

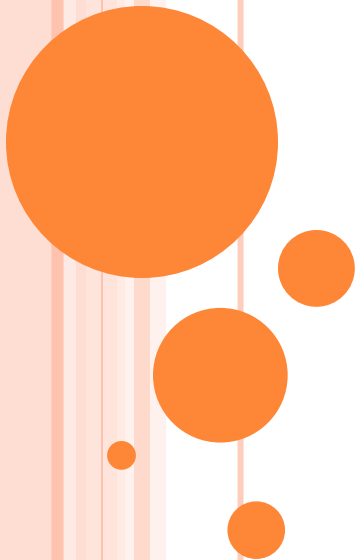


**Vermont
Humanities**

Because Ideas Matter

WHAT'S NEW FOR LIBRARIES

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VERMONT READS

Statewide One-Book Community Reading Program
now in its 14th year.

“The chosen titles are broad, challenging, and multi-age, and engage readers of many backgrounds in the discussions and activities. Our budget would not allow us to provide such programming without Vermont Reads.”

– Jan Jones, Castleton Free Library



VERMONT READS 2016: SHACKLETON



VERMONT READS 2016

- There is still time to participate in Vermont Reads 2016! Apply by June 3.
- Host readings, discussions, and community events in Schools, libraries, and local businesses
- Receive FREE books and programming support





SPEAKERS BUREAU

**Dynamic speakers and performers on a variety of
humanities-based topics**

VERMONT HUMANITIES SPEAKERS BUREAU



- New catalogue released in Fall 2015, adding 13 new speakers and 41 new talks.
- \$75 host fee; we pay the presenter and provide promotional support.



VERMONT HUMANITIES SPEAKERS BUREAU

- New topics include cartooning, the Hollywood blacklist, and the history of garden vegetables.
- New Vermont-specific talks cover topics like the meanings of maple sugaring, depictions of Vermont in film, and the state's evolving cultural diversity



SPEAKERS BUREAU



“Helene Lang was wonderful. We felt like we really had Agatha Christie in front of us!”

– Jenney Silva, Barnard Historical Society



READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS



Communities statewide organize public participatory readings of his compelling speech on or close to July 4 each year.

READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS



- Douglass's speech remains emotionally powerful and thought-provoking more than a century and a half after he gave it.
- \$150 post-event stipends available for host sites who submit a brief report with photos.



READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS



“It was truly one of the greatest events we’ve ever done. People were so moved they were crying. It made you remember why you do this job – in terms of serving the community. It was tremendous!”

Lucinda Walker,
Norwich Public
Library





READING AND DISCUSSION PROGRAMS

Stimulating, facilitated gatherings where diverse perspectives on shared readings can be expressed and examined.

READING AND DISCUSSION

- **Thirteen** new series and **50+ new books** added in the last 8 months related to Latino Americans history and to Pulitzer winners.
- Lowered fees to \$50 per event; \$25 this year only for new Pulitzer series.



READING AND DISCUSSION

“The facilitator was so well-prepared and so well-versed in the topics, I could not ask for more. These discussions are at the level of college courses, if not graduate courses.”

– Joan Hickey, “Farms and Gardens”
participant at Dailey Memorial Library





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