



Santa Ana College Book-of-the-Year

History and Selection Process

In an effort to promote **college-wide literacy, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a sense of community**, Santa Ana College officially adopted an annual initiative called: The Book-of-the-Year Program in Fall of 2009. Since then the Teaching Learning Committee (TLC), and the Nealley Library have worked collaboratively to sponsor and promote the college-wide reading of the selected title. Everyone in our college community, (students, faculty and staff) is encouraged to read the Book-of-the-Year, and all are invited to attend Book-of-the-Year college programs and activities related to the themes of the selected title. Most of these programs and events are presented during the Spring semester.

Past and Present Selections

- 2009 – 2010 *The House on Mango Street*, by Sandra Cisneros
- 2010 – 2011 *The Last Lecture*, by Randy Pausch
- 2011 – 2012 *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford
- 2012 – 2013 *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett
- 2013 – 2014 *The Tortilla Curtain*, by T.C. Boyle
- 2014 – 2015 *I Am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai
- 2015 – 2016 *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream*, by Joshua Davis
- 2016 – 2017 *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Selection Process and Program Offerings

- During each Spring semester the Teaching Learning Committee (TLC) requests Book-of-the-Year recommendations from college staff. These recommendations are considered for the following academic year.
- TLC members read book reviews, determine reading levels and discuss the themes of recommended books before paring list of titles down to 3 to 4 finalists.
- The TLC emails list of title finalists to college staff for a vote. The title with the greatest number of votes is selected as the Book of the Year for the following academic year. All staff is notified of the results and the winning selection for the following academic year is announced via email.
- The library purchases multiple copies of the BOTY for 14-day checkout, and features the current title on the Nealley Library website and on the BOTY website. Recommended resources related to the author, the selected title, and themes of the book as well as college and community programs and activities are all posted on the website.
- College staff and students of all disciplines are encouraged to read and discuss the BOTY throughout the academic year. Faculty and college departments are asked to weave the book and/or its themes into their curriculum via class discussions, and creative writing, speaking, or visual arts assignments. Those who participate are encouraged to complete and submit a Book-of-the-Year Assessment of Course or Program Activity form prior to the end of each semester. This form is simple to complete and helps to measure the success of the BOTY initiative. BOTY assessments for each corresponding year are placed onto the BOTY website under the heading of CURRICULUM-RELATED ACTIVITIES. This allows faculty and staff of other departments to see how peers have adopted a selected title.
- Most book and theme-related activities and programs are presented during the Spring semester and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. All book and theme-related activities are posted onto the BOTY website.