

## 2008 One Book Grants

The purpose of this grant cycle is to assist libraries in initiating or enhancing One Book projects in their community. A One Book project is when the library organizes an effort in which their community reads one book. The goals of this grant cycle are to:

- A. Encourage reading in communities across the state.
- B. Increase the visibility of libraries within their communities.
- C. Expand partnerships between libraries and local organizations, bookstores, businesses, schools, and other community groups.
- D. Increase the skill of library staff in implementing One Book efforts.
- E. Increase the number of libraries in Washington State conducting One Book efforts.

**Grant:** 08-OB-001 **Award:** \$4,700.00  
**Organization:** Columbia County Rural Library District  
**Title:** Columbia County Kids Read

**Abstract:** This project will include all fifth through eighth grade students in the county, including home schooled children who want to participate in reading the book, *The House of Power*, Atherton #1 series, by Patrick Carman. The library's partners are already enthused about getting fifth through eighth grade children reading the same book during the winter of 2008–2009. Book discussions and other programs will be held at the library and at some of the schools during 2009, with the author visiting the Dayton Elementary School and the Starbuck Elementary school in March 2009. Several copies of the book will be available for all students who participate in the One Book read program.

**Grant:** 08-OB-002 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** City of Liberty Lake  
**Title:** Let's Read, Liberty Lake!

**Abstract:** "Let's Read, Liberty Lake!" seeks to build partnerships with local business and community organizations to cohesively promote literacy, foster a community of readers, and encourage non-users, seniors, and young adults to visit the library and/or use library online services.

**Grant:** 08-OB-003 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Mountain View High School  
**Title:** One Book, One Community

**Abstract:** Young adults, their parents and others in the community with an interest in what young adults are reading will receive a book written by an award-winning author. Those who receive the book (and others who have read the book) will have opportunities to discuss the book among themselves and will have a chance to hear the author speak, as well as participate in a Q & A with the author.

**Grant:** 08-OB-004 **Award:** \$4,300.00  
**Organization:** Tumwater High School  
**Title:** Tumwater READS!

**Abstract:** Tumwater READS is connected to a new program recently developed by English teachers at Tumwater High School and hopefully enhanced by the One Book grant. Honors English students in grades 9–12 read and study the same book in May of each year following the Advanced Placement exams;. This project will expand to include students at Black Hills High School and other students and adults in the Tumwater community by partnering with the Tumwater branch of the Timberland Regional Library.

**Grant:** 08-OB-005 **Award:** \$5,529.00  
**Organization:** Pend Oreille County Library  
**Title:** Read Across Pend Oreille

**Abstract:** Read Across Pend Oreille is a one book project that will have citizens throughout Pend Oreille County reading and participating in programs centered on the book, *Citizen Vince*, by Jess Walter. Several copies of the book will be available from the libraries to check out. Also, free copies of the book will be distributed to anyone wanting to be involved in a program.

**Grant:** 08-OB-006 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** North Thurston Public Schools  
**Title:** Lacey Loves to Read

**Abstract:** Lacey Loves to Read: A community-wide literacy program that celebrates a variety of works by an award-

winning author who will visit the city at the end of February for several free, public events. Community partners include the local public library, public school librarians, and the City of Lacey, in addition to numerous business and media sponsors.

**Grant:** 08-OB-007 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Sno-Isle Libraries  
**Title:** Stanwood Camano Together We Read 2008

**Abstract:** Stanwood Camano Together We Read is the first effort of the Stanwood and Camano libraries and a variety of community partners to offer a local reading event to inspire discussion and celebration of reading and literature on a community level. The committee has selected the book, *The Last Town on Earth*. The author, Thomas Mullen, is scheduled to participate in the event during November 2008.

**Grant:** 08-OB-008 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** City of Port Townsend  
**Title:** Port Townsend Community Read: *The Measure of a Mountain: Beauty and Terror on Mount Rainier*

**Abstract:** The project will consist of an author event/signing, book discussions at a variety of community sites, a high school assembly, art show, and various programs and events supportive of the themes of the book.

**Grant:** 08-OB-009 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Green River Community College  
**Title:** One Book

**Abstract:** This project will implement a One Book program as a campus-wide initiative at Green River Community College (GRCC) and a local high school, Auburn Mountainview High School, as a community partner. The program will encourage and promote the services and value of the campus library through the reading of one book for all students starting fall quarter of 2008. Throughout the 2008–2009 academic year, the book will be the topic of focused discussions; will be promoted on campus and at the partner site; will be given away (where economically possible); and will be generally infused throughout campus culture. Green River's student body is amazingly diverse and multi-cultural, and the One Book program opens the possibility of creating a common conversation on campus (and in tandem with the Auburn School District partner) through the reading and discussion of one book.

