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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

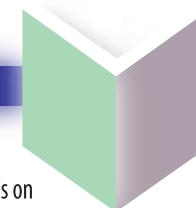


We've chosen the *New York Times* bestseller *Orphan Train*, a gripping story of upheaval and resilience, unexpected friendship and second chances. Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest (including Wisconsin), carrying 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.**

Join us for Tosa's All-City Read Events

Throughout February: A Drive for Foster Kids

Foster kids like Molly Ayer in *Orphan Train* often can't take all of their clothes and belongings with them when they move to a new home, and foster parents are often asked to take children with little advanced notice. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services and the Coalition for Children, Youth and Families both collect clothing, toys, toiletries and diapering supplies that foster parents can access on short notice.

Throughout the month of February, Tosa's All-City Read will be collecting these items in the lobby of our sponsor, North Shore Bank. Please consider donating:

- Clean, gently used or new clothing for sizes newborn through teen
- Disposable diapers in all sizes and wipes (all unopened)
- Toiletries, including shampoo, bath gel, toothpaste and sanitary products (all unopened)
- Toys – new toys, games, CDs, DVDs and art supplies
- Books – new or gently used children's books

Drop them at North Shore Bank, 8706 W. North Avenue, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday through February 28, 2015.

Build a Little Free Library Workshop

Tuesday, February 3, Sessions at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Home Depot, 4100 N. 124th Street

Join one of the fastest-growing grass roots (literally!) movements in the country – put a Little Free Library on your lawn to encourage reading and sharing in your neighborhood. Home Depot will provide pre-cut lumber and all the tools you need to construct the library itself. For decorating ideas, check out our Little Free Library page on Pinterest, at <http://www.pinterest.com/tosasallcityrea/little-lawn-libraries/>

Cost: \$35 for a basic library.

Maximum class size: 5 libraries per session

To reserve your place, contact info@TosasAllCityRead.com.

Orphan Movie Series at the Library

Every Wednesday night, we'll be showing a family-friendly movie about orphans at the Wauwatosa Library's first-floor Firefly Room. Dress the kids in their jammies, pack a snack and join us for some film fun!

Cost: Free

Wednesday, February 4 – 6:30-8:30

Candlehoe (1977, Rated G)

A small-time crook tries to dupe Lady St. Edmund out of her fortune with the help of a street urchin, but he's in for a surprise. With Jodie Foster.

Wednesday, February 11 – 6:30-8:30

Annie (1999, Made for TV/not rated)

This charming musical captures all the fun of the original play, but adds an unmistakable Disney touch. With Kathy Bates and Audra McDonald.

Wednesday, February 18 – 6:30-8:30

The Secret Garden (1993, Rated G)

An orphan girl is sent to England to live with her uncle, where she discovers her late aunt's garden and its magic. With Maggie Smith.

Wednesday, February 25 – 6:30-8:30

August Rush (2007, Rated PG)

In a drama with fairy tale elements, an orphaned musical prodigy uses his gift as a clue to finding his birth parents. With Robin Williams.

Tosa's All-City Read: Junior Edition

Thursday, February 5, 4 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library – Children's Library

Come to a special after-school session featuring children's books about orphan trains and activities related to trains. For grades 4K - 4.

Cost: Free

For information and reservations, call the Children's Library at 414-471-8486.

Get Organized Workshop

Tuesday, February 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa East High School – Room 280

Is your attic like Vivian's, filled with old boxes you dread sorting? Is paperwork cluttering all of the horizontal surfaces in your home? Carrie Delgado of Milwaukee Home Organizer will help you get organized and conquer clutter in this tip-filled workshop.

Cost: Free

Tracing Your Roots: A Genealogy Workshop

Thursday, February 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa West High School, Trojan Room

Would you like to trace your family tree? As Molly Ayer demonstrated in *Orphan Train*, it can be easier than you think.

Genealogist Sam Colon of the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society and Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will lead you through the steps. Bring your laptop or tablet, if you have one, to try your own online searches during the workshop.

Cost: Free

The Orphan Experience in Wauwatosa

Saturday, February 21 - 2 p.m.

Milwaukee County Parks Administration Building,
9480 Watertown Plank Road

What was it like to be an orphan in Wauwatosa in generations past? Tour the lovely former administration building for the Milwaukee County Home for Dependent Children and hear Joe Cieminski talk about his childhood there.

Cost: Free

Emily's Story: The Brave Journey of an Orphan Train Rider

Sunday, February 15, 1-3 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room

Janesville author Clark Kidder joins us to tell the inspiring story of his grandmother Emily, who at age 14, boarded an orphan train bound for Wisconsin. Kidder tells Emily's story with historical photos and first-hand accounts. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing.

Cost: Free

Battle of the Bartenders Wee Bit o' Irish Mix-off!

Tuesday, February 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Café Hollander Second Floor, 7677 W. State Street

See which Tosa bartender is crowned the supreme champion mixologist at this fun, free event. Celebrity judges will select their favorite concoction based on appearance, taste and adherence to the Wee Bit o' Irish theme. Cash bar for observers; appetizers provided. *Sláinte!*

Throughout February, restaurants in Wauwatosa will be serving their own special version of an Irish cocktail. Try one or try them all and vote online for your favorite at www.TosasAllCityRead.com.

The Real Orphan Train Riders

Thursday, February 26, 7-9 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room

What became of the orphan train riders? Find out their true stories in the American Experience documentary "The Orphan Trains," and hear Tosa writer Kathy Mangold discuss her research on her great-grandmother's experience on the orphan train.

Cost: Free

For more details on any events, go to www.TosasAllCityRead.com or email info@TosasAllCityRead.com.

Vivian's Refuge:

An Orphan Train Painting Workshop

Friday, February 27, 7-9 p.m.

Arté Wine & Painting Studio, 1442 Underwood Avenue



In *Orphan Train*, Vivian finds peace and contentment in a beautiful white house on the coast of Maine. Now you can paint this peaceful scene for yourself. Painters from beginner to expert will enjoy this step-by-step class that leads you through a complete painting to take home.

For ages 14 and up. Cost: \$35 per person.

Register online at artewineandpaint.com/ or call 414-810-6095.

Book Discussions

If you'd like to talk about *Orphan Train* with your fellow Tosans, join us at any of these discussions open to the public.



Monday, February 9, 7-8:30 p.m.

Évenément Lounge, 7208 W. North Avenue

Join us at Wauwatosa's only boutique-style event rental space, where comfy chairs + elegant surroundings = a great discussion.

Cost: Free. Light snacks provided. BYOB

Monday, February 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

Colectivo, 6745 W. Wells Street

Warm up with some of Milwaukee's finest coffee, a seat near the fireplace and a sizzling conversation about *Orphan Train*.

Cost: Free (beverages and food not included)

Tuesday, February 17 – 7-8:30 p.m.

Firefly Urban Bar & Grille, 7754 Harwood Avenue

Order a cocktail and small plate from the menu and join the conversation in Firefly's elegant and cozy Fireplace Lounge.

Cost: Free (beverages and small plates not included)

Thursday, February 19 - 9:30-11 a.m.

Design Vision Optical, 8720 W. North Avenue

Enjoy good conversation and delicious refreshments at Wauwatosa's newest optical boutique for adults and children.

Cost: Free

For information and reservations, call Design Vision Optical at 414-774-0200.

Book Club Recipes

What's a book discussion without food? Make your book club meeting more fun by making some of the food mentioned in the book.

Go to www.TosasAllCityRead.com to get step-by-step recipes for sweets, Irish specialties, vegetarian fare and down East delicacies. *Bon appétit!*

