



One Maryland / One Book 2008 - Call for Partners

Join in Maryland's first-ever statewide reading program by becoming an official partner and hosting programs in your community during August, September or October 2008.

WHAT IS ONE MARYLAND/ONE BOOK?

One Maryland/One Book is a statewide reading project that:

- Encourages reading
- Brings together diverse people in communities across the state to read the same book
- Promotes book-centered discussions and other related programs in local communities

This year, the selected book will be linked to the Maryland Humanities Council's special initiative, *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Remembrance and Reconciliation*, and will stimulate discussion about issues of race in Maryland and America.

WHEN WILL ONE MARYLAND/ONE BOOK TAKE PLACE?

- **The kickoff**—where the title of the selected book will be announced to the general public—will take place in June 2008
- Marylanders will be encouraged to read the selected book over the summer
- **Marquee events** will include a visit by the author at the Baltimore Book Festival in September 2008
- All associated programming planned by official partners must take place in **August, September and October of 2008**

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

We want all Maryland residents to participate, so we will broaden our reach through partnerships with organizations such as:

- Public and academic libraries
- Schools
- Cultural organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Community groups
- Even businesses that would like to hold brown bag lunch discussions in the workplace

How CAN MY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATE?

- Become an official community partner by completing and returning the Partnership Form to the Maryland Center for the Book (MCFB). *Partnership forms will be available on the web at www.mdhc.org in January 2008.*

Use the materials provided by MCFB, such as the school curriculum guide, group discussion guide, marketing materials and the One Book website, for easy planning and execution of your programs. *Support materials will be available in Spring 2008.* Mini grants will be available to support the programming of official community partners. *Grant applications will be available on the web at www.mdhc.org in January 2008.*

One Maryland/ One Book is being coordinated by the Maryland Center for the Book, a program of the Maryland Humanities Council, in partnership with Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the Division of Library Development & Services.

For more information about the project or how to become an official community partner, contact One Maryland/One Book project manager, Andrea Lewis, at (410) 685-0095 or alewis@mdhc.org.



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