



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA'S READING, DISCUSSION, AND HERITAGE PROGRAM

now in its seventh year

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- **TOGETHER WE READ WEBSITE:** www.togetherweweread.com
- **"THE READ ON WNC":** thereadonwnc.ning.com

FINALISTS FOR 2009

Site coordinators voted, and the six finalists for Together We Read Homegrown for Summer-Fall 2009 are:

- **Animal, Vegetable, Miracle** by Barbara Kingsolver
- **Jim the Boy** by Tony Earley
- **Look Homeward Angel/O Lost!** By Thomas Wolfe
- **My Old True Love** by Sheila Kay Adams
- **Nor the Battle to the Strong** by Charles Price
- **Thirteen Moons** by Charles Frazier

What next? The public vote—with the winner announced at the Sept. 28 kickoff for *Boone*.

VOLUNTEER FIRST MEETING

TWR is organizing a volunteer start-up social. It's an important step. Inquire if interested.

OTHER GRANTS-IN PROGRESS

TWR is seeking other grants, including ones in connection with "Mentoring through Literature." This initiative connects homework help with *Boone* by focusing on real-life heroes and children's aptitudes. Interested? Call 505-1973. Also, the first full draft of our case statement has gone to the Board. This means we'll be ready for annual and endowment funding.

NCHC GRANT AWARDED IN FULL

The N.C. Humanities Council has awarded TWR \$9,000—the full amount requested—for Together We Read Homegrown 2008. NCHC has been a critical and vital supporter of TWR through the years, and is to be credited as much as anything else for the success of our popular and, in ways, path-breaking program. Thank any NCHC board members you know. Visit www.nchumanities.org, and click "People."

See the orientation program below for what this grant means to each of you all individually.

BOONE ORIENTATION

Ideas, speakers, materials, funds, fun—they're all for the gleaning at this year's orientation meeting for Together We Read Homegrown.

When: 10 a.m.-noon, Fri., July 25

Where: West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Rd.

The program:

- Refreshments
- Materials distribution
 - Site coordinators
 - Speaker's bureau
 - Timeline
 - Reader's guides
 - Promotions
- Dr. Michael Lofaro, author of several books on Boone; U. of Tenn. professor
- Rob Neufeld, presenting narrative book discussions
- Dr. Phyllis Lang, producer of multi-media survey of Willa Cather's life; and now Boone's
- Oral history materials

RSVP

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WHAT'S ON "THE READ"?

- Many WNC author features
- Links to WNC libraries, bookstores, colleges, universities, museums
- Features linked to events—recent and upcoming
- Audio, images, and discussion relating to big issues
- Links to best regional websites
- The best of student work

More!—What do you want?

THANKS TO READER'S ADVISORS

Our experiment in book recommendation—profiling readers' wishes and polling listserv members for suggestions—worked well. Thanks to Karen Loughmiller, Tracey Daniels, Nancy Dillingham, Tom Rash, Margie Fox, Erin Sebelius, & Britt Kaufmann. An article about it appeared in the *Citizen-Times* Sun., June 9. And the service continues on "The Read."