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### **MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES AUTHOR TOUR One Maryland One Book Author Daniel James Brown Stops in Abingdon**

(Belcamp, Maryland – August 11, 2015) The Maryland Humanities Council (MHC) has selected Harford County as one of the stops on this year's *One Maryland One Book* (OMOB) *Author Tour* with Daniel James Brown, author of *New York Times* bestselling book, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*. Brown will start his tour at the Baltimore Book Festival and then travel to Harford!

Daniel James Brown appears at the Abingdon Library on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm. *The Boys in the Boat* is the dramatic true story of the American rowing team that stunned the world at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics. Brown shares the improbable journey of nine working-class American boys who embodied determination and optimism. The team's friendship, shared adversity, and trust in each other helped them become the legendary team that defeated the most elite rivals, including the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler.

"It is thrilling to once again host an author of Mr. Brown's caliber and the *One Maryland One Book Program*," said Mary Hastler, CEO of the Harford County Public Library. "We are thankful to the Maryland Humanities Council for sponsoring this program and for giving us the opportunity to partner with them and our other great collaborators, Harford Community College and the Department of Community Services."

In addition to Brown's appearance, Harford County Public Library will host multiple OMOB book discussions at various locations including the Library branches, Community Activity Centers, and Harford Community College. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the location most convenient for you to attend the discussion, then read it and come to the program to share your views with friends and neighbors. Free books are limited at each location – register early!

Edgewood Library (410) 612-1600	Wed Sep 2	11:30am
Books on Tap, Laurrapin Grille 209 N Washington St, Havre De Grace Books available at the Havre de Grace Library (410) 939-6700	Wed Sep 2	6:30pm
Havre de Grace Library (410) 939-6700	Thu Sep 3	6:30pm
Havre de Grace Senior Center (410) 939-5121	Thu Sep 10	10am
McFaul Activity Center (410) 638-4040	Mon Sep 14	1pm
Abingdon Library (410) 638-3990	Mon Sep 14	6:30pm
Books on Tap, Greene Turtle 1113 Beards Hill Rd., Aberdeen Books available at the Aberdeen Library (410) 273-5608	Mon Sep 14	6:30pm
Jarrettsville Library (410) 692-7887	Mon Sep 14	6:30pm
Darlington Library (410) 638-3750	Tues Sep 15	6:30pm
Whiteford Library (410) 638-3608	Wed Sep 23	3pm
Aberdeen Senior Activity Center (410) 273-5666	Fri Sep 25	10:30am
Norrisville Library (410) 692-7850	Mon Sep 28	10:30am
Harford Community College Hays-Heighe House – books available at the campus Library (443) 412-2000)	Mon Sep 28	Noon

Fallston Library (410) 638-3003	Mon Oct 5	6:30pm
Chenoweth Activity Center (410) 638-3559	Tue Oct 6	1pm
Joppa Library (410) 612-1660	Thu Oct 15	6:30pm
Fallston Library (410) 638-3003	Wed Oct 21	10am

Wandering copies of *The Boys in the Boat* have also been placed throughout the community. Find one, read it, and follow directions on the inside cover to be a part of spreading a love of reading.

*One Maryland One Book* (OMOB), a program of the Maryland Center for the Book at the Maryland Humanities Council, brings diverse groups of Marylanders together in libraries, schools, and communities across the state to share a common reading experience through book discussions and companion programming each September and October. The 2015 book was chosen by a committee of librarians, educators, authors, and bibliophiles in January from a list of over 100 titles suggested last fall by readers across the state and inspired by a sports theme.

One Maryland One Book/Wandering Books is a program of the Maryland Humanities Council and is offered in Harford County by Harford County Public Library and its partners the Harford County Department of Community Services and the Harford Community College Library.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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*Photo caption #1: The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics is the 2015 One Maryland One Book selection.*

*Photo caption #2: Author Daniel James Brown will be appearing at the Abingdon Library on September 29 at 7 pm to discuss his book, The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.*