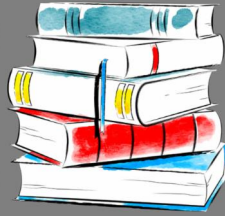


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The Newsletter for One Book and MCC Reads

## One Book One County – Montcalm returns!

Great news One Book friends,

One Book is back for summer 2020 and to present this favorite, long-standing program, One Book has joined forces with MCC Reads and your local public libraries and gone virtual. That's right, rather than miss an opportunity to share the joy of reading together, One Book has been reimagined in a way to connect readers across Montcalm County, involve students on MCC's campuses, and celebrate the joy of reading. But wait, rather than a single book selection, we are blowing the doors off the barn and offering two titles! There's something for everyone. And, are you ready for one more surprise? We are sharing the titles with you now.

This year our goal is to inspire, uplift, and enlighten participants by enjoying two books that touch the hearts and minds of our readers, celebrate literature and encourage library use. You may choose to read both titles, or only one; either way you'll be sharing a reading experience with others in our area and interacting with a community of readers online.

One Book + MCC Reads 2020 begins on June 1 with our second *Read On!* installment, delivered via email and posted on [www.montcalm.edu/one-book-mcc-reads](http://www.montcalm.edu/one-book-mcc-reads). Each Monday, *Read On!* will be updated and feature familiar faces from around Montcalm County and MCC, book chatting about their favorite books and memorable reading experiences. Monday updates will also include fun, new content related to the reading selections and other, interesting book and library focused material.

**Without further ado, this year's One Book One County Montcalm + MCC Reads selections are...**



***Running with Sherman – The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero***, by bestselling author Christopher McDougall, is a heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America, and, in the process, discovering the life-changing power of the human-animal connection.



***Virgil Wander***, by bestselling author Leif Enger, is a sweeping story of new beginnings against all odds that follows the inhabitants of a hard luck town in their quest to revive its flagging heart. Carried aloft by quotidian pleasures of kite-flying, movies, fishing, baseball, necking in parked cars and falling in love, *Virgil Wander* is a swift, full journey into the heart and heartache of an often-overlooked upper Midwest.

Since we were unable to gather for a kick-off event, books will be available for purchase at the Montcalm Community College Bookstore, operated by Barnes & Noble, on the college's Sidney campus, when the campus reopens to the public, and will continue to be available at the bookstore throughout the course of the One Book + MCC Reads program. At this time, the college is not announcing a reopening date due to the often-changing nature of the guidelines for public gathering due to COVID-19. The MCC Bookstore has ordered regular and large print copies of the books. In addition, to purchase either of these books online in a variety of formats (print, large print, ebook or audio), visit [www.montcalm.edu/bookstore](http://www.montcalm.edu/bookstore) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). *Read On!* will notify everyone as soon as the MCC Bookstore reopens.

A limited number of the 2020 One Book One + MCC Reads titles will be available in ebook format and audio download through your public libraries' digital collections, and they also plan to have circulating copies of the books available when they are again able to circulate books.

If you know someone who would like to receive our One Book + MCC Reads *Read On!* digital newsletters, please have them send a request to [librarystaff@montcalm.edu](mailto:librarystaff@montcalm.edu).

It's so wonderful to have the opportunity to continue One Book One County Montcalm, and it's always a pleasure to read on!

**One Book + MCC Reads Team**