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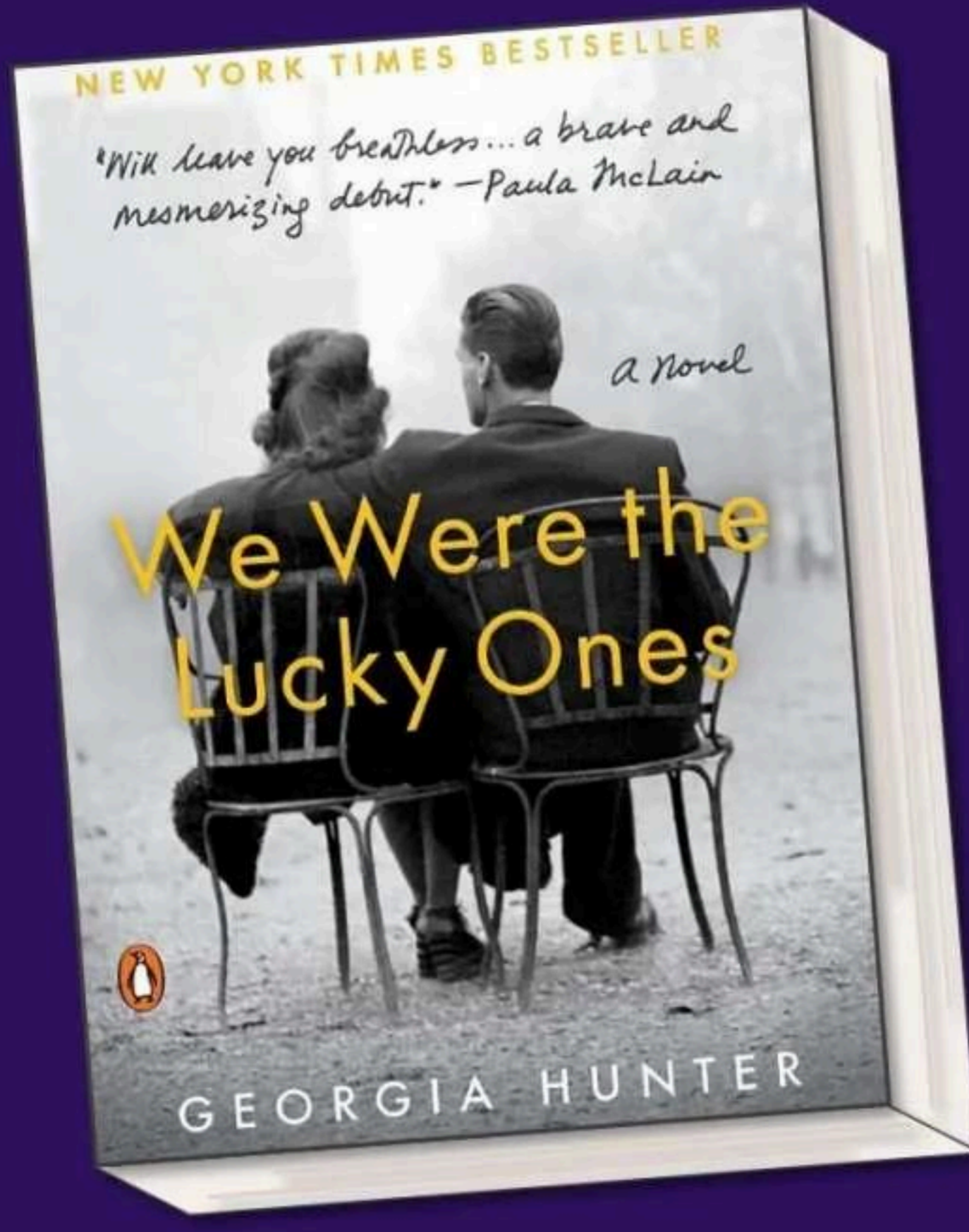
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TOSA READS!

2024 Events  
February–March



Tosa's All-City Read



TosasAllCityRead.com

What Is an All-City Read?

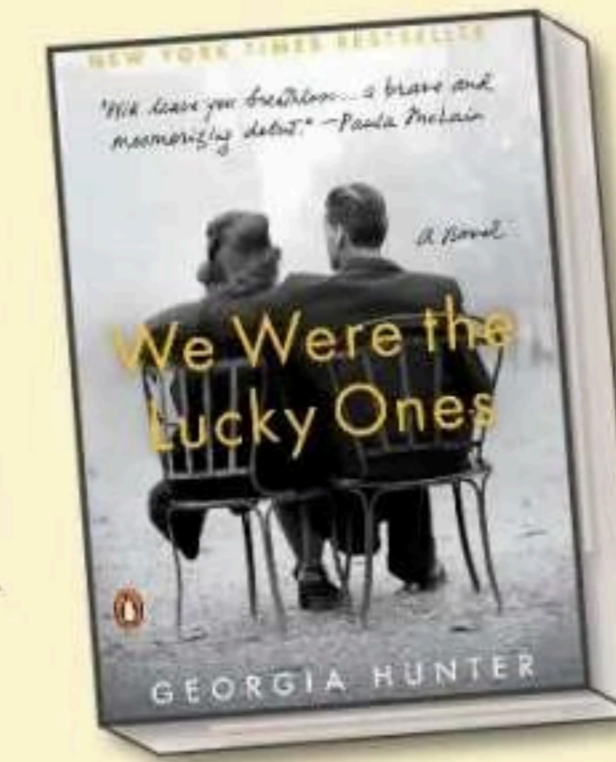
Tosa's All-City Read is a giant book club for the city of Wauwatosa. Our goal is to have everyone in Tosa read the same book, then come together to discuss it in neighborhood book clubs and at special events.

Visit our website, [www.TosasAllCityRead.com](http://www.TosasAllCityRead.com), for event updates and registration information.

Our Book

*We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter

Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite—*We Were the Lucky Ones* is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds. Please join us in reading this biographical historical novel over the fall and winter.



For Younger Readers

Kids of all ages are invited to read books with similar themes to *We Were the Lucky Ones*:

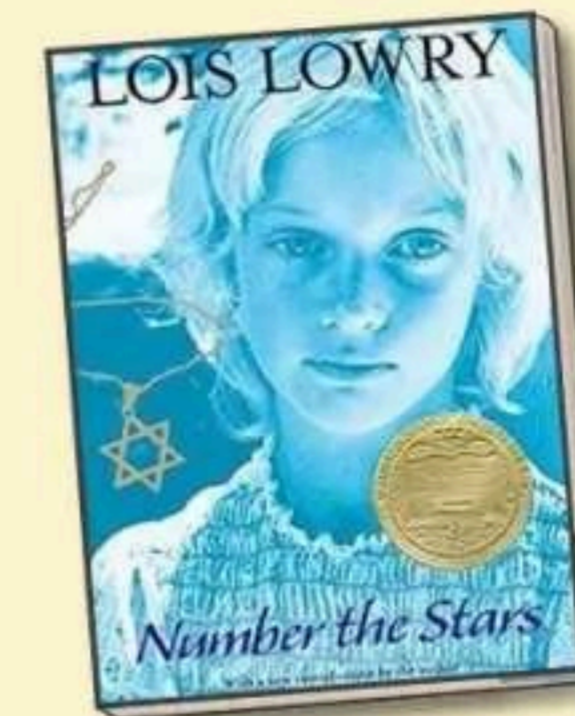
For Middle Readers

*Number the Stars* (ages 9+) by Lois Lowry

*The War That Saved My Life* (ages 9+) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*White Bird* (ages 10+) by R.J. Palacio

*The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz: A true story retold for young readers* (ages 13+) by Jeremy Dronfield



Picture Books

*The Tree in the Courtyard: Looking Through Anne Frank's Window* (ages 4+) by Jeff Gottesfeld

*Jars of Hope* (ages 5+) by Jennifer Roy

*Nicky & Vera* (ages 5+) by Peter Sis

Enter Our 2024 Writing Contest for the Chance to Win a Cash Prize!

Essay Theme/Prompt for Adults

The members of the Kurc family find strength in their love for each other and their hope to be reunited. Write about how the bonds that connect family have impacted your life and/or your family's history.

Essay Theme/Prompt for Students

During WWII many children had to travel separately from their parents and sometimes leave their families without knowing if they would see them again. Describe a time that a parent made a decision for you that you were nervous about, and describe what you learned from this experience.

Length

There is no minimum length requirement, but essays may be no longer than 1,000 words.

Age Categories and Prizes

Entries are due Monday, March 11, 2024. See our website for full details.

Grades 3-5	First Prize \$30	Second Prize \$20
Grades 6-8	First Prize \$50	Second Prize \$30
Grades 9-12	First Prize \$75	Second Prize \$50
Adult (19+)	First Prize \$100	Second Prize \$60

Help Us Plant a Tree Like Anne Frank's

The leaves and blossoms of a beautiful chestnut tree outside the annex window inspired and sustained Anne Frank during her captivity. Its seeds and saplings have been planted around the world as a symbol of peace. Inspired by the children's book *The Tree in the Courtyard*, we are raising funds to purchase a tree like Anne's, to be planted during the next Arbor Day ceremony. (Check our website for details when they become available.)

Please donate at [wauwatosanac.org/donate/](http://wauwatosanac.org/donate/) and put the word "tree" in the comment box.

Join Us for Tosa's All-City Read Events

DIY Book Club

Anytime, Anywhere

Our website contains everything you need to plan and host a lively book club for your group of readers—discussion questions, a map of places described in the book, even recipes related to the book, carefully selected and tested by retired food editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Nancy Stohs. Free at [TosasAllCityRead.com](http://TosasAllCityRead.com); go to DIY Book Club.

An Evening of Jazz at Lucky Joe's

Thursday, February 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Lucky Joe's Tosa, 1427 Underwood Ave.

Before the war, Addy Kurc was an engineer, living in Paris and composing music. He especially loved the Paris jazz scene of the 1930s. Although this music was banned during the war, his love of music and jazz remained strong. Enjoy an evening of music as pianist Mark Davis plays jazz from the era ('30s and '40s). Drinks and food available for purchase; make a night of it! Free. Register at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Tosa's Children of Holocaust Survivors

Sunday, February 18, 1-3:15 p.m.

Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Dr.

Learn the histories of two Wauwatosa families deeply impacted by the Holocaust.

1 to 2 p.m. Sisters Chris, Joanne and Debbie will share the story of their grandmother, who was murdered as part of a gruesome Nazi project. They have traveled in the U.S. and through Europe speaking; a book and documentary have been produced on the project.

2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Andy Palec, a Holocaust Education Resource Center speaker, will share the story and experiences of his father, Samuel, who survived the Holocaust and moved to Milwaukee.

Free. Register at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Tour the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee

Wednesday, February 21, 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 3, 1 p.m.

1360 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee

Dive deeper into Jewish history by taking a tour of the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee. Docents will lead groups on a guided tour, where you'll learn more about the Holocaust, human rights, social justice and the Jewish community in Milwaukee. The March 3 tour will be family-friendly to ages 12 and up. Adults \$8; children \$6.

Go to [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events) for links to register.

Felting Workshop: Celebrating a Traditional Textile Art

Thursday, February 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Underwood Elementary School Community Room, 11132 W Potter Rd.

A nod to the Kurc family's textile business and traditional European art, this class will help you create a felt art piece inspired by Jewish textile artist and pioneer in abstract art, Sonia Delaunay. The cost includes the frame and all materials. See our website for photos. \$35. Register at [www.TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://www.TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Interview With Survivor Eva (Klein) Zaret

Sunday, February 25, 1-3 p.m.

CelticMKE Center, 1532 N. Wauwatosa Ave.

Born in 1936, Holocaust survivor Eva (Klein) Zaret lived through the Holocaust in the Budapest Ghetto. Please join us for this very special interview.

Free. Register at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).



Polish Cooking Demonstration and Tasting

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Wauwatosa West High School, 11400 W. Center St.

The chef at the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin, Joe Parajecki, will demonstrate how to make pierogi and other Polish foods Jewish families like the Kurcs would have enjoyed before the war. Samples will be shared. \$10. Register at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Library Luncheon with the Author

Thursday, February 29, 11:30 a.m.

Sonesta Hotel, 10499 Innovation Dr.

The Wauwatosa Public Library Foundation's annual Leadership Luncheon fundraiser features *We Were the Lucky Ones* author Georgia Hunter. She will share her journey researching and writing the book. The luncheon also honors a local citizen and six high school students for their leadership and community involvement. A delicious lunch and opportunity for book signing are included. Cost \$60. Purchase tickets at <https://tosalibraryfoundation.org/leadership-event/>.



Family-Friendly Book Hike at County Grounds Park

Throughout the month of March  
County Grounds Park

Enjoy a half-mile hike through the forest of County Grounds Park while following a trail to read the picture book *The Tree in the Courtyard* by Jeff Gottesfeld. Details on the exact location of the hike will be available at [countygroundsfriends.org](http://countygroundsfriends.org) in February and March. Free. Link available at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Number the Stars: A Parent-Child Book Discussion

Sunday, March 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church, 1600 Underwood Ave.

Read the classic *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry with your youngsters, then join us for a book discussion and an activity that will help kids put themselves in the characters' shoes. Learn about Danish culture and family life during WWII, taste some Danish treats and have an enriching experience you'll both enjoy. *Number the Stars* is recommended for ages 9-13.

Free. To register and/or if you have any questions, email Robyn Grover at [robyngrover@gmail.com](mailto:robyngrover@gmail.com).

Jewish Holiday Customs & Food

Wednesday, March 6, 1-2:30 p.m.

Hart Part Senior Center, 7300 Chestnut St.

Local food writer Joan Elovitz Kazan will talk about food and customs associated with Jewish holidays. Sample some delicious treats, including kugel, challah and hamantaschen cookies. All ages welcome. Free. Register at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Out and About with Author Liza Wiemer

Sunday, March 10, 1-2 p.m.

Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room

Author Liza Wiemer presents a wonderful program about her book *Out and About: A Tale of Giving* for children ages 3 to 8 and their parents. Enjoy an interactive reading of the book and fun activities that will help kids learn how acts of kindness bring our community together.

Free. Register at [TosasAllCityRead.com/events](http://TosasAllCityRead.com/events).

Attend a Local Book Discussion Group

Wauwatosa Public Library Book Discussion

Monday, February 5, 1-2:30 p.m. in person or Zoom  
Or 7-8:30 p.m. in person  
Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room  
Free. To register, email [athomas@wauwatosalibrary.org](mailto:athomas@wauwatosalibrary.org). Indicate if you need a Zoom link (Zoom available for afternoon only).

Mt. Carmel Book Discussion

Monday, February 19, 7 p.m.  
Holy Grounds Café inside the church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee  
Free. No registration required.

Mt. Zion Book Discussion

Monday, February 26, 7 p.m.  
12012 W. North Ave.  
Free. In person or Zoom (Zoom Meeting ID: 841 6597 2335/Passcode: 12012). No registration required.