



Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

"Inspiring Curiosity, Engaging the Community, Sharing Knowledge!"

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Since 1998, One Book programs have sprouted up across Canada and the United States. As champions of reading, literacy, and community access to information, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is pleased to help lead WS's first One Town, One Book program. Over the next year we will be featuring the book *Dream: A Tale of Wonder, Wisdom & Wishes* by local author Susan V. Bosak.

Reading is usually a personal and private experience. One Book programs are a unique way to turn that experience into a shared one by encouraging everyone to read the same book. Reading as a solitary act is undeniably enjoyable but so is opening up that experience and engaging with members of your community!

We are encouraging all of Whitchurch-Stouffville to read and discuss *Dream*. This book has won an amazing 11 international awards. It is about hopes and dreams through a lifetime, in history, and into the future. With illustrations by 15 top illustrators from around the world, it may initially look like "just a children's book" but *Dream* is rich and multilayered, offering something for all ages. You are never too young or too old to dream. As part of the bigger WS YOU 177 community-wide journey, children, youth, adults, and elders in WS are encouraged to springboard from the book and share their dreams!

One Book programs such as this one incorporate a wide variety of programming highlighting the subject and themes of the selected book, such as author talks, community events, and book club discussions. Our dream is to get a copy of *Dream* into the hands of every student in Whitchurch-Stouffville, with the objective of sparking discussions from student to student, from student to family, and from youth to elders in the community to build a stronger community for all.

What is your dream? We invite you to get involved and we hope that every school, organization, community group, and business in the town will play an important role. With everyone discussing their dreams – dreams for themselves, for their community, for the entire world – we can get to know each other better and together we can take action to make our dreams come true.

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