

Read! on!



The Newsletter for One Book and MCC Reads

Dear One Book + MCC Reads Friends,

This edition of *Read On!* throws open the barn doors on MCC's Barn Theater as we take a backstage and behind the scenes look at this campus and community gem. Val VanderMark gives us a tour of the building, originally a livestock barn on the Anderson farm, that has since the early 1970s, provided a venue for a variety of plays, musical acts, children's theater workshops and more! Included on the One Book + MCC Reads page is a link to a written history and photos of the Barn Theater. We will also hear a reader's story from biology instructor Dr. Michelle Gibson and discover recommended reads from the Lakeview area.



Val VanderMark – The Barn Theater: A Love Story, Part 1

Val VanderMark taught theater, music, and voice at MCC for many years, all while being an active participant in community theater and bands. Val shares that she is the Barn Theater's #1 fan and loves the building and all the memories it holds for generations of Montcalm County residents. Peek in all the nooks and crannies in the Barn as Val shows us around one of her favorite places. Be sure to look at the photos and history of the Barn Theater for a blast from the past.

To view the *The Barn Theater: A Love Story, Part 1* video with Val VanderMark click [here](#):

<https://youtu.be/sTmvzJF0t4E>

To view a written history and photos of the Barn Theater click here: <https://montcalm.edu/one-book-mcc-reads>



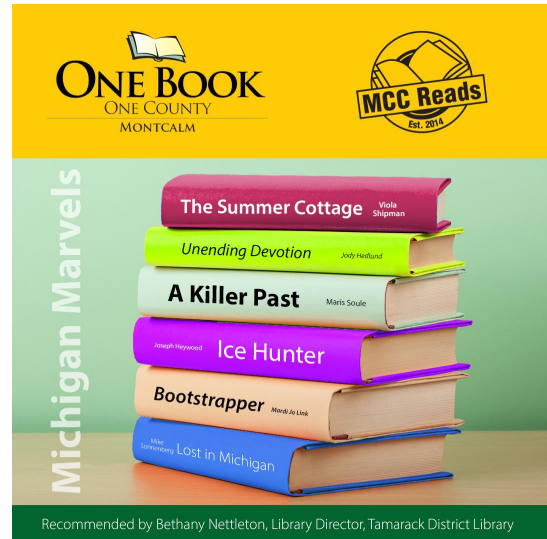
MCC Book Chats

Dr. Michelle Gibson – A Reader’s Story

Dr. Michelle Gibson may spend her work life teaching the intricacies of the human body to MCC students, through her interesting lectures and lab dissections, but what this reader truly loves is a good book with a happy ending. Michelle’s childhood was filled with stories and she has continued to indulge her passion for reading as an adult, reading more books in a year than most. This woman is a reading machine and a huge supporter of literacy and libraries.

To view the MCC Book Chat with Dr. Michelle Gibson click here:

<https://youtu.be/6UQs98aXx-c>



Recommended Reads

Bethany Nettleton, the library director of the Tamarck District Library, provides readers with several unique book stack recommendations. See more of Bethany’s titles on the One Book + MCC Reads page. Visit your local library’s e-book collection or give them a call to request one of these books.

To view other recommended reads click here:

<https://www.montcalm.edu/recommended-reads>

Until next Monday,
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One Book + MCC Reads Team