



One Maryland One Book 2008

PROJECT FACT SHEET

The Maryland Center for the Book invites you to join in Maryland's first-ever statewide community reading project! Please join **One Maryland One Book** by planning related programs in your community during September and October 2008.

WHAT **One Maryland One Book** is Maryland's first statewide community reading project. The project will bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book and participating in book-centered discussions and other related programs.

The selected book is *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League* (1995) by Ron Suskind. This title was selected not only because it offers the opportunity to discuss important and highly relevant topics such as education and socioeconomic issues, but also because it presents the opportunity to talk about race and race relations in Maryland and in America—a common theme running through the Maryland Humanities Council's programming in 2008.

WHO Public, school and academic libraries, cultural organizations, other nonprofits, community groups, and even groups formed in the workplace are encouraged to participate in this project by becoming official community partners and planning programs, both individually and collaboratively.

- WHEN** The public kickoff for **One Maryland One Book** will be hosted by Honorary Chair, Maryland's First Lady Katie O'Malley, and take place on June 14, 2008, at Enoch Pratt's Central Library at 11:00 a.m. Marylanders will be encouraged to choose the selected book for their summer reading and participate in fall programming. Marquee events planned by the Maryland Center for the Book will include author visits at the Baltimore Book Festival in September 2008 and at other locations throughout the state in September and October. All associated programming planned by official community partners must take place in September and October of 2008.
- HOW** Materials such as a high school teachers guide, reading group discussion guide, marketing materials, and a website will be available to support the programming of official community partners.
- WHERE** Everywhere! It is our goal to have programming and activities taking place in communities in every corner of the state. At this time, 22 of 24 counties will be involved in programming through their public library systems, high schools, colleges/universities, and museums.

For more information about the project or how to become an official community partner, contact One Maryland/One Book project manager, Andrea Lewis, at (410) 685-0095 or alewis@mdhc.org.

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