



## ***Hello MCC Reads readers,***

Our virtual presentations begin with a song from MCC's Performing Arts Coordinator Emeritus and longtime community member and friend, Val VanderMark. Val will be sharing her enthusiasm for playwright Lorraine Hansberry and thoughts on her groundbreaking play *A Raisin in the Sun*, featured in *Reading with Patrick*.

**[View Val's presentation here.](#)**

MCC students, staff, and faculty are invited to visit the library at noon today to view Val's presentation and pick up an MCC Reads Grab & Go Snack Sack to enjoy throughout the day.



## **Val VanderMark**

Val taught music and humanities courses at MCC for a total of 40 years. During her time at the college, Val directed the choir and led several student trips overseas. The collaborative nature of her job at MCC was one of her fondest memories. Val understands the deep concern that Michelle Kuo had for her students, and for Patrick in particular, and her fervent desire to better her students' lives by providing crucial education to them. She saw this same passion in the MCC instructors and staff. Val is an avid reader and spends

time teaching virtual music classes, sewing dresses for her granddaughters and their dolls, and enjoys walking and cross-country skiing.

## ***MCC Reads in a Minute***

Wondering what to read next? ***Enjoy favorite titles recommended by members of the MCC family.***

Our next presentation will be available on Wednesday, February 17, and feature MCC President, Dr. Stacy Young, and MCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rob Spohr, as they discuss their thoughts on *Reading with Patrick* from the academic administrators' perspective. They will be examining opportunities and inequalities in education and how we move forward in a positive, proactive way.

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

*MCC Reads Team*

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