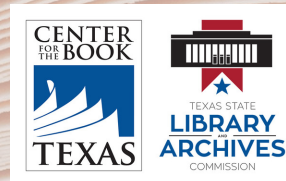


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A DISCUSSION WITH *ARMANDO MIRELES*

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

6 PM AT THE
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Discussion will be based on themes from the book *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle. Everyone is welcome to come join the discussion even if you have not read the book.

TATTOOS ON THE HEART:

**The Power of
Boundless
Compassion**

BY GREGORY BOYLE

You're welcome to check out a copy of the book at the library or download an EBook and Audiobook on Libby or Overdrive.

The Read Across Texas grant from The Texas Center for the Book, administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, encourages communities to join a statewide reading campaign. To spark dialogue in our community, speaker Armando Mireles will talk about his experience as a Military Occupational Specialty Correctional Specialist, and a correctional officer as well as in various supervisory positions in 9 federal institutions throughout the U.S. Although originally from East Los Angeles, CA Mireles made Texas his home when he retired from FCI in 2000. Mireles' presentation will touch on themes presented in Gregory Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart*.

For twenty years, Father Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, also known as the gang capital of the world. In his book Boyle has distilled his experience working with gangs into a series of parables inspired by faith. Filled with sparkling humor these essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair.