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Library Invites Book Suggestions for ReadingTogether 2007

Kalamazoo Public Library will lead a fifth year of ReadingTogether in spring of 2007. This community-wide reading program invites people of all ages, from all walks of life, to read and then discuss important issues raised by a single book. Previous ReadingTogether titles included *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury in 2003, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich in 2004, James McBride's *The Color of Water* in 2005, and Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* in 2006.

The library invites readers to suggest a book for ReadingTogether in 2007. Any Kalamazoo County resident can submit a title suggestion in one of the following ways by April 30:

- Email a suggestion to readingtogether@kpl.gov
- Leave a suggestion on the Reading Together phone line, 553-7914
- Fill out a suggestion slip at any branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library
- Mail a suggestion to Reading Together, Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo MI 49007

Suggestions should include the book's title, author, and a brief description of what makes the suggested book appropriate for ReadingTogether in Kalamazoo County. All suggestions must be received by Sunday, April 30, 2006. Suggestions received after this date will be considered in the 2008 selection process.

Suggested books must meet the following criteria:

- a theme that concerns universal social issues relevant to our diverse community;
- quality writing that fosters an appreciation of literature;
- availability in alternative formats such as large print, audio recording, foreign language, online, or film/play versions;
- reading level, vocabulary, and subject matter appropriate for and appealing to adults as well as high school and college students.

Kalamazoo Public Library leads Reading Together with support from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation's Better Together initiative, the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library, and the collaboration of libraries, educational institutions, foundations, health and social service agencies, cultural, civic and religious organizations, businesses, the media, and local governments throughout Kalamazoo County.

For further information, please call Joan Hawxhurst, Kalamazoo Public Library reader services coordinator, 553-7913.

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