**Grant:** 08-OB-010 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Sno-Isle Libraries  
**Title:** Whidbey Reads 2009

**Abstract:** Whidbey Reads is an annual community reading program designed to bring Whidbey Island residents together to read and discuss books. The program has welcomed a different author to the local area each spring since 2003. State Library One Book grant funds will greatly enhance their ability to attract a well-known author, thus expanding the community's exposure to literature. Whidbey Reads 2009 will include reading, discussion, and a wide variety of adjunct programs with community partners. It will culminate in an author visit and celebration in spring of 2009.

**Grant:** 08-OB-011 **Award:** \$6,920.00  
**Organization:** Robert A. Long High School Library, Longview School District  
**Title:** "One Book" of Power: part of the RAL "Experience Library Project" (ELP)

**Abstract:** This project proposes that the book chosen will influence patrons to recognize the power of their actions, no matter how small, upon those around them. Then they can strategically chose actions that positively influence others.

**Grant:** 08-OB-012 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Vancouver School District #37  
**Title:** Reach the PEAK through Reading

**Abstract:** Reach the Peak through Reading has a whole school read the same book using *Peak*, by Roland Smith. Through an author visit, rock climbing activity, weekly announcements, monthly contests and discussion groups we will to challenge all of the Fort Vancouver community (students, faculty and staff) to read and think about this book.

**Grant:** 08-OB-013 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Mount Vernon City Library  
**Title:** The Power of One

**Abstract:** This One Book Project will focus on the book, *Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand*, and one of its authors. The theme is being the power of one, be that "one" is a book in the general community building of a literary

community sense, or a person who by living, dreaming and striving, makes the world a better place, as did Alexandra Scott (1996-2004).

**Grant:** 08-OB-014 **Award:** \$5,500.00  
**Organization:** Redmond Regional Library  
**Title:** One Book, One Redmond, One Summer

**Abstract:** This is a community based reading initiative that will begin in the summer of 2008 and culminate with an author visit in September 2008. The program is a reading celebration where teens and adults will be encouraged to read, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie. The City of Redmond, Redmond High School, and Borders Books are the project's principal community partners.

**Grant:** 08-OB-015 **Award:** \$6,990.00  
**Organization:** Sedro-Woolley Public Library  
**Title:** Skagit Reads for the Power of One: *Three Cups of Tea*

**Abstract:** The six public libraries of Skagit County will promote a community discussion of the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson. The overall theme is how one determined person can literally change the world for the better. The power of one can be magnified by the strength of many. Readers will be challenged — what have you done today that has made a positive difference in the lives of others?

**Grant:** 08-OB-016 **Award:** \$4,200.00  
**Organization:** Kitsap Regional Library  
**Title:** Kitsap County Reads

**Abstract:** During the month of October, Kitsap Regional Library will celebrate the Book in all its aspects. The centre piece of the celebration will be a one book community read of Harper Lee's *To kill a mockingbird*. Programming in each of the nine branch libraries will be arranged around themes in the book; the public will be invited to provide input on their top favorite classic read; the 1961 film will be shown at two community theatres; and all schools in the county will be invited to participate in essay and art contests on relevant themes. A local theatre group will tour the libraries with a production of *Inherit the Wind*. Through this project, community partnerships will be encouraged with many local groups and business such as newspapers, booksellers, mayors and city councils, the library Foundation, and Friends of the Library groups.

**Grant:** 08-OB-017 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Pierce County Library System  
**Title:** Pierce County Reads

**Abstract:** This project is a county-wide reading promotion designed to generate excitement about reading and encourage a positive exchange of ideas and information. In a focused three-month period, Pierce County Library System and Pierce County Reads partners will invite people to read a selected book that has broad appeal; participate in free programs relating to the themes in the book; join with groups at library locations, with community partners or on-line to discuss the book; and attend a free author presentation and book signing.

**Grant:** 08-OB-018 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Asotin County Library  
**Title:** Everybody Reads

**Abstract:** Everybody Reads is a regional program made up of public, school, and university libraries, and local businesses, which seeks to build community through reading, discussion, and programming revolving around one book. The author of the book will be brought into the communities for a one-week residency.

