

ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

OUR REGION READS!

"The power of a book is that it can change lives, and ultimately change the world. Each year One Book, One Community brings our region together with discussion, activities and a web site centered on a single title, opening minds and strengthening communities."

– Carolyn Blatchley, 2011 Coordinator of One Book, One Community Campaign

Our Region Reads *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

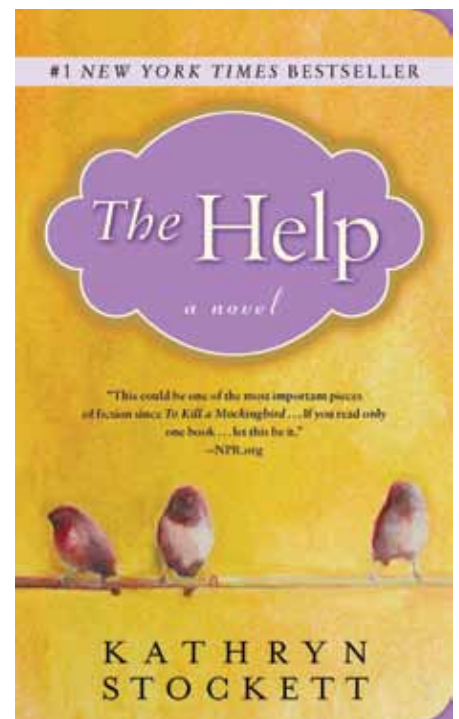


Kathryn Stockett

THIS YEAR'S ONE BOOK, ONE Community organizers invite you to travel back to Jackson, Mississippi in the early 1960's during the civil rights era by reading this year's selection, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Through Stockett's narrative, readers will catch a glimpse of the daily happenings in white households where African-American maids were employed. They were commonly referred to as "the help". The story centers around a group seemingly different women who gather strength from one another by embarking on a secret project that puts them all at risk. Through their alliances the project gives voice to a story about racial inequality that reigned during that tumultuous period in American history. It is an

astonishing story of triumph --- one that we encourage you to read and discuss!

The regional reading campaign, dubbed **One Book, One Community**, is intended to promote the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links the community in a common conversation. Several communities across the country have initiated "One Book" efforts, but **One Book, One Community** is the largest such effort in Pennsylvania with 70 participating libraries. Reading campaign organizers and librarians in the region will encourage residents to read the book during September and October and to attend free programs and discussions to learn more about this captivating novel.



About this Year's Book...

THE HELP IS ABOUT THREE ORDINARY women who are about to take one extraordinary step. Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone.

Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken. Minny, Aibileen's best friend, is short, fat, and perhaps the sassiest woman in Mississippi. She can cook like nobody's business, but she can't mind her tongue, so she's lost yet another job.

Minnie finally finds a position working for someone too new to town to know her reputation. But her new boss has secrets of her own. Seemingly as different from one another as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. They are motivated by the stringent social lines that define their town and their times. And sometimes lines are made to be crossed. (*Description taken from the publisher*)

Programs for Everyone

This year 70 libraries in the six-county region that spans Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Perry and York Counties, and five area campuses of Harrisburg Area Community College are participating along with community partner organizations. Program schedules for book discussion groups, lectures on civil rights, and other innovative activities will be available at all participating public libraries and throughout the community. We will sample Southern cooking and enjoy Hummingbird Cake at events. This information may also be accessed online at www.oboc.org. Nearly all of the programming is free of charge.

Libraries in the six counties have stocked up on copies of *The Help* where the book may be borrowed free of charge. Books will also be available for purchase at local Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, and Wegman's stores as well as Barnes & Noble Booksellers, and at local area booksellers.

Books and e-Books, Audios and more

This year our libraries have several book formats available to engage readers wherever they are. Through the support of our generous sponsors, we continue to provide books in hardcover, paperback, and large print editions, and the ever-popular audio books. But the real explosion has been with the number of downloadable e-books and to a lesser extent, e-audios. Libraries have seen a huge increase in these formats. Check your local library website to download an e-version of *The Help* to your computer or portable device.

