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All-City Read

One city. One book.

Lots of ways to bring neighbors together.

What's an All-City Read?

Tosa's All-City Read is like a giant book club for the whole city of Wauwatosa. Our goal is to have everybody in our community read the same book and come together in February to discuss it in small neighborhood book clubs, public meetings and at special events all over town. As journalist Mary McGrory said, "The city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."

There are lots of ways to participate:

1. Join a book discussion in your neighborhood association.
2. Attend one of the public book discussions listed inside this brochure.
3. Take part in the exciting events and activities also described inside this brochure. Be sure to check our website, www.TosasAllCityRead.com, for additional events, updates and registration information.

Our Book

Orphan Train
By Christina Baker Kline

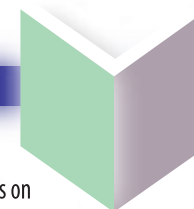


We've chosen the *New York Times* bestseller *Orphan Train*, a gripping story of upheaval and resilience, unexpected friendship and second chances. Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest (including Wisconsin), carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck or chance.

Orphan Train is the fictional account of a young Irish immigrant who travels by orphan train to an uncertain future in the Midwest. The story of that adventure is paralleled by the tale of a modern-day teenager who has spent her youth in and out of foster homes. When the teen meets the former orphan train rider, they realize that they are united by a common past.

For Younger Readers

Kids of all ages are invited to read about the orphan trains at their own grade level. We have a full list of related books for all ages on our website, www.TosasAllCityRead.com.



Announcing: The First Tosa's All-City Read Writing Contest



Enter Tosa's All-City Read's *Orphan Train*-inspired nonfiction essay contest for the chance to win cash prizes and gift certificates!

In *Orphan Train*, Molly Ayer's teacher talks about "portaging" – how members of Native American tribes carried their canoes and everything they possessed across land, from one body of water to the next. They had to think carefully about what to keep and what to leave behind. The children on the orphan trains had a similar experience.

Contest Parameters

1. Write about your own personal journey – either an actual trip you've taken or a true story of your journey of personal growth.
- OR**
2. Interview someone else in Wauwatosa about his or her journey – real or symbolic.

Topics to consider:

- What was your journey?
- What did you choose to bring with you? Why? (Remember, what you bring doesn't have to be a "thing.")
- What did you decide to leave behind? Why? (It can be a person, an emotion, a fear, etc.)
- In hindsight, did you make the right decisions?

You must be a resident of Wauwatosa or attend a Wauwatosa public or private school to be eligible to compete in the essay contest.

There are four categories:

- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- High School
- Adult (ages 18+)

Entries are due January 31, 2015.
**For a complete list of rules,
the prize list and entry form, please go to
www.TosasAllCityRead.com.**