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**‘ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE’ SELECTED
AS FEATURED BOOK FOR ONE BOOK,
ONE COMMUNITY OF MONROE**

The One Book, One Community of Monroe County Committee has chosen 2015 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr as this year’s featured book selection.

One Book, One Community of Monroe County, modeled after a program developed by the American Library Association, promotes the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links community members in a common conversation through readings, group discussions, programs and other events.

“All the Light We Cannot See” transports readers to World War II Europe. Through detailed and engaging storytelling, readers enter the world of Marie Laure, who lives in Paris with her father.

Blind since the age of 6, young Marie faces extreme challenges when the Germans occupy Paris in June of 1940. She and her father must flee the city and relocate on the Brittany coast.

In another world, a young German boy named Werner grows up enthralled by the voices

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of the radio. He learns to master the building and fixing of radios, a talent that takes him into the brutal military of the Nazis. He becomes a specialized tracker of the Resistance.

Doerr's story illuminates the world of both young protagonists and shows us how, against all odds, people can survive and maintain their humanity.

The New York Times Book Review called "All the Light We Cannot See" a "vastly entertaining feat of storytelling."

Doerr, is a critically acclaimed author, born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to "All the Light We Cannot See," he is the author of short story collections, "The Shell Collector," and "Memory Wall," the memoir, "Four Seasons in Rome," and "About Grace." He has received numerous literary recognitions including four O. Henry prizes and the Andrew Carnegie Medal of Excellence in Fiction. He resides in Idaho with his wife and two sons.

"This is the 10th year we've hosted and planned a community read, and we're really hitting our stride," said Cheryl Johnston, faculty member and project co-chair. "Building on last year's momentum, we are well into the planning for 2015."

This year's reading initiative run from March 14 to April 9, 2016. Although, the college will not be able to bring in the author this year, some great programs are being planned to complement the book choice, including guest speaker Teresa Irish, author of "A Thousand Letters Home," which is based on her father's World War II correspondence. A complete calendar of events listing will be available soon.

Books are available for purchase at the Monroe County Community College Bookstore, Book Nook and Books-A-Million. Founding partners include Monroe County Community College, The Foundation at Monroe County Community College, Monroe County Library System, Monroe Publishing Company.

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