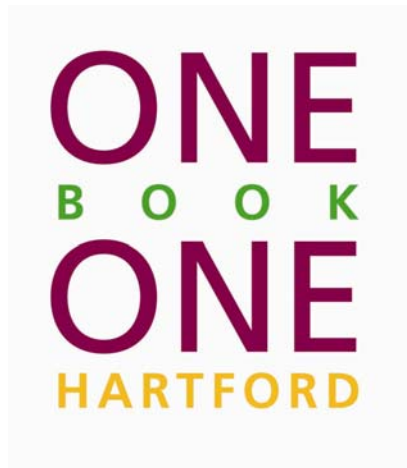




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## 2012 One Book One Hartford Selects *A Wreath For Emmett Till*



**Hartford, Connecticut (September 20, 2012)** — Hartford Public Library is proud to announce that the poem *A Wreath for Emmett Till* by Marilyn Nelson will be this year's, **One Book One Hartford**, Hartford's citywide book club. The book, written by the former Connecticut Poet Laureate, is both an elegy to Emmett Till, the African-American teen from Chicago who was brutally killed at age 14 when visiting Southern relatives in 1955, and an invitation to heal.

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"I'm especially thrilled by the prospect of meeting and talking with a group of people who have read and possibly discussed my poem for Emmett Till. I know they will show me things I haven't seen, teach me things I don't yet know about the poem"- said Marilyn Nelson.

Marilyn Nelson, born in Cleveland, Ohio, is the author or translator of over twenty-four books. *The Fields of Praise: New and Selected Poems* (1997) won the 1998 Poets' Prize and was a finalist for the 1997 National Book Award, the PEN Winship Award, and the Lenore Marshall Prize. Her numerous young adult books include *Carver: A Life in Poems* (2001), which received the Flora Stieglitz Straus Award and the Boston Globe/Horn Book Award, was a National Book Award finalist and was designated both a Newbery Honor Book and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book. *A Wreath for Emmett Till*, also won the 2005 Boston Globe/Horn Book Award and was designated a 2006 Coretta Scott King Honor Book, a 2006 Michael L. Printz Honor Book, and a 2006 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award Honor Book.

“I’m happy about what **One Book One Hartford** has accomplished so far. Books capture history, and can introduce a world of ideas to the reader,” said Mayor Pedro Segarra. “I look forward to joining the thousands of residents from across the City in reading *A Wreath for Emmett Till*, this fall.”

### **Events**

Hartford Public Library’s calendar of events and resource guide for *A Wreath for Emmett Till* is available online at <http://onebookonehartford.org>, at Hartford Public Library locations, and partner institutions.

The 2012 **One Book One Hartford** is presented by Hartford Public Library in partnership with Christian Activities Council, Daughters of Eve, Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Public Allies Connecticut, Bill Costen, True Colors and Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative.

For more information, please visit the website, <http://onebookonehartford.org> or contact Ann Binder at 860-695-7401 or by e-mail at [abinder@hplct.org](mailto:abinder@hplct.org).

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