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Toledo Library presents Open Book with Sam Quinones, Best-selling Author on the Opiate Epidemic

Forum with Community Leaders and Experts Addressing
the Epidemic Locally to Follow Author Event

(9/12/2017) The Toledo Lucas County Public Library in special partnership with the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County (MHR SB), are pleased to welcome best-selling author [Sam Quinones](#) to discuss his award-winning book [Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic](#) on Tuesday, **October 3**. In *Dreamland*, Quinones explores the corrosive threat facing America and its heartland by centering on Portsmouth, Ohio - a community now devastated by addiction - and explaining how this epidemic came to be and what steps are being made towards recovery.

On **October 17**, the Library again partnering with the MHR SB will be hosting a special community forum on how the opiate epidemic has impacted us locally, and what is being done.

WTVG 13abc Reporter Melissa Voetsch will moderate a panel discussion featuring community leaders and experts:

- Andrea Boxill - Deputy Director, State of Ohio Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team
- Robin Reese - Executive Director, Lucas County Children Services
- John Tharp - Sheriff, Lucas County Sheriff's Office
- Scott Sylak - Executive Director, Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County
- Eric Zgodzinski - Health Commissioner, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

The program is scheduled to include a pre-reception with community organization tables available for attendees to learn more, an hour of moderated panel discussion and contributions from audience experts, and a Q & A session before concluding.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Special Open Book Event Addressing the Opiate Crisis:

[Sam Quinones](#)

[Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m.](#)

[Main Library](#)

Community Forum Event Addressing the Opiate Crisis:

[Working Together: Community Leaders Address the Opiate Epidemic](#)

[Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

[Main Library](#)

(Relevant community organizations will be hosting tables for attendees to browse from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., with the panel discussion beginning at 6:30 p.m.)

For more information, please contact:

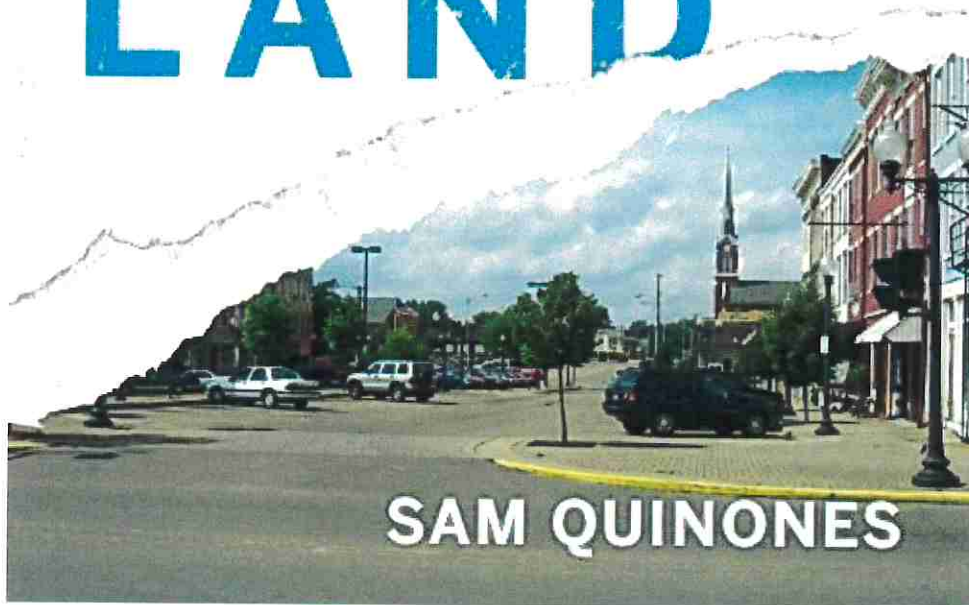
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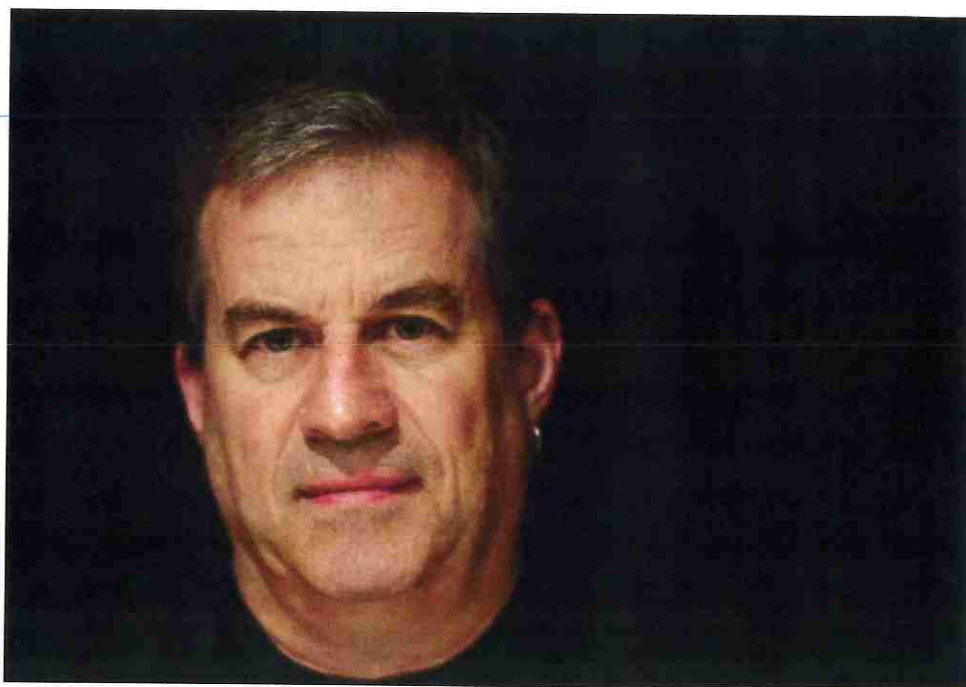
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Crews from one small Mexican town
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led to America's greatest drug scourge.

The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic

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