



Fall 2009 **The Roswell Reads Reader** Volume 1, Issue 1

Coming Soon: 2010 Selection

The Roswell Reads Committee will announce its 2010 selection at the December 7, 2009 Roswell City Council meeting at City Hall.

Currently, the committee is meeting regularly (and exchanging lots of e-mails) as they read through a list of suggested books and narrow the list down to a smaller

number that can be discussed further and voted upon.

Committee members consist of Roswell citizens representing City Hall, the Friends of the Roswell Library, the Roswell Library, local high schools, and citizens who love to read and want to encourage others to read, as well.

In addition to selecting a title for the community to read together, the committee plans all of the programs and activities associated with the book. This includes the final event, a special program with the author.

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The Friends of the Roswell Library

The Friends of the Roswell Library have sponsored Roswell Reads since the communitywide reading program began in 2005. The Friends donate books to the library, sponsor the final event - a special program with the author - and many other activities. Visit the Friends online at www.forl.net and consider becoming a member today.

About Roswell Reads

Roswell Reads began in 2005 when a Roswell citizen e-mailed City Hall to ask about a citywide reading program.

City Hall contacted the Roswell Library and from there, Roswell Reads was born.

The Friends of the Roswell Library joined City Hall and the library, and planning

began for a communitywide reading program.

The first year set the stage, and the Roswell Reads committee continues to choose one of a variety of books and to plan interesting programs that enhance the themes of the selected book. This will be our 5th year!

PREVIOUS SELECTIONS

- 2006**
Rocket Boys
by Homer Hickam
- 2007**
The Valley of Light
by Terry Kay
- 2008**
The Memory Keeper's Daughter
by Kim Edwards
- 2009**
Them
by Nathan McCall
- 2010**
To be announced soon

Roswell Reads - *The Mission Statement*

The essence of Roswell Reads is the shared experience that Roswell residents will have as they come together as a community to read and discuss a common book. This community-building event will involve people in reading and talking about issues and ideas presented in a book they have all read.

The chosen book should have strong characters and present themes that

address the human condition. Authors from the Southeast will be strongly considered.

The book should appeal to adults and teens alike as well as people of various cultures and ethnic backgrounds who live in Roswell. If possible we will choose a complementary book for children so that a younger audience can also be involved.

Programs and Events

A variety of programs are held to promote Roswell Reads and encourage citizens to read the book.

A program brochure listing all of the events and activities will be available in early January. The brochure will also include an order form for tickets to the final event, a special program with the author.

Here's a list of some of the programs we've held in the past:

- Literary luncheon with the author or person of interest related to the book
- Writing workshops
- Book discussions
- Panel discussions
- Photo contest and exhibit
- Reception for photo contest and exhibit
- Storytimes for children
- Music recitals
- Photography classes
- Lectures on local history
- Craft programs for children

Keep in Mind

- Subscribe to our e-mail list for Roswell Reads information. Just send an e-mail to the Friends of the Roswell Library at roswellreads@forl.net. Please add the word SUBSCRIBE in either the subject line or body of the e-mail, and we will add you to future mailings for Roswell Reads information.
- Books will be available for check-out at the library starting in early January. The Friends of the Roswell Library donate multiple copies to the library so as many residents as possible can read the selection.
- Tickets for the final event will go on sale in mid-January.
- Updates and announcements regarding Roswell Reads will be made on the Friends of the Roswell Library's Blog and their Facebook page. Link to these sites from the Friends' website: www.forl.net.
- Be sure to become a fan of the Friends on Facebook!

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