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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY – DOWNTOWN  
HOSTS RAY CHRISTIAN IN A STORY CENTRAL PRESENTATION,  
“STORIES FROM A LIFE OF SERVICE”  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020, 4:00–5:30PM**

BOCA RATON, FL (January 9, 2020) – When Ray Christian tells stories from his life, people listen—and cheer! Find out why in his moving and thought-provoking Story Central performance, “Stories from a Life of Service.” In this free performance at the Downtown Library on Saturday, February 8, at 4:00pm, Christian shares stories of military service, American history, and much more.

Dr. Ray Christian is a retired army paratrooper and combat veteran who teaches African-American History and Storytelling at Appalachian State University. His stories have appeared in *Reader’s Digest’s 2016 Best Stories in America*, and he is a ten-time Moth Story Slam Champion and winner of the National Storytelling Festival Story Slam. His stories are featured on “Snap Judgment” and “Back Story Radio,” as well as on podcasts.

This presentation is part of the Boca Raton Public Library’s year-long Story Central series with a focus on Civic Engagement and a celebration of American life. “Civic engagement takes many forms, and a common thread connects them all,” notes Story Central facilitator, Caren S. Neile, Ph.D., MFA. “Only by giving voice to our concerns and helping others do the same can we grow and create real change. Storytelling helps others see our world through our eyes and begin to experience our emotions. It builds bonds that enable us to work together to satisfy our most pressing needs.” A performance storyteller and author, Neile has taught storytelling and writing for twenty-five years in universities and community settings. She currently teaches at Florida Atlantic University.

Register for this free engaging presentation through the library’s calendar at [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org).



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