

# April is Fair Housing Month

Fair Housing is the right to equal opportunity in housing choice and the right to rent, buy, finance, and live in, rent, or buy a dwelling free from discrimination or harassment. Each April we celebrate the 1968 passage of the Fair Housing Act with a series of public education and art events to raise awareness about housing discrimination in Vermont and the positive role that inclusive, affordable housing plays in thriving communities.

**About *Story Boat* by Kyo Maclear,  
Illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh**

When you have to leave behind almost everything you know, where can you call home? Sometimes home is simply where we are: here. An imaginative, lyrical, unforgettable picture book about the migrant experience through a child's eyes.

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## **\*Story Boat Discussion Questions:**

1. The book opens with the words, "Here we are." Where do you think the family's "here" is? What do you think has happened to set them on this journey?
2. Why does the girl say, "this cup is a home"? Make a list of objects that you think of when you think of home. Now look at the picture of the brother and sister with the cup. Can you see why the girl can say that cup is a home?
3. What is the purpose of a sail? Why might the girl want to make the blanket into a sail for their boat? What happens to the birds on their blanket? Where are they headed?
4. If the children's "here" is always changing, how does the girl make "here" special for herself and her brother?
5. What is the purpose of a lighthouse? With a cup as a boat, and a blanket as a sail, why is it important to have the lamp be a lighthouse?
6. What is the purpose of a ladder? How does sitting in a field of flowers help you reach for something? What are they reaching for?
7. We know a boat can take you on a journey. Can a story also take you on a journey?

\*Questions created by I'm Your Neighbor Books.

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