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## **Maryland Humanities Council Seeks Titles for 2012 One Maryland One Book Pick 2012 Theme focuses on stories of courage and unity during times of war**

(Baltimore, MD) – What should Marylanders read together in 2012? Help the Maryland Humanities Council (MHC) choose the 2012 One Maryland One Book (OMOB) selection. **Readers should submit suggestions under the theme of “stories of courage and unity during times of war” by November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

One Maryland One Book, a signature program of the Maryland Center for the Book at the Maryland Humanities Council, is designed to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book. Readers are invited to participate in book-centered discussions and other programs at public libraries, high schools, colleges and universities, museums, bookstores, and community and senior centers. The 2011 OMOB pick, the enormously popular novel by Sherman Alexie *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, drew standing room only during the OMOB author tour and thousands of participants to programming around the state in the fall.

Submissions from educators, librarians, partners, and the public are the first step of the selection process. A committee then reviews the list of suggested titles, and each member provides his or her top 10 choices to Maryland Humanities Council staff. In January the committee meets to discuss the list and parses the list down to the top three choices, later voting to establish the One Maryland One Book pick. In addition to its annual theme, choices must also satisfy the following criteria:

- appeal to a wide range of readers of different backgrounds and reading levels
- be able to connect to high school-age readers as well as adults
- be under 350 pages in length
- be available in paperback (and other formats, such as electronic or audio)
- note: a Maryland author or setting is a consideration but not a requirement

**Suggestions of book titles and their authors should be sent to OMOB Program Officer Andrea**

**Lewis at [alewis@mdhc.org](mailto:alewis@mdhc.org) by noon on Monday November 28.** The Maryland Humanities Council is a statewide, educational, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to stimulate and promote informed dialogue and civic engagement on issues critical to Marylanders. Learn more at

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