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Red Bank, New Jersey:

WHO: The Monmouth County Human Relations Commission (MCHRC)

www.monmouthcountyhrc.org

WHAT: 9th Annual Earl Thomas Teasley Humanitarian Award, to be presented to Linda Hewitt.

WHEN: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, 2019. The public is invited to attend this ceremony; RSVP suggested.

WHERE: T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, 94 Drs. James Parker Blvd, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

Linda Hewitt is responsible for the creation of the series *Let's Talk About Race* at the Red Bank Public Library. Initiated in August 2015, the series continues now in its fourth year, with over 28 separate monthly evening programs. When speaking with Linda she stresses the collaborative nature of the series. Linda envisioned the series in response to the sentiments of division and lack of diversity, she sensed in the community when she took over the responsibility of adult programming.

The *Let's Talk About Race* series was recently recognized by the NJ State Library as a 2018 Multi-Cultural Award winner.

More information is available at:

<https://www.tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org/events/>

<http://www.monmouthcountyhrc.org/Home.shtml>

Earl Thomas Teasley, for whom the award is named, was the chairman of the MCHRC at the time of his death, in April 2010. Teasley was a noted advocate for social justice, a beloved counselor and an assistant professor at Brookdale Community College.

Information about Teasley is available at:

http://www.monmouthcountyhrc.org/Scrapbook/Earl/Earl_Thomas_Teasley.htm

For additional information about the presentation and to RSVP, contact: Sean Atterbury, MCHRC Communications Chair, at 214-499-5541, or by email at attamansean@gmail.com

Link to RSVP online: <https://tinyurl.com/y6ejkgxu>