

## Community Reads on the same page since 2003

Community Reads enters its 14th year in 2017.

The program's popularity comes from both its variety of reading experiences —ranging from *Marley and Me* by John Grogan to National Book Award-nominated *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers; and its engaging array of tie-in events.

Not surprisingly, the events which participants value most highly are the ones which provide an opportunity to connect with writers in person.

Community Reads author visits draw an average audience of approximately 300 people, who come not only from the immediate area, but also from throughout NW Ohio, southern Michigan, Canada, and beyond.

From its beginning, Community Reads has been committed to making its programs available to the readers of Bowling Green and Wood County at no charge. It has been possible for Community Reads to realize this goal through several one-time grants and thanks to support from generous donors like you.

Your continued support helps assure the future of Community Reads.

No tax dollars are used to fund Community Reads.

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### Past Community Reads

2003

***Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam\***

2004

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

2005

*Shoeless Joe* by W. P. Kinsella  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

2006

***Marley and Me* by John Grogan\***

2007

***The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls\***

2008

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

2009

The Works of Edgar Allen Poe  
*In the Shadow of the Master*, ed. Michael Connelly

2010

***Book Lust* by Nancy Pearl\***

2011

*Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horwitz  
***Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks\***

2012

***The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King\***

2013

***Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall\***

2014

***The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers\***

2015

*Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee  
***The Mockingbird Next Door* by Marja Mills\***

2017

**Selected Work of Sherman Alexie\***

**\*Community Reads featuring author visits.**



## Community Reads 2017 Sherman Alexie

In 2017, Community Reads will celebrate the work of Sherman Alexie.

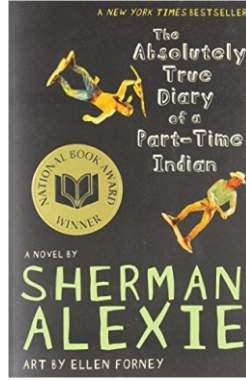
Meet Mr. Alexie at the Bowling Green Performing Arts Center Thursday, April 6 at 7 pm.



Author, poet, and screenwriter Sherman Alexie connects readers of all ages to the American Indian experience, making them laugh, cry, and think through his semi-autobiographical writings.

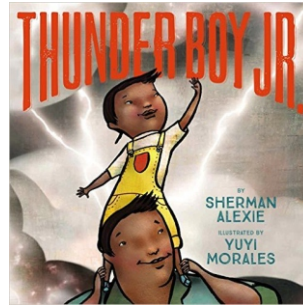
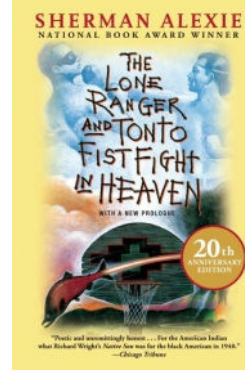
- National Book Award for Young People’s Literature
- PEN/Faulkner Award, Fiction
- PEN/Malamud Award, Short Fiction
- PEN/Hemingway Award, Best First Fiction

A Spokane/Coeur d’Alene Indian, Alexie grew up in Wellpinit, Washington, on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Alexie has been an urban Indian since 1994 and lives in Seattle with his family.



“This is a gem of a book . . . may be [Sherman Alexie’s] best work yet.”  
*(New York Times)*

“Lyrically beautiful and almost always very funny. . . .The ability both to judge and to love gives this book its searing yet affectionate honesty.”  
*(Kirkus Reviews)*



“Alexie’s first picture book showcases his ear for dialogue and sideways sense of humor. . .Thunder Boy’s energy is irresistible, as is this expansive portrait of a Native American family.”  
*(Publisher’s Weekly)*

“Sherman Alexie, who has been called the Native American James Baldwin, writes with anger, humor, raw inventiveness, and defiant pride.”  
*(The Boston Globe)*

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