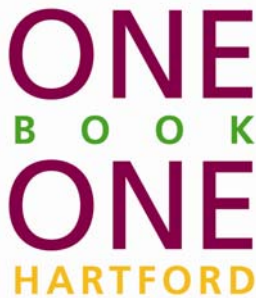




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**EVE ENSLER'S *I AM AN EMOTIONAL CREATURE* CHOSEN AS THE
SPRING 2012 ONE BOOK ONE HARTFORD SELECTION**



Hartford, Connecticut (March 20, 2012) —Hartford Public Library is proud to announce that the short story collection *I Am an Emotional Creature* by Eve Ensler is the latest selection for Hartford's citywide book club, **One Book One Hartford**.

In this daring book, internationally acclaimed author and playwright Eve Ensler offers fictional monologues and stories inspired by girls around the globe. Fierce, tender, and smart, *I Am an Emotional Creature* is a celebration of the authentic voice inside every girl and an inspiring call to action for girls everywhere to speak up, follow their dreams, and become

the women they were always meant to be.

"I am thrilled that **One Book One Hartford** has chosen *I am an Emotional Creature* and will be focusing attention on the situation of girls both at home and around the world. It is my hope that this book will lead to the liberation of the greatest resource on the planet --girls and girl energy," said Eve Ensler.

Activist, artist, author, Eve Ensler has become a feminist icon and a fearless advocate on behalf of women throughout the world. Since her boundary-shattering play *The Vagina Monologues* lifted the silence on women discussing their bodies and sexuality, Eve has taken her message far beyond the confines of the theater. Her V-Day organization is now a global entity stopping violence and oppression against women while empowering "vagina warriors" to take control of their lives and communities.

"**One Book One Hartford** continues to bring residents from across the city together to celebrate the joy of exploring new worlds through reading," said Mayor Pedro Segarra. "*I Am an Emotional Creature* continues the rich and varied history of **One Book One Hartford**, and I look forward to joining the thousands of residents in reading it this spring."

Events

Hartford Public Library and its program partners will offer a variety of events celebrating the book and the people it portrays. Highlights include:

- **see real women: really see women (March 29 – May 6)** - an exhibition at the Downtown Library by Hartford photographer Carla Ten Eck that celebrates the beauty in all of us.
- **Until the Violence Ends Poetry Slam (April 5, 6:00 p.m.)** – Poets Nunuu, Margaux Hayes, Mind Evolution and others will lead a poetry slam for teens and adults. At the Albany branch.
- **One Book One Hartford Community Forum: Violence Against Women’s Health Issues (April 19, 5:30 p.m.)** – a panel about women’s access to and control over reproductive health care moderated by Jeannette deJesus, Deputy Commissioner, Public Health for the State of Connecticut. At the Downtown Library.
- **Hartbeat Ensemble presents *I Am an Emotional Creature* (May 1, 6:00 p.m.)** – Readings based on the book followed by audience discussion. At the Downtown Library

Hartford Public Library has created a calendar and resource guide for *I Am an Emotional Creature* that is available online at <http://onebookonehartford.org>, at all Hartford Public Library locations, and partner institutions. The website includes background information, discussion questions, events listing and more.

Throughout its history, Hartford Public Library has always encouraged people of all ages to make reading a priority. **One Book One Hartford** began in the fall of 2002, to encourage all citizens to read the same book at the same time, and discuss a great piece of literature with friends and neighbors.

The 2012 Spring **One Book One Hartford** is presented by Hartford Public Library and is sponsored in part by the Connecticut Humanities Council. Current partners include The Mark Twain House and Museum, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, World Affairs Council, Greater Hartford NAACP, Asylum Hill Boys & Girls Club, National Alliance on Mental Illness CT, Hartford Public High School, Alzheimer’s Resource Center of CT, and Girl Scouts of CT.

Past **One Book One Hartford** selections have been:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time (2010); *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (2009); *The Death of Vishnu* (2008); *Dreaming in Cuban* (2007); *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* (2006); *Reading Lolita in Teheran* (2005); *Cuando Era Puertorriquena* (When I was Puerto Rican) (2004); *The Color of Water* (2003); *Breath, Eyes, Memory* (2002)

For more information, please visit the website, <http://onebookonehartford.org>, or call Ann Binder at Hartford Public Library, 1-860-695-7401 or by e-mail at abinder@hplct.org .

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The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and

cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit hplct.org and the library's new blog at blogs.hplct.org