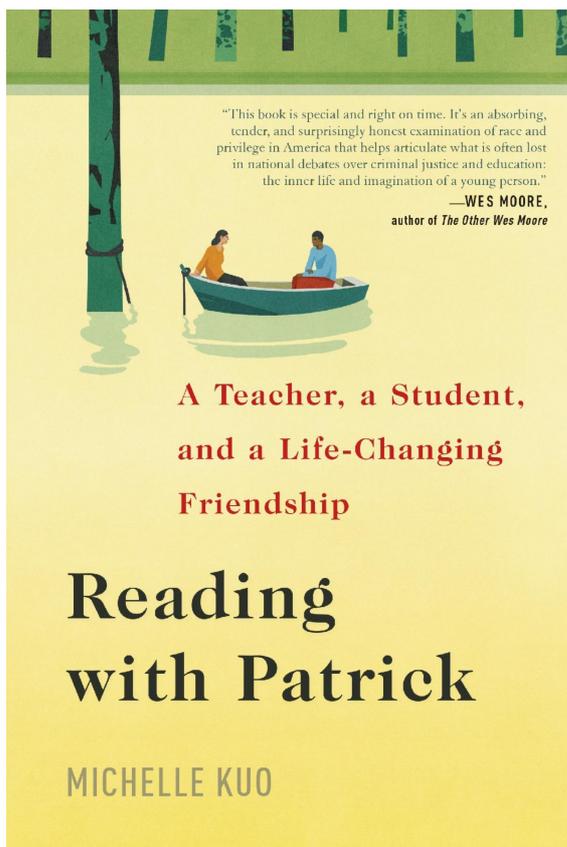




### **Dear MCC Reads Friends,**

MCC Reads begins today, January 18, and will continue until March 10. For those of you new to MCC Reads, this is Montcalm Community College Library's initiative to read a common text on campus and share thoughts and ideas through this common reading experience. MCC Reads joined One Book One County this past summer, and in turn, MCC Reads is inviting One Book readers to join them. This community of readers will interact virtually, through the MCC Reads Cover 2 Cover newsletter that will arrive in your email, and the MCC Reads webpage.



### **Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship**

by Michelle Kuo is the 2021 MCC Reads selection. This is a fast-paced read full of hope and heartache, compassion and inspiration. Those who love literature will be mesmerized by the power that poetry, plays, essays, and stories wield as they connect a new teacher to her struggling students. Those in education will cheer for the teacher as she works her darndest to reach her students, and cheer for the students who take their teacher by the hand, imparting lessons they all learn through their experiences in the classroom and beyond. This book takes a hard look at poverty, racism, unequal educational opportunities,

fractured families and communities, through the everyday lives of Kuo's students as they come together to survive and succeed.

MCC Reads will offer Featured Presentations on topics from the text and an array of book recommendations for readers always looking for their next book. MCC students and staff may visit the MCC Library for copies of *Reading with Patrick*, and community members may inquire at their local public library for access to this title. This book is available for purchase through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart.com and other vendors.

*Everyone is invited to participate in MCC Reads and be challenged and changed by this powerful memoir.*

*MCC Reads Team*

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