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GRAND FINALE: ONE BOOK ONE HARTFORD!

Hartford, Connecticut (April 30, 2012)—Hartford Public Library is proud to announce a series of grand finale events leading up to a presentation and book signing from Eve Ensler, author of the short story collection *I am an Emotional Creature*, Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m.

"I am thrilled that **One Book One Hartford** has chosen *I am an Emotional Creature* and will be focusing attention on the situation of girls both at home and around the world. It is my hope that this book will lead to the liberation of the greatest resource on the planet --girls and girl energy," said Eve Ensler.

"**One Book One Hartford** continues to bring residents from across the city together to celebrate the joy of exploring new worlds through reading," said Mayor Pedro Segarra. "*I am an Emotional Creature* continues the rich and varied history of **One Book One Hartford**, and I look forward to joining the thousands of residents in reading it this spring."

In this daring book, internationally acclaimed author and playwright Eve Ensler offers fictional monologues and stories inspired by girls around the globe. Fierce, tender, and smart, *I am an Emotional Creature* is a celebration of the authentic voice inside every girl and an inspiring call to action for girls everywhere to speak up, follow their dreams, and become the women they were always meant to be.

On Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m., Hartbeat Ensemble will present readings of excerpts from the book *I am an Emotional Creature* followed by audience discussion. Additionally, there will be a screening of the ground-breaking film *Until the Violence Stops*, an hour-long documentary capturing the impact of V-Day in five different international communities. The film will be shown on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

All of these events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Downtown Library's new Center for Contemporary Culture.

The 2012 Spring **One Book One Hartford** is presented by Hartford Public Library and is sponsored in part by the Connecticut Humanities Council. Current partners include The Mark Twain House and Museum, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, World Affairs Council, Greater

Hartford NAACP, Asylum Hill Boys & Girls Club, National Alliance on Mental Illness CT, Hartford Public High School, Alzheimer's Resource Center of CT, and Girl Scouts of CT.

Past **One Book One Hartford** selections have been:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time (2010); *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (2009); *The Death of Vishnu* (2008); *Dreaming in Cuban* (2007); *Drinking Coffee Elsewhere* (2006); *Reading Lolita in Teheran* (2005); *Cuando Era Puertorriquena* (When I was Puerto Rican (2004); *The Color of Water* (2003); *Breath, Eyes, Memory* (2002).

To learn more visit www.onebookonehartford.org.

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