

## READ IT! TALK ABOUT IT!

### What is the “One Community, One Book” program?

Communities all over the country are participating in citywide book clubs, with the idea of getting you and all your friends to read the same book and then share your thoughts about the book. The Jackson-Madison County Library is sponsoring its first “One Community, One Book” effort in September.

### What book has been selected?

The 2004 “One Community, One Book” selection for Jackson is *ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTIN’* by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Rick Bragg.

“A grand memoir...Bragg tells about the South with such power and bone-naked love...he will make you cry.” –*Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

“A record of a life that has been harrowing, cruel and yet triumphant, written so beautifully he makes the book a marvel.” –*Los Angeles Times*

### Where will I find a copy of the book?

The Jackson-Madison County Library has purchased multiple copies of the book that may be checked out on your library card. Davis-Kidd Booksellers will offer a discount on the book to people wishing to purchase personal copies.

### After I’ve read the book, what discussion opportunities will be available?

The library has scheduled the following discussion sessions:

- **Thurs., Sept. 16**      **Noon**              **Ondra Farmer** will lead the discussion. You may bring a sack lunch. The library will provide beverages.
- **Thurs., Sept. 23**      **6:30**                      **Bill Nance**, Union University Assistant Professor of Management, will lead the discussion.
- **Thurs., Sept. 30**      **6:30**                      **Steve Bowers**, host of *DAYBREAK* and *PRIMETIME DRIVE* on News-Talk 101.5 FM, will present a **review** of the book and then lead the discussion.
- **Thurs., Oct. 7**      **Noon**                      **Author Rick Bragg** will read from his book and answer questions. Come early to listen to Music Highway Revue perform. You won’t need to bring a sack lunch for this very special program. Reggi’s Bar-B-Q and Wings will sell sandwiches outside the library Program Center. The Friends of the Library will serve dessert and coffee. **Don’t miss this opportunity to meet the author.**

If you are in a book club, choose *ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTIN’* as one of your selections. Either discuss it at your meeting or bring the whole group to the library for one of the public discussions. A discussion guide is available on-line at

<http://www.randomhouse.com/vintage/read/allover/> .

