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## Lewis and Clark NHT News Release

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### Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters Announces Special Program

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail announces a special public program to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Month: June 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at 601 Riverfront Drive Omaha, NE.

This program will feature poet and author Ruth Marimo who is the author of *Freedom of an Illegal Immigrant: The Untold Story of my Search for a Place in the World*.

*This memoir confronts all the truths and issues our society shuns, from racism, illegal immigration, and homosexuality to sexual abuse and domestic abuse.*

Ms. Marimo will speak of her life story and reflect on the passages from *Freedom of an Illegal Immigrant: The Untold Story of My Search for a Place in the World*. Her memoir is about an African orphan who grows up feeling different, isolated and unwanted even among her own people. She leaves her home country at the age of eighteen, has a brief stay in England, but finds her way to America, where she faces all the struggles of being young and alone in a foreign country. She marries an abusive American citizen and has two children with him, only to come to terms with her own truths, especially the fact that she is a lesbian. When she attempts to end the marriage, her husband attempts to have her deported due to the fact that she never had her immigration paperwork straightened out and has been living here illegally.

Books will be available onsite after the program where Ms. Marimo will remain for a book signing. This event is free to the public as a part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail's Diversity Program Series.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is administered by the National Park Service, whose mission is to preserve and protect the resources of our nation and to educate citizens about places and stories significant to our national heritage.

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