**Program description options**

**Option #1:**

Linda Gartz, author of the multiple-award-winning book, ***Redlined: A Memoir of Race, Change, and Fractured Community in 1960s Chicago***,will talk about the vast trove of letters, diaries, photos, and much more (twenty-five bankers’ boxes of material spanning the twentieth century) and how it inspired her to learn more about the causes behind her West Side Chicago neighborhood’s rapid racial change. Linda will read excerpts from her book, including diary entries, the history of redlining, and discussion about her family’s century-long presence in West Garfield Park. She’ll speak about the discriminatory federal lending policies, started in 1933, that segregated America by color-coding communities, and will display and discuss digitized and mounted versions of some original redlining maps of Chicago and her community. Plenty of time will be allowed for Q&A.

**Option #2:**

Linda will talk about her award-winning book, *Redlined,*and the family letters, diaries, photos, and more she discovered after her parents’ deaths. She’ll discuss how this century-spanning trove inspired her to research the causes behind her parents’ unraveling marriage and the forces that triggered her West Side Chicago neighborhood’s rapid racial change. Linda will read excerpts from *Redlined*, including relevant family history and will speak about the discriminatory federal lending policies that segregated America. She’ll display and discuss digitized, mounted versions of original 1940s redlining maps. Time for Q&A.

**Additional info:**

*Redlined*has been honored as:

* **2018 Best Book of the Year**, **Indie Nonfiction**, Chicago Writers Association
* **2018 Best Indie Books of 2018**, *Kirkus Reviews*
* **2018 Sarton Women’s Book Awards Finalist** in Memoir
* ***Conversations* Top 50 Non-fiction Books of 2018**
* **2018 Readers’ Favorites Book Awards Silver Medal Winner**for Nonfiction–Social Issues
* **2018 International Book Awards Finalist** in Multicultural Nonfiction
* **2018 Best Book Awards Finalist**in Social Change category
* **2018 New York Book Festival Award**,Honorable Mention, Biography/Autobiography