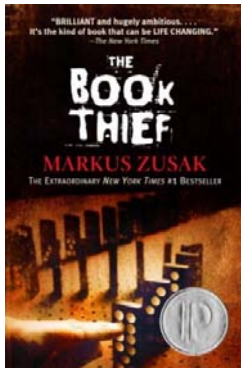


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Two Towns-One Book Kick-Off Event at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library



Clifton Park, NY—The **Two Towns- One Book Committee** is pleased to announce they will be hosting a **Kick-off Event** at the **Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library** on **Sunday January, 22** from **2-5pm**. A variety of presentations will take place that involve the whole family. Reading *The Book Thief* is not necessary to enjoy the slate of activities.

At 2pm, Rick Fogarty, Associate Professor of History at SUNY Albany, will present, *Take Up and Read: Books and Survival in Wartime*. This program is appropriate for all ages, including children in grades 5 and up accompanied by an adult.

Afterward, there will be a showing of two short films, *The Short Life of Anne Frank* and *The Butterfly* at 3:15 and 4pm. In *The Short Life of Anne Frank*, you will get a sense what it was like to live in wartime in this thirty-minute documentary film. The life of Anne Frank is told against the background of Nazi-Germany, the Holocaust and the Second World War. *The Butterfly* was chosen as a junior companion book to *The Book Thief*. It is appropriate for children in grades 3 & up accompanied by an adult. Patricia Polacco dips into her own family's history to reveal her Aunt Monique's true story of friendship from the French Resistance.

Throughout the afternoon, create a one of a kind butterfly to be sent to the *Holocaust Museum Houston*. 1.5 million children perished in the Holocaust. In an effort to remember these children, the museum is collecting handmade butterflies. We will have stations around the library for you to create a special remembrance. Before the butterflies are mailed, we will display the creations around the community including at *Shensational*.

The rest of the programs, events and activities surrounding *The Book Thief* will be revealed.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak was voted to be the first community-wide read. *The Book Thief* was chosen from a group of five worthy contenders including *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, and *Peace Like a River*

Additionally, the Committee has selected companion books so younger children can participate in the community-wide read experience as well. ***Wolf*** by Becky Bloom has been chosen for children in grades K-2. For children in grades 3-6, the selected books are, ***Number the Stars*** by Lois Lowry and ***The Butterfly*** by Patricia Polacco.

The Friends have partnered with community organizations: Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, Town of Clifton Park, Town of Halfmoon, Halfmoon Senior Center, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, YMCA of Southern Saratoga County, CAPTAIN Youth & Family Services, East Line Books and Shenendehowa Central Schools in this reading initiative.

For more information about **Two Towns-One Book** visit www.twotownsonebook.org.

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