Best of all, you do not need to check it in or bring back a downloadable e-item, it will delete in two weeks.

"Bring Tissues..." A Comment about the Movie Launch

A local book club member on her way to see the movie shortly after it opened on August 11, was skeptical at first. After all, the normal reaction is that the movie is never as good as the book. She called the library afterwards and could hardly speak, "Bring tissues..." was just about all that she could say. "Oh, and it's over 2 hours long, but it's worth it."

Author Kathryn Stockett handpicked her close friend and fellow Mississippian, Tate Taylor, to direct and write the screenplay. The result is that *The Help* on film does full justice to the book. The actors are brilliant, both black and white, and help us to try to understand the deep-rooted feelings of the culture at that time and place. Ms. Stockett notes frankly in an interview with *Rolling Stone* magazine that she could never truly understand what it felt like to be a black woman at the dawn of the civil rights movement. "But trying to understand is vital to our humanity."

How the One Book Program Started

The idea of community-wide reading of the same book came from the Seattle Public Library. Launched in 1998, "If All Seattle Read the Same Book" was the first effort to promote reading and civic engagement through a community reading project. Following their success, numerous cities and communities across the country have implemented a One Book campaign and others have adopted the idea and made it their own.

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About the Author...

Kathryn Stockett was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. After graduating from the University of Alabama with a degree in English and Creative Writing, she moved to New York City, where she worked in magazine publishing and marketing for nine years. *The Help* is her first novel.

★ *What perfect timing for this optimistic, uplifting debut novel...set during the nascent civil rights movement in Jackson, Miss., where black women were trusted to raise white children but not to polish the household silver...Assured and layered, full of heart and history, this one has bestseller written all over it. -Publishers Weekly*



more...

If you've already read *The Help*, you may enjoy these reads...

The Secret Life of Bees ~ Sue Monk Kidd

The Queen of Palmyra ~ Minrose Gwin

Brothers and Sisters ~ Bebe Moore Campbell

Mudbound ~ Hillary Jordan

We Are All Welcome Here ~ Elizabeth Berg

The Summer We Got Saved ~ Pat C. Devoto

Four Spirits ~ Sena Jeter Naslund

Persia Cafe ~ Melany Neilson

Freshwater Road ~ Denise Nicholas

The Space Between Us ~ Thrity Umrigar

The Living ~ Annie Dillard

Safe from the Neighbors ~ Steve Yarbrough

The Clouds Roll Away ~ Sibella Giorello

The Amethyst Heart ~ Penelope J. Stokes

Sweet Jiminy ~ Kristin Gore

Glorious ~ Bernice L. McFadden

To Kill a Mockingbird ~ Harper Lee

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks ~ Rebecca Skloot

Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family ~ Condoleezza Rice

Alex Cross's Trial ~ James Patterson

How the Book is Selected

A selection committee made up of community members representing all participating counties, reviews a number of books based upon broad criteria that include:

- ❖ A major author with a body of work, or an author who has received lasting literary recognition
- ❖ An author or recognized experts on the author, who would be willing to engage in discussion with readers at several events
- ❖ A good discussible book
- ❖ A book that is available in quantity, at a reasonable cost, in various media formats (paperback, large print, audio, or video)
- ❖ A book that is accessible to emerging adult readers (up to a high school reading level).

What we read during past campaigns....

One Book, One Community Titles

- 2010:** *The Book Thief*
by Markus Zusak
- 2009:** *The People of the Book*
by Geraldine Brooks
- 2008:** *The Grace That Keeps this World*
by Tom Bailey
- 2007:** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*
by Mark Haddon
- 2006:** *The Kite Runner*
by Khaled Hosseini
- 2005:** *The White*
by Deborah Larsen
- 2004:** *Rocket Boys/October Sky*
by Homer Hickam, Jr.

