One Book, One Litchfield
Comes to Litchfield Public Schools

In celebration of Litchfield’s 300th Anniversary, the Oliver Wolcott Library and Litchfield Public Schools have partnered together to create our first One Book, One Litchfield community-wide read. We will be encouraging everyone in our community from age 9 to 99 to read Uncle Tom’s Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Along with reading, we invite you to join us for a number of special events about Uncle Tom's Cabin. Click here to see all of OWL’s scheduled events.

What Is a Community-Wide Read?

Ever since Seattle started the trend in 1998, the phenomenon of the One Book, One Community reading program has been growing steadily across the country. The concept is simple: encourage everyone in your community to read the same book, at the same time. It’s a new approach to a basic reading and discussion model, and it has the ability to create a shared experience of reading among a wide spectrum of people.

When does One Book, One Litchfield take place?

April 4th through May 9th

What will be happening at schools?

While classes will not be reading Uncle Tom’s Cabin as part of the curriculum, our hope is that students, families, and school staff will choose this text to read independently or as family read-alouds. Additionally, the following programs will take place:

**Wednesday and Thursday, April 24th and 25th**

Educators from the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center visit LIS, LMS, and LHS classrooms.

**Tuesday, April 30th**

Writer and lecturer Mark Scarbrough visits LHS Creative Writing class and facilitates a discussion with interested students about “writing what you know” vs. “writing the ‘other.’”

**Thursday, May 9th**

Author & filmmaker Jared Brock screens and discusses his documentary film The Road to Dawn with 6th-8th graders.

*For Center School students, we recommend the following companion reads: Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, by Carole Boston Weatherford, and Who Was Harriet Beecher Stowe, by Dana Meachen Rau.*

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Direct any questions about the schools’ participation to Lynn Rice Scozzafava at scozzafaval@litchfieldschools.org