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Sarasota County libraries' 'One Book, One Community' concludes with February events

The Sarasota County Library System's annual One Book, One Community program will wrap up another successful year with a series of free events in February, including a live Skype appearance by Emily Ansara Baines, author of "The Unofficial Hunger Games Cookbook," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Herald-Tribune Community Room, 1741 Main St., Sarasota.

Leah Wilson, author of "The Girl Who Was On Fire," will appear at Selby Library, 1331 First St., Sarasota, at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. The book is a compilation of 13 essays written by young adult authors. The essays examine the correlations between the story lines and themes in the book and how they relate to today's society.

Other events in February include book discussion groups, lectures and presentations. A complete list of events, times and locations are available at www.onebooksarasota.com. All events are free and open to the public.

"The Hunger Games", by Suzanne Collins, was the book selected for the 2011-2012 One Book, One Community project by more than 4,000 voters. Since October 2011, readers have been attending book discussions at their local libraries, bookstores and at many area high schools. Book discussions will continue into March, as fans anticipate the movie premiere on March 23.

The One Book, One Community project is spearheaded by the Sarasota County Library System in partnership with the Sarasota County School District, New College of Florida, the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, the Herald-Tribune, Sarasota County Extension Services, Ringling College of Art and Design and additional local organizations. This read-together project brings people together in conversation. Voting will begin this spring for the next book in the program in the spring.

Additional events are being added daily. For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Sarasota County libraries website at www.onebooksarasota.com.

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