Anne Shannon Announces the Selection



Announcement of the book title, by Anne Shannon of WGAL-TV Channel 8, came August 24 at the William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library in Hummelstown, PA. It was at that press conference that members of the OBOC committee brought together friends, politicians and sponsors to officially launch the 2011 program.

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Friends of the Paul Smith Library, Southern York County

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Friends of Shippensburg Public Library

2011 OBOC Regional Programming

For a complete list of programs happening in the region, visit www.oboc.org

Cumberland County

Book Review of *The Help*

October 11 | 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
New Cumberland Library
Foundation House
One Benjamin Plaza,
New Cumberland 17070
717-774-7820

Please join us for a review of this year's OBOC selection, *The Help*, presented by New Cumberland's Mayor D.J. Landis. Light refreshments will follow the program. No registration required. For more Cumberland County programs, visit cumberlandcountylibraries.org/oboc

Dauphin County

Book Discussion Group, *The Help*

Thursday, October 6 | 6:00 p.m.
Middletown Public Library
20 N. Catherine St., Middletown 17057
717-944-6412

Novel Thoughts Book Club

Tuesday, October 11 | 6:30 p.m.
William H. & Marion C. Alexander
Family Library
200 W. Second Street,
Hummelstown 17036
717-566-0949
Friends of The Library book club will be discussing *The Help*.

Book Discussion

October 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Kline Library
530 S. 29th Street, Harrisburg
717-234-3934
Join Nan Cavanaugh, co-chair of the OBOC Selection Panel for a discussion of this year's One Book, One Community choice, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The reviewer will also compare and contrast the recent film with the novel. Pre-register by calling Kline Library at 234-3924. Sponsored by the Friends of Kline Library.

Lancaster County

The Help ~ Book/Movie Discussion

Tuesday, September 6 | 7:00 pm
Salisbury Township Branch Library
875 Houston Run Dr., Suite 220
Gap 17527
717-442-3304
www.pvpl.org

Book Discussion

Thursday, September 22 | 6:00 p.m.
Moore's Memorial Library
9 W. Slokom Avenue, Christiana 17509
610-593-6683 /
chrlib@christianalibrary.org

The Help Book /Movie Discussion

Tuesday, September 27
1:00 p.m.
Pequea Valley Public Library
31 Center Street, Intercourse 17534
Phone: 717-768-3160
www.pvpl.org

Book Discussion

Thursday, September 29 | 10:00 a.m.
Susquehanna Assn. for the
Blind & Vision Impaired
244 North Queen Street,
Lancaster
717-291-5951
www.sabvi.org

The Help Book Discussion & Southern Pie

Thursday, September 29 | 6:30 p.m.
Strasburg-Heisler Library
143 Precision Road,
Strasburg 17579
717-687-8969
Please register online at www.strasburglibrary.org for this book discussion about this year's One Book, One Community choice, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Led by Mary Ann Heltshe-Steinhauer, the discussion will also compare and contrast the recent film with the novel. Also enjoy a taste of Southern pie!

Book Discussion: Reader's Round Table

Monday, October 3 | 7:00 p.m.
Eastern Lancaster County Library
11 Chestnut Drive,
New Holland 17557
717-354-0525
www.elanconlibrary.org

Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 4 | 1:00 p.m.
Lancaster Public Library West –
Mountville Branch
120 College Avenue,
Mountville 17554
717-285-3231
www.lancaster.lib.pa.us/mountville
No fee but participants should register on-line at www.lancaster.lib.pa.us/mountville

Film Screening: *Far from Heaven*

Wednesday, October 5 | 6:00 p.m.
Columbia Public Library
24 S. 6th Street, Columbia 17512
717-684-2255
www.columbia.lib.pa.us
Book discussion and film screening of *Far from Heaven* will be led by Mary Ann Heltshe-Steinhauer. How the film's theme relates to the issues of racial tension that epitomized the late 1950s at the advent of the Civil Rights movement in America will be also be discussed and compared to this year's One Book, One Community selection, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

Book Discussion ~ *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Wednesday, October 12 | 10:00 a.m.
Manheim Township Public Library
595 Granite Run Road,
Lancaster
717-560-6441 / www.mtpl.info

KATHRYN STOCKETT VISITS BERKS COUNTY!

