



Sunday, October 29, 2017

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Join *West Side Stories* for a Literary Reading Series at the historic Carnegie Carnegie!

**Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall - 300 Beechwood Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106**



Clare Beams is the author of the story collection *We Show What We Have Learned*, a finalist for the 2017 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Award for Debut Fiction and the New York Public Library's Young Lions Fiction Award. Her stories appear in *One Story*, *n+1*, *Ecotone*, *The Common*, the *Kenyon Review*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, Electric Literature's *Recommended Reading*, and *The Best American Nonrequired Reading*, and have received special mention in *The Best American Short Stories 2013* and *The Pushcart Prize XXXV*. She is the recipient of awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and currently blogs for *Ploughshares*. After teaching high school English for six years in Falmouth, Massachusetts, she moved with her husband and daughter to Pittsburgh, where she teaches creative writing at Saint Vincent College and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

Theresa Brown, RN, a clinical nurse, is the author of the *New York Times* Bestselling book *The Shift: One Nurse, Twelve Hours, Four Patients' Lives*. *The Shift* portrays one real shift worked by a hospital nurse, but it shows not just a day-in-the-life of an RN, but all the life in one day in the hospital. Her Opinion series, "Bedside," examined health care from a nurse's point of view. One of her columns, on health care reform, earned Brown an invitation to the White House, where President Obama quoted her in defense of the Affordable Care Act. She speaks nationally on topics relating to nursing, health care and end of life care. Her first book, *Critical Care: A New Nurse Faces Death, Life, and Everything in Between*, is used as a text-book at Schools of Nursing around the country. A native of Missouri, Brown has a PhD in English from the University of Chicago and taught English for three years at Tufts University. She stayed home with her three children after working at Tufts and was inspired by them to return to school and become a nurse, leaving academia behind. It is a career change she has never regretted.



Refreshments served. A book signing follows the readings.

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West Side Stories was co-founded by writers Bridgette Shade and Karen Lizon