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Libraries to hold vote on favorite ‘One Book’ beginning April 15

Sarasota County libraries are urging residents to vote for which book they would like to read this summer in the “One Book, One Community” promotion. Author lectures and book discussion groups and themed events are planned later this year.

The public is invited to vote from April 15 through May 22 for one of six books to read this summer:

- “The Hunger Games” by Suzanne Collins.
- “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak.
- “In Defense of Food” by Michael Pollan.
- “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury.
- “Nickel and Dimed” by Barbara Ehrenreich.

“Elect to Read” program partners include Borders Bookstores, the Asolo Repertory Theater, Creative Loafing, The Literacy Council of Sarasota, Literacy Volunteers of South County, SCOPE, Dear Reader and the Sarasota School Board.

“One Book, One Community” expands the world of the reader by providing a broader and deeper understanding of literature. “Reading provokes people to think about their environment, their relationships, and themselves,” said Andrea Kenzig, outreach coordinator, Sarasota County libraries. “When people read the same book and participate in the events we have planned for later this year, people from all walks of life will come together over a common bond, the love of reading.”

Ballot boxes will be available in all eight Sarasota County public libraries beginning April 15, participation is free. Voting also is available at Borders, 3800 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Sarasota County libraries Web site at www.sclibs.net.

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