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## Press Release

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### Josiah: The Story that Sparked the Civil War, Directed by Jared A. Brock

**Geauga County - On Sunday, May 20, 2018, 2 p.m. GCPL's Bainbridge Branch** will be hosting a public screening of *JOSIAH*, a documentary that traces Josiah Henson's harrowing journey from slavery in Maryland and Kentucky to freedom in Canada.

Watch the trailer and get more information at [josiahhenson.com](http://josiahhenson.com).

To schedule an interview with Jared A. Brock (director of *JOSIAH* & author of *The Road to Dawn*), please contact Brooke Parsons at [brooke.parsons@hbgusa.com](mailto:brooke.parsons@hbgusa.com) or (212) 364-0683.

Register for this free event online at: <http://bit.ly/josiahmovie> or call 440-543-5611.

Josiah Henson (1789-1883) spent 41 years as a slave. He was a dynamic, driven man with unyielding principles who overcame incredible odds to escape his cruel masters and improve the lives of hundreds of freed people throughout his long life. Though immortalized by Harriet Beecher Stowe in her seminal, society-changing novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and catapulted to international fame in 1852, his story has been largely lost to history.

Until now. Including interviews with leading experts and Henson descendants, *JOSIAH* is an unmissable documentary about one of history's greatest lost figures.

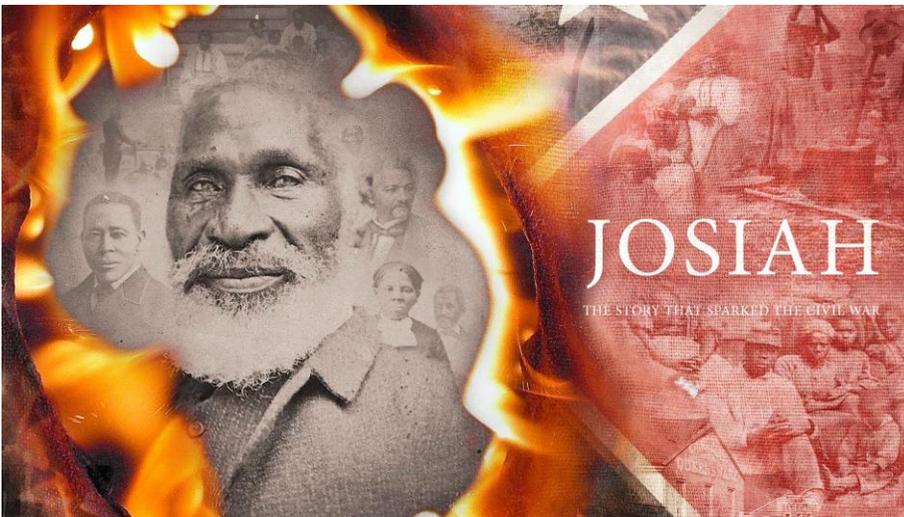
To accompany the documentary and to be released simultaneously is the definitive biography of Josiah Henson's life, *THE ROAD TO DAWN: Josiah Henson and the Story That Sparked the Civil War* (PublicAffairs; on sale May 15, 2018), by author and documentarian Jared A. Brock. The book delivers the full narrative of a great man's great life—a life that symbolized the definitive triumph of the human spirit over the brutality of slavery. In this excellent biography, Brock chronicles Henson's 41 years in bondage, his eventual escape to freedom, and his rise as a great preacher and orator who used his freedom to uplift his fellow man for the entirety of his life.

With both the book and the film, Brock has created a comprehensive portrait that restores a hero of the abolitionist movement to his rightful place in history—a hero whose life speaks of a love of humanity and invites us to follow in his steps.

## About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Gauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; a Mobile Services fleet that serves rural areas and community centers; and an administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 750,000 books and ebooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 400 research databases available through its website. GCPL is a member of the Clevnet consortium, giving patrons access to more than 12 million items. Learn more about the Geauga County Public Library at [GaugaLibrary.net](http://GaugaLibrary.net).

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