

Engage Every Reader and Read Everywhere with Choose to Read Ohio

December, 2010

By Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Youth Services Library Consultant
State Library of Ohio



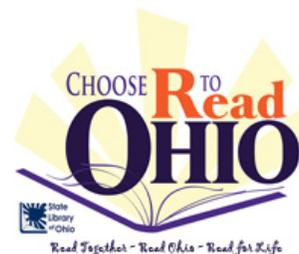
Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) is a statewide reading initiative encouraging Ohioans to “**Read together – Read Ohio – Read for life.**”

CTRO spotlights Ohio authors and promotes reading across Ohio. CTRO is for everybody. Use it in your preschool storytimes and in your outreach to nursing facilities, on campus and in K-12 classrooms, with book discussion groups and with entire cities.

The debut 2009-10 CTRO booklist featured 15 titles by Ohio authors

including Margaret Peterson Haddix, Jaime Adoff, Toni Morrison, and Sharon M. Draper. A new CTRO booklist with 20 titles was announced at the 2010 Ohioana Book Festival. Some of the authors represented are Will Hillenbrand, Denise Fleming, Virginia Hamilton, Angela Johnson, J. Patrick Lewis, and Jennifer Chiaverini. New CTRO booklists will be announced biennially, but readers are encouraged to read and share any current or past CTRO books at any time.

To support your programs, each CTRO book features a free downloadable toolkit packed with ideas and resources, including author biography, discussion questions, activities, book jacket and author photos, and links to entertaining and educational resources such as author interviews, audio and video clips, and suggestions for real or virtual field trips. Toolkits for all the 2009-10 and 2011-12 books are available at <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctrointro>.



L to R Karen Harper, David Giffels, Lisa Klein, Angela Johnson, Will Hillenbrand, Dan Chaon.

Some program ideas:

- Create a display of CTRO books in your library.
- Select a CTRO title for your book discussion group and develop programs or activities related to the title.
- Assign a CTRO title for your students' summer reading.
- Integrate CTRO titles into your curriculum. CTRO supports the Ohio Academic Content Standards.
- Encourage families to read a CTRO book together and plan field trips or other family activities related to the book.
- Develop early literacy programming featuring the CTRO titles for young children.
- Produce a readers' theater performance of a CTRO title.
- Create and publish book trailers for CTRO titles.
- Collaborate with partner organizations to host a community-wide book event.
- Research and map the Ohio connections of the CTRO authors.
- Incorporate CTRO into online distance learning.
- Plan a read-aloud in the classroom or a school-wide reading event.

Starting with the 2011-12 booklist, every CTRO toolkit includes author contact information when available. A visit with an author or illustrator is among the most enriching experiences a library or school can offer. If resources are short, create capacity by partnering among public, school, and academic libraries, or with other community partners such as a recreation center, bookstore, or civic organization. Also consider visiting with an author online by voice, video, and/or chat. Online visits can be less costly because the author does not need to travel. Online visits also support the development of 21st century skills in communication and technology.

CTRO certificates of participation are available for any library, class, book discussion group, homeschooling organization, or other group which has done a CTRO project or program. Contact jdwyer@library.ohio.gov to inquire.



The Choose to Read Ohio 2011-12 booklist

Age/grade level categories are suggested. Some titles are appropriate for readers in different grades or different reading levels. Some are appropriate for all ages.

Books for Adults

Jennifer Chiaverini, **The Lost Quilter**
P. L. Gaus, **Blood of the Prodigal: An Amish-Country Mystery**
David Giffels, **All the Way Home: Building a Family in a Falling-Down House**
Karen Harper, **Mistress Shakespeare**
Robert Olmstead, **Coal Black Horse**

Books for Teens (Middle & High School)

Angela Johnson, **Sweet, Hereafter**
Lisa Klein, **Two Girls of Gettysburg**
Amjed Qamar, **Beneath My Mother's Feet**
Jeff Smith, **Bone #1: Out from Boneville**
Mildred Taylor, **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

Books for Tweens (Intermediate/Upper Elementary; ages 9-12)

Tony Abbott, **Firegirl**
Natalie Babbitt, **Tuck Everlasting**
Virginia Hamilton, **The People Could Fly** (Leo and Diane Dillon, illustrators)
J. Patrick Lewis, **The Brothers' War: Civil War Voices in Verse**
Marilyn Nelson, **Sweethearts of Rhythm: The Story of the Greatest All-Girl Swing Band in the World** (Jerry Pinkney, illustrator)

Books for Children (Early Childhood and Preschool –Primary; ages 0-8)

Dan Andreasen, **The Giant of Seville: A "Tall" Tale Based on a True Story**
Denise Fleming, **The First Day of Winter**
Will Hillenbrand (illus.), **Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!** (Maureen Wright, author)
Loren Long, **Otis**
Marcia Schonberg, **B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet** (Bruce Langton, illustrator)

The Choose to Read Ohio 2009-10 booklist

Age/grade level categories are suggested. Some titles are appropriate for readers in different grades or different reading levels. Some are appropriate for all ages.

Books for Adults

Ann Hagedorn, **Beyond the River: The Untold Story of the Heroes of the Underground Railroad**
Toni Morrison, **A Mercy**
Dan Chaon, **You Remind Me of Me**
Lee Martin, **River of Heaven**
Harriet Beecher Stowe, **The Annotated Uncle Tom's Cabin**, edited by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Hollis Robbins

Books for Teens (Middle and High School)

Jaime Adoff, ***The Death of Jayson Porter***
Sharon Creech, ***Walk Two Moons***
Sharon M. Draper, ***Copper Sun***
Chris Crutcher, ***Deadline***
Jacqueline Woodson, ***After Tupac & D Foster***

Books for Children (Early Childhood – 6th Grade)

Louise Borden, ***The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey***
Andrea Cheng, ***Where the Steps Were***
Robert McCloskey, ***Make Way for Ducklings***
Margaret Peterson Haddix, ***Found***
Shelley Pearsall, ***Trouble Don't Last***

Check out the resources at <http://oh.webjunction.org/ohctrointro>! Please contact library consultant Janet Ingraham Dwyer at jdwyer@library.ohio.gov with any questions or with feedback about your CTRO programs.