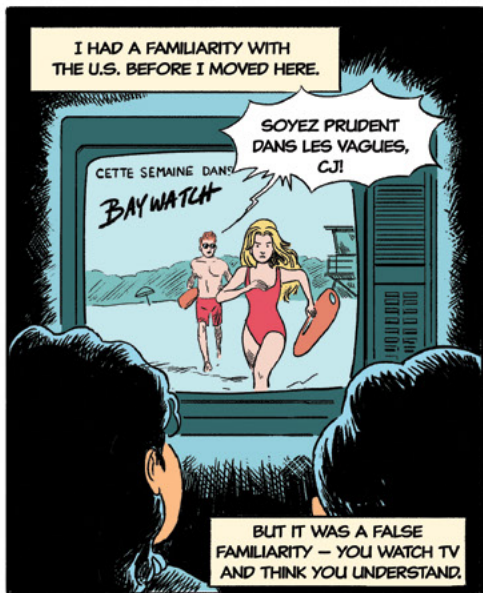
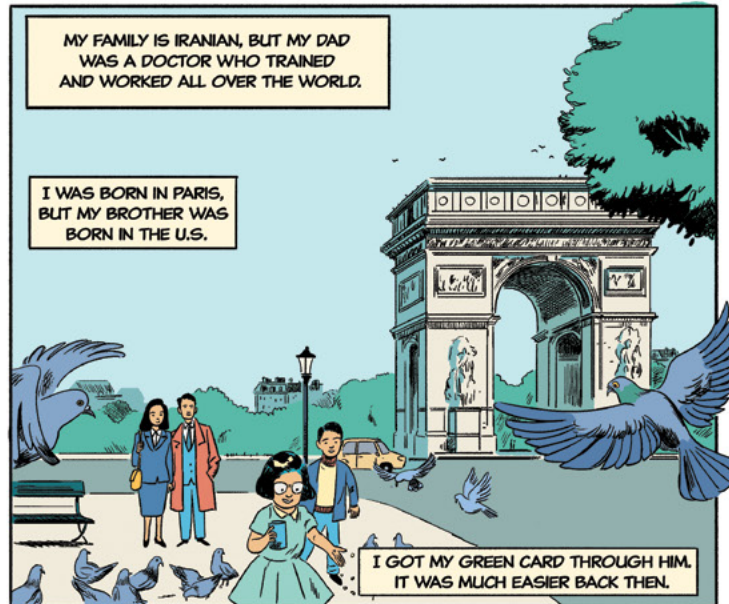
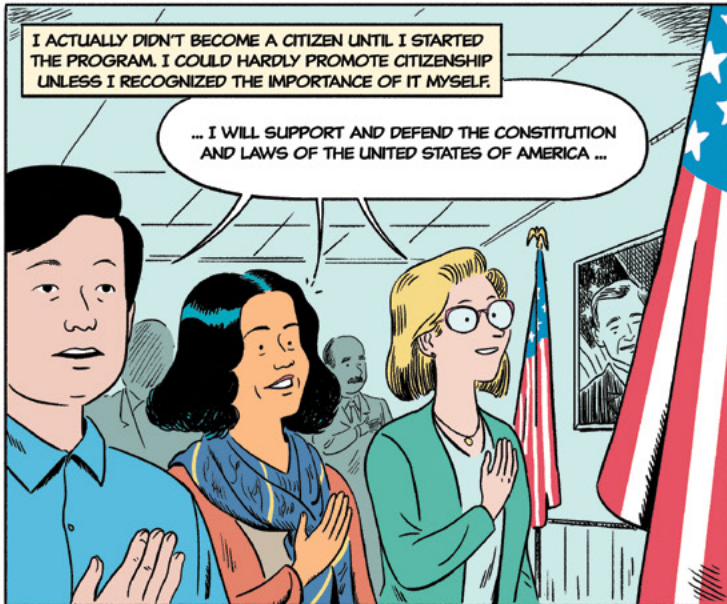


I BUILT THE PROGRAM FROM THE GROUND UP, WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING OUR CITY'S IMMIGRANT POPULATION IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN.



WE OFFER JOB TRAINING AND LANGUAGE LESSONS, AND HOST NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES COMPLETE WITH BAGPIPERS AND A SCHOOL CHOIR SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

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*IN 2023, 35% OF ALL 42.2 MILLION IMMIGRANT ADULTS AGES 25 AND OLDER HAD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, A RATE SIMILAR TO THAT OF U.S.-BORN ADULTS. SOURCE: FREQUENTLY REQUESTED STATISTICS ON IMMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES, MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE, MARCH 2025