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Press Release

Meet the Author: Joe Hurley – Author of Ten Million Steps on Route 6: A Fresh Look at America and Americans from Cape Code to California

East Cleveland, OH, June 13, 2015: East Cleveland Public Library is proud to host author Joe Hurley on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 11:00 am in the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center, 14101 Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland, OH 44112.

Joe Hurley is a retired newspaper reporter who spent most of his career at The News-Times in Danbury, Conn. where, among other things, he wrote the consumer-humor column called Shallow Pockets. He lives in New Milford, Conn. with his wife Pat. Same house, same wife, same out-of-control forsythia bushes for more than 30 years.

In 1999, Joe came to the startling realization that he knew almost nothing about the other side of the state, even though Connecticut is small enough to fit in the back pocket of Colorado or Nebraska. That year, photographer David Harple and Joe walked across Connecticut on Route 6 to give News-Times readers, and themselves, a better picture of their home state.

Later, Joe noticed that Route 6 stretched all the way to California – it was one of our few coast-to-coast highways and remains the longest continuous highway in the country. After retiring, Joe walked that 3,600-mile road while photographer Travis Lindhorst traveled along in the comfort of a car.

Their stories and pictures ran weekly in a dozen newspapers across the country. Now they've published a book about the adventure: "Ten Million Steps on Route 6: A Fresh Look at America and Americans From Cape Cod to California."

Joe gives an inside look at the walk and the book in a program called "Behind the Scenes of Ten Million Steps." It's virtual trip across Route 6, with Joe leading the way and visitors following along with copies of the book in their hands. (Joe loans them for the journey.)

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