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**AUTHOR GREG KOWALSKI DISCUSSES HAMTRAMCK'S WORLD WAR II YEARS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

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**DETROIT** – The Detroit Historical Society's Author Series continues with local journalist and author Greg Kowalski on Wednesday, June 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Kowalski's latest book is "Hamtramck: The World War II Years," published by Arcadia Publishing.

"Hamtramck: The World War II Years," presents the story of the city at war. Hamtramck was hit hard by World War II. When Germany attacked Poland on September 1, 1939, most of the city's residents, made up overwhelmingly of Polish immigrants and descendents, reacted with shock and anger. Thousands of the city's residents fought in the war, and hundreds died. Those who remained at home endured shortages, survived the threat of an attack and coped with the fear that the next telegram could bring news of a soldier's death.

Kowalski is a lifelong resident of Hamtramck and is chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission. An editor for a local newspaper group, this is his fifth book for Arcadia Publishing. His father, Joseph Kowalski, served honorably in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Arcadia Publishing is the leading publisher of local and regional history in the United States. Their mission is to make history accessible and meaningful through the publication of books on the heritage of America's people and places.

The cost for the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit [www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo](http://www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid

college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. New exhibits include Detroit's Classic Radio Voices, 1920s: Detroit's Building Boom; Rallying the Home Front: Posters from WWII; New to the Collection, a showcase of recently acquired antiques, oddities, and treasures; the Detroit Artist Showcase featuring early 20th century artist Amy Lorimer; and Automotive Showplace. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

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