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‘MARCH’ SELECTED AS FEATURED NOVEL FOR ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY OF MONROE

MONROE, Mich. – The One Book, One Community of Monroe County Committee has chosen Geraldine Brooks’ 2005 Pulitzer-prize winning novel, “March,” as this year’s selection.

One Book, One Community of Monroe County, modeled after a program developed by the American Library Association, promotes the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links community members in a common conversation through readings, group discussions, programs and other events.

“March” tells the story of John March, the absent father in Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel, “Little Women.” The story takes place during the Civil War, during which Mr. March serves as a chaplain in the Union Army.

Brooks’ novel compels readers to examine the harsh reality of war and, specifically, slavery. This historical novel was chosen, in part, to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

The committee is currently planning programs and ideas to enhance the reading of both “March” and “Little Women.” This year’s reading initiative will begin on March 12th and conclude on April 6th.

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March is Women's History month, and this year's book choice celebrates the achievement of two American female authors, one classic and one contemporary.

Books are available for purchase at the Monroe County Community College Bookstore, Book Nook and Books-A-Million.

Partnering community organizations include the Book Nook, Books-A-Million, The Foundation at Monroe County Community College, Meadow Montessori, The MEEMIC Foundation, Monroe County Community College, Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau, Monroe County Library System, Monroe Publishing Company – Monroe Evening News, and St. Mary Catholic Central High School.

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