Thursday, October 6 | 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Scottish Rite Cathedral

310 S. 7th Avenue, West Reading | 610-373-0722

Tickets ~ \$32 each

Kathryn Stockett will present a 45-minute talk on her best seller, *The Help*, followed by a question- and-answer period. She will also sign books following the program. Copies of *The Help* will be available for sale in a variety of formats. Audience members may bring their own books, but Kathryn will sign only one book per person at a time. If members have more than one book to be signed, they will have to get into line for each book. This way everyone will have the chance to have one at least book signed.

Tickets are for sale by calling 610-796-2001. Ticket price is \$32, and seat numbers are on tickets. Mastercard, VISA, Discover, and American Express are accepted. Questions: Call 610-678-2132 between 3 and 8 pm.

Harriet Tubman

Thursday, October 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Lititz Public Library
651 Kissel Hill Road, Lititz 17543
717-626-2255
www.lititzlibrary.org
Description: Called the "Moses" of her people, she helped free over 300 of her fellow bondsmen before the Civil War. As a clever disguise artist and impersonator, she would well qualify today for an Academy Award! Not only did she dedicate her entire life to promoting justice and freedom for her fellow slaves, but she also fought for women's rights.

Civil War to Civil Rights: How Far Have We Come?

Wednesday, October 26 | 6:00 p.m.
Columbia Public Library
Columbia Historic Preservation
Society, 19 N. 2nd Street,
Columbia 17512
Join us for a special commentary about the Civil Rights era, what those times were like as well as later times: from real life experiences. Audience discussion and participation will be encouraged. Program will be led by Kelly Summerford, a native of Harrisburg who has a wide range of experiences, traveling in the USA in his roles as film and TV actor, dancer and arts consultant. He is the only African American male on the Harrisburg City Council and maintains his acting career. Most notably he is a member of the Pennsylvania Past Players, a group of highly-trained living history interpreters bringing to life the era of the Underground Railroad with its manners, culture and impact using "animated democracy" and "Live and Learn" strategies. To register, please contact Lisa Greybill at lgreybill@columbia.lib.pa.us or 717-684-2255.

Book Discussion

Thursday, October 27 | 6:30 p.m.
Adamstown Area Library
3000 N. Reading Road, Adamstown
717-484-4200
www.adamstown.lib.pa.us
Join us for Southern Sweet Tea, Hummingbird Cake, and shared conversation about *The Help*. Issues of racial tension that epitomized the late 1950s at the advent of the Civil Rights movement in America will be addressed.

Book Discussion ~ *The Help* Book/ Movie Discussion

Wednesday, September 28 | 6:30 p.m.
Milanof-Schock Library
1184 Anderson Ferry Rd., Mount Joy
717-653-1510 | www.mslibrary.org

Lebanon County

Bridge Party

Saturday, September 27 | 1 p.m.
Richland Community Library
111 E. Main Street, Richland 17087
717-866-4939
Join us for a lesson followed by light snacks. Sponsored by the Richland Library Bridge Club.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 4th | 12:30 p.m.
HACC Lebanon Campus – 2nd floor
735 Cumberland Street, Lebanon
717-270-6328

Live Audio Book Discussion Online

Tuesday, October 18 | 3:00 p.m. EST
www.accessibleworld.org
This program is being hosted by the Lebanon County Library System. Participants can attend live at Lebanon Community Library or join us online.
Phone: 717-273-7624 x 204
Join us for an audio book discussion of *The Help* via the Accessible World online platform, which facilitates chat and live interactive conversation. While emphasis is on the audio book format of *The Help*, all are readers are welcome to attend. The Accessible World is a division of Helping Hands for the Blind.

