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Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Kicks Off Community Read 2019 Today

Charlotte, N.C. March 1, 2019 – Today Charlotte Mecklenburg Library kicks off Community Read 2019, designed to bring people together around a single book while establishing a community of readers and learners. During March the Library, with more than 30 [community partners](#), wants to reach more than 100,000 people in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community through programs, events and meaningful discussions. Everyone is invited and encouraged to read the books and participate in programs. Sign up through a pledge form on <https://www.cmlibrary.org/community-read>.

The main title for adults and teens is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, and companion titles for preteens and children are *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate and *Love* by Matt de la Peña. All titles are available through the Library's catalog in various print, digital and audio formats. *The Hate U Give* is also available for simultaneous e-book and audiobook downloads. Scheduled author appearances include Angie Thomas on March 19, 2019 (sold out), and Matt de la Peña on March 28, 2019.

The programs and events based on *The Hate U Give* will encourage discussions to generate a deeper understanding of experiences and viewpoints regarding current, prevalent and sensitive social issues, and connect them with our local communities.

Community partners include organizations like the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, City of Charlotte Community Relations Department and Johnson C. Smith University who are planning activities and participating in library programs to promote the value of reading and literacy throughout the community. Community Read is presented by Bank of America with additional support from Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation and Foundation For The Carolinas.

Information on events and programs can be found at cmlibrary.org/community-read.

To learn more about Community Read, visit www.cmlibrary.org/communityread.

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About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America's leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit cmlibrary.org.

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