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## Health Funding Update

In March 2020, at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation made a significant shift in its health funding. At the board's approval, the Fry Foundation began providing general operating support—which allowed grantees to use the funds

flexibly as they responded to the Covid-19 crisis. Click the link below to read more about how the Fry Foundation's grantees have made the most of this flexibility.

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## News from the Foundation

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### **Ingenuity teams up with Lollapalooza for arts education**

Lollapalooza has committed \$2.2 million to Ingenuity's Creative Schools Fund to deliver quality arts education to over 100,000 Chicago students. Through arts residencies, field trips, and professional learning for teachers, the Lollapalooza Arts Education Fund will help bring the city's rich arts and cultural resources into public schools that have struggled to provide access to the arts.

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## Asian-American history gets written into the curriculum

In July, Illinois became the nation's first state to require public schools to teach American-American history. The impact of this law will depend greatly on how it gets implemented. But its passage sends a powerful message: To understand American history, students need to learn Asian-American history.

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## Welcome to Joe Panganiban

The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation is pleased to announce that Joe Panganiban joined the Fry Foundation as the Arts Learning Program Officer on August 30, 2021, and we are excited to have him on our team. Joe brings deep experience in arts education, Chicago Public Schools (CPS), and the nonprofit sector. He will help the Fry Foundation continue to be an effective partner with Chicago's arts education community and will be an excellent collaborator with our grantees. Click the link below to learn more about Joe's background.

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## **Our thanks and best wishes to Brian Bragg**

Congratulations to Brian who is now serving as Vice President of Health Equity with the Access Community Health Network. In this role, Brian will be leading sustainable, impactful strategies and initiatives that advance health equity for patients, workforce, and communities served throughout the Access Community Health Network. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with Brian in his new role.

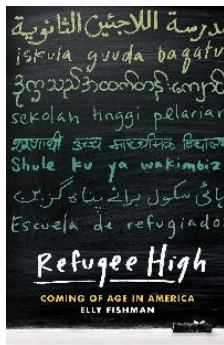
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## **What We're Reading, Watching and Hearing**

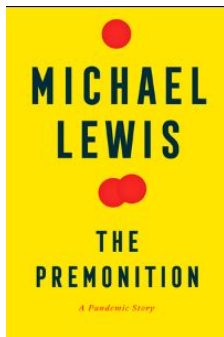
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***Refugee High: Coming of Age in America***

Elly Fishman (The New Press, 2021)



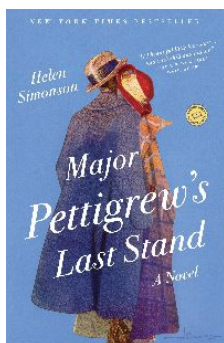
For a century, Chicago's Roger C. Sullivan High School has been home to immigrant and refugee students. In 2017, during a global refugee crisis, the school's immigrant population numbered close to 300—or nearly half the school. Students had come from 35 countries, speaking more than 38 languages. *Refugee High* offers an intimate account of this Chicago high school and the experiences of its students, teachers, and principals. It is at once hopeful and heartbreaking.



### ***The Premonition***

Michael Lewis (W.W. Norton & Company, 2021)

A nonfiction thriller, *The Premonition* tells the stories of infectious disease experts who were on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic. Though they are among the most qualified professionals in their fields, their advice and warnings were often ignored. The book also shows how policymakers set up some of our society's most respected institutions—the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local public health agencies—for failure.



### ***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand***

Helen Simonson (Random House, 2010)

In Simonson's first novel, the English residents of a small country village have historically valued honor, duty, decorum, and a good cup of tea. The town is now also home to Pakistani shopkeepers—who share the same values. They all find common ground despite false assumptions, stereotypes, and unacknowledged biases. Happily, kindness and love win out in the end.



### **CPS Teach Chicago Podcast**

This podcast opens a window onto the profession of teaching in Chicago. Hosted by two CPS teacher

leaders, each episode dives into a CPS initiative or district focus, and looks at it from the teachers' point of view.



## **Black philanthropists in Chicago**

The Chicago Community Trust presents a series of interviews with Black philanthropists making an impact on the Chicago region. One recent subject, Graham C. Grady, is not only a well-regarded attorney who serves on various foundation and nonprofit boards, he's also the Fry Foundation's board treasurer.

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