York County

Cooks 'n' Books

Wednesday, August 31 | 6 p.m.
Village Library
35 N. Main St., Jacobus
717-428-1034
The Cooks 'n' Books Cookbook Discussion and Food Tasting group will meet Wednesday, August 31 at 6 p.m. The topic will be Southern cooking.

Sew a Hot Pad for Abileen

Thursday, September 22 | 6:30 p.m.
Collinsville Community Library
2632 Delta Road, Brogue 17309
717-927-9014
Teens and adults are welcome to join us to make a hot pad. Sew and share about the culture that prevailed in the day-to-day lives of Abileen and the other maids as presented in *The Help*. Registration required so we can supply adequate materials.

Sew a Hot Pad for Abileen

Tuesday, September 27 | 6:00 p.m.
Mason-Dixon Public Library
250 Bailey Drive, Stewartstown
717-993-2404
Teens and adults are welcome to join us to make a hot pad. Sew and share about the culture that prevailed in the day-to-day lives of Abileen and the other maids as presented in *The Help*. Registration required so we can supply adequate materials.

The Help Book Discussion

Monday, October 3 | 10 a.m.
Delta Area Community Senior Center
5 Pendyrus St., Delta 17314
717-456-5753 Contact Donna Druck
This book club will be open to the public of all ages.

Southern Tea and Book Social

Monday, October 3 | 1:30 p.m.
Red Land Community Library
48 Robin Hood Drive, Eppers 17319
717-938-5599

Join us for Southern Sweet Tea, Hummingbird Cake, and shared conversation about *The Help*. Please register so that we may adequately prepare for the event.

Knit a Hot Pad for Abileen

Tuesday, October 4
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kreutz Creek Valley Library Center
66 Walnut Springs Road, Hellam 17406
The KC knitters will help teens and adults learn to knit a hot pad while we discuss the culture that prevailed in the day-to-day lives of Abileen and the other maids as presented in *The Help*. Registration required so we can supply adequate materials.

Book Discussion

Thursday, October 6 | 7:00 p.m.
Mason-Dixon Public Library
250 Bailey Drive, Stewartstown 17363
717-993-2404
Already read *The Help*? Join us by the fireplace to discuss *We Are All Welcome Here* by Elizabeth Berg. Light refreshments will be served.

Book Discussion

Friday, October 7 | 1 p.m.
Collinsville Community Library
2632 Delta Road, Brogue 17309
717-927-9014
Already read *The Help*? Join our daytime book discussion group to discuss *We Are All Welcome Here* by Elizabeth Berg. Light refreshments will be served.

Southern Tea and Book Social

Tuesday, October 11 | 6:30 p.m.
Mt Pisgah Trinity United Methodist Church
5615 Mt. Pisgah Road, York 17406
717-927-9014 or 717-252-4080
Join us for Southern Sweet Tea, Hummingbird Cake, and shared conversation about *The Help*. Please register so that we may adequately prepare for the event. Please register at either Collinsville Community Library or Kreutz Creek Valley Library Center so that we may adequately prepare for the event. *Note: The location will be in the Family Life Center of the church.*

Knit a Hot Pad for Abileen

Tuesday, October 12 | 6:00 p.m.
Dover Area Community Library
3700-3 Davidsburg Road, Dover 17315
The Dover knitters will help teens and adults learn to knit a hot pad for Abileen while we share about the culture that prevailed in the day-to-day lives of the maids as presented in *The Help*. Registration required so we can supply adequate materials.

The Help Discussion

Wednesday, October 12 | 6:30 p.m.
Kaltreider-Benfer Library
147 South Charles St., Red Lion 17356
717-717-244-2032
Adults and teens are invited to participate in a discussion of the *One Book, One Community 2011* book selection, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The book discussion will be held in the Kaltreider-Benfer Library's Board Room at 6:30 p.m. No sign-up required.

