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Book Group Brainstorming Session at Kalamazoo Public Library

Kalamazoo Public Library invites every area book group, large or small, private or public, to send one or two group members to a book group brainstorming session, Monday, November 14, from 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Central Library, 315 S Rose St.

The session will cover such topics as:

- Finding book suggestions and developing new ideas
- Reviewing library resources for book groups
- Networking with other local book groups
- Partnering with another book group to discuss the 2006 Reading Together selection, Tim O'Brien's brilliant collection of Vietnam War-era short stories, *The Things They Carried*
- Suggesting ways the library can support book groups
- Sampling delicious book group snacks

When library director Ann Rohrbaugh was appointed to lead the library in December 2004, she vowed to enhance the library's considerable strengths in collections, services and staff with a renewed emphasis on traditional library services. She created a new position to coordinate reader services, to build on the popularity of book clubs and author visits. Joan Hawxhurst, who coordinated the first three Reading Together programs on a contract basis, was hired as Kalamazoo Public Library's new reader services coordinator. Joan will lead the book group brainstorming session on November 14.

For further information or to RSVP for the session, please call Joan Hawxhurst, 553-7913.