



**Nell Bernstein: *Burning Down the House* and
How We Can Join Youth to Help End Juvenile Prisons.**

Saturday, September 13, 2014

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Unitarian Church of Evanston
1330 Ridge Avenue
Evanston**

The event is free, but you must RSVP at

<http://uuchicagoarea.org/prison-restorative-justice/>

One in three schoolchildren will be arrested by age 23. In ***Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison***, award-winning journalist Nell Bernstein lets us into the hidden lives of incarcerated children. The stories she reveals are heartbreaking evidence that an institution designed to protect and rehabilitate children has turned on them instead.

Fully 80 to 90 percent of American teenagers commit an illegal act that could qualify them for time behind bars, and one-third commit a serious crime. Yet black and brown children from poor communities are far more likely to be incarcerated. While most of us simply outgrow bad behavior and go on to live productive lives, youth who are incarcerated are twice as likely to be locked up as adults, compared with those who committed similar offenses and have similar backgrounds, but were not arrested or got an alternative sanction.

Join us to hear this brilliant author discuss the book, to learn why ending juvenile incarceration will make our neighborhoods safer, and to hear from local youth determined to make a difference.

Refreshments will be provided.

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