Civil War to Civil Rights: How Far Have We Come?

Commentary on Kathryn Stockett's book, *The Help*, discussing what those times were like as well as later times: from real life experiences.
Thursday, October 13 | 6:30 p.m.
Martin Library
159 E. Market Street, York 17401
717-846-5300 ext. 222
Kelly Summerford is an arts management consultant based in Harrisburg where his agency Kreative Lines LLC is the central Pennsylvania affiliate for the Pennsylvania Film Commission. A native of Harrisburg, he has a wide range of experiences, traveling in the USA in his roles as film and TV actor, dancer and arts consultant. He is the only African American male on the Harrisburg City Council and maintains his acting career. Most notably he is a member of the Pennsylvania Past Players, a group of highly-trained living history interpreters bringing to life the era of the Underground Railroad with its manners, culture and impact using "animated democracy" and "Live and Learn" strategies.

Book Discussion

Friday, October 14 | 1:00 p.m.
Paul Smith Library of Southern York County
80 Constitution Avenue,
Shrewsbury 17361
717-235-4313
Join us to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Light refreshments served.

Book Discussion

Thursday, October 20
5:30 p.m. Refreshments
6:00 p.m. Discussion
Martin Library at
The Art Institute of York –
Pennsylvania
1409 Williams Road, York, 17402
717-757-1070 (Library)
Join us for Southern Sweet Tea, Hummingbird Cake, and shared conversation about *The Help*. Please register so that we may adequately prepare for the event.

Book Discussion

Thursday, October 20 | 6:30 p.m.
Dillsburg Area Public Library
17 S Baltimore St, Dillsburg 17019
717-432-5613
Join us for Southern Sweet Tea, Hummingbird Cake, and shared conversation. Please register so that we may adequately prepare for the event.

The Rowdy Readers

Thursday, October 20 | 7:30 p.m.
Village Library
35 N. Main St., Jacobus 17407
717-428-1034
Already read *The Help*? Join our evening book discussion group to discuss a read-alike book. Call the library for details.

Book Discussion

Monday, October 24 | 7 p.m.
Arthur Hufnagel Public Library of
Glen Rock
32 Main Street, Glen Rock 17327
717-235-1127
Join us to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Light refreshments served.

Clashing Cultures: Civil Rights in the South

Dr. Philip Avillo, Professor of History, Emeritus, York College of Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 25 | 6:30 p.m.
Kaltreider-Benfer Library
147 South Charles St., Red Lion 17356
717-244-2032
In *The Help*, we are transported to Jackson, Mississippi, in the early 1960's. The emerging civil rights movement has engulfed the community and racial tensions between the city's black and white citizens intensifies dramatically. Professor Avillo will explore the deep-rooted feelings on both sides of the black/white issues described in *The Help* and will discuss the impact of this growing civil rights movement in York County during the same time period.



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Tuesday, September 27
4:00 – 9:00 pm

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Community** project.

Visit www.oboc.org or
your local public library
for fundraising flyers.

Mystery Book Readers

Tuesday, October 25 | 7:00 p.m.
Martin Library
159 E. Market Street, York 17401
717-846-5300 ext. 222
Join our Mystery Readers book group to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

Book Discussion

Thursday, October 27 | 6 p.m.
Collinsville Community Library
2632 Delta Road, Brogue 17309
717-927-9014
Already read *The Help*? Join our evening book discussion group to discuss *We Are All Welcome Here* by Elizabeth Berg. Light refreshments will be served.

The Help Discussion

Thursday, October 27 | 6:30 p.m.
Glatfelter Memorial Library
101 Glenview Road,
Spring Grove 17362
The GML Book Club will discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

The Help Book Discussion

Monday, October 31 | 7:00 p.m.
Dover Area Community Library
3700-3 Davidsburg Road
Dover 17315
Join us to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.