**Grant:** 08-OB-020 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Griffin School Library  
**Title:** *Marley, A Dog Like No Other*

**Abstract:** The book, *Marley, A Dog Like No Other*, will open up the world of expository writing to students, expose them to the responsibilities of owning a pet, and encourage them to read a myriad of animal and pet care books.

**Grant:** 08-OB-021 **Award:** \$7,000.00  
**Organization:** Bellevue Community College Library Media Center  
**Title:** BCC Reads!

**Abstract:** BCC Reads! is Bellevue Community College's annual community reading and common book program. It promotes literacy practices, engages "big ideas" with a global perspective, deepens interdisciplinary learning and collaboration, and provokes discussion of public issues across the curriculum, throughout the college, and into the community. The Library Media Center (LMC), in collaboration with BCC's Center for Liberal Arts (CLA), will organize

a series of events related to the themes in the chosen text that are open to the public, including lectures; course adoption of the text across the curriculum; book discussions; performance and art presentations; and guest lectures by writers in the subject or genre of the chosen text.

**Grant:** 08-OB-022 **Award:** \$7,000.00

**Organization:** Colville High School

**Title:** One Book, One Generation 2008

**Abstract:** The purpose of this project is to bring an author that can expand from generation to generation and reach the community of readers. This author could bring to the community something that could impact all who read his/her book and include some of his/her accomplishments and how he/she could inspire others.

**Grant:** 08-OB-023 **Award:** \$7,000.00

**Organization:** Camas Public Library

**Title:** What's Camas Reading?

**Abstract:** This project will continue the effort started last year to further the library's role as a "Commons" for the city and be widely recognized as a community forum and source of popular culture. Through at least two ancillary programs, book discussions, author presentations and promotions, the project attempts to focus attention on one title for a short period of time.

**Grant:** 08-OB-024 **Award:** \$7,000.00

**Organization:** Whatcom Community College

**Title:** WHATCOM READS!

**Abstract:** WHATCOM READS! will be a focal point for the academic communities of Whatcom Community College (WCC) and Bellingham Technical College (BTC) and their neighborhoods. In collaboration with Bellingham Public Library (BPL), the Whatcom County Library System (WCLS) and other partners, the project will encourage discussion, insight, learning and entertainment.

**Grant:** 08-OB-025 **Award:** \$5,387.00

**Organization:** Seattle Public Schools, Bryant Elementary School Library

**Title:** Bryant Elementary Reads One Book, *Jimmy and Ryan and the Well in Africa that Brought Them Together*

**Abstract:** All students will read or have read to them the story about a first grader who helped make a difference. This true story directly relates to Bryant elementary students' current work around community and global giving. The book's themes provide direct ties to kindergarten through second grade social studies curriculum. The themes in the book relate to water issues presented in the fifth grade science curriculum and provide the opportunity to work with the state's new third through fifth grade social studies classroom based assessments.

**Grant:** 08-OB-026 **Award:** \$7,000.00

**Organization:** Longview Public Library

**Title:** Cowlitz Reads II

**Abstract:** The Kelso and Longview Public Libraries are partnering to engage Cowlitz County in a community read event which crosses existing boundaries between cities and unites residents through a common focus on literature. The grant will bring a well-known NW author to the community, distribute at least 200 copies of the book free, and pay for professionally designed promotional materials and advertising. Several public book discussions will be held around the county including some in Kelso High School classes. February/March 2009 was selected as the date so it could be part of Altrusa's Celebration of Literacy.

**Grant:** 08-OB-027 **Award:** \$7,000.00

**Organization:** Whatcom County Library System

**Title:** Whatcom READS!

**Abstract:** Whatcom READS! will provide a focal point for the community that will encourage lively discussion, insight, learning and entertainment. Bellingham Public Library (BPL) and Whatcom County Library System (WCLS) are partnering on this project which will support promotion, book purchases, and a stipend for the author visits. This is a collaborative effort with the one submitted by Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College for the purpose of a strong and regional approach to promoting reading for all Whatcom County residents.

**Grant:** 08-OB-028 **Award:** \$7,000.00

**Organization:** San Juan Island Library District

**Title:** Our Town: A Century in the Making

**Abstract:** In partnership with our Community Theatre and Town, we will offer three community discussions, a

theatrical production, and community wide reading around the play, *Our Town*, by Thornton Wilder. This will be one of the featured events in Friday Harbor's 2009 Centennial Celebration.