

## **Fish Tales...One Book, One Community 2006**

*Discover two books that celebrate courage and determination in the lives of two fishermen.*

### **Fish Tales...One Book 2006 Unveiling Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Help us reel in this year's one book titles and be among the first to check out one or both! Enjoy steel drum music and meet the library board of trustees. All are welcome to attend.

#### ***The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway**

The last novel Ernest Hemingway saw published, *The Old Man and the Sea*, has proved itself to be one of the enduring works of American fiction. It is the story of an old Cuban fisherman and his supreme ordeal: a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream.

#### ***The Young Man and the Sea* by Rodman Philbrick**

With a nod to Hemingway, award-winning novelist Rodman Philbrick presents a starkly dramatic yet poignant story about a determined boy who refuses to give up, despite overwhelming odds. The story follows the thrilling boy-against-the-sea adventure of twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman, who risks his life to save his family by venturing far offshore in a small boat in search of the fabled giant bluefin tuna.

#### ***The Old Man and the Sea* Book Discussions**

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Earlybird Discussion at 2 p.m.**

**Nightcrawler Discussion at 7 p.m.**

Come and join us for a chat about our One Book 2006 selection, *The Old Man and the Sea*. Refreshments will be served. Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 847-356-7711.

#### **Fish Tales Book Chat**

**Wednesday, July 12**

**2 p.m.**

What do Santiago and Skiff have in common? Besides catching big fish? Join us to talk about this year's One Book selections: *The Old Man and The Sea* by Ernest Hemingway and

*The Young Man and The Sea* by Rodman Philbrick. Refreshments will be served. Register at the Adult Reference desk or call 847-356-7711.

## Meet the author!

**Rodman Philbrick**

**Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meet the award-winning author Rodman Philbrick as he talks about *The Young Man and the Sea*. Learn about his life as a writer and what influenced him to write Skiff's story. Refreshments will be served. Book sale and signing will follow the program.

<http://www.rodmanphilbrick.com/>



### *A Brief Biography*

**Rodman Philbrick** grew up on the New England coast, where he worked as a longshoreman and boat builder. For many years he wrote mysteries and detective novels. The Private Eye Writers of America nominated two of his T.D. Stash series as best detective novel and then selected Philbrick's 'Brothers & Sinners' as Best Novel in 1993. Writing under the pen name 'William R. Dantz' he has explored the near-future worlds of genetic engineering and hi-tech brain control in books like 'Hunger', 'Pulse', 'The Seventh Sleeper'. And 'Nine Levels Down'.

**Inspired by** the life of a boy who lived a few blocks away, he wrote 'Freak The Mighty', the award-winning young-adult novel, which has been translated into numerous languages and is now read in schools throughout the world. The book was adapted to the screen in 1998 as 'The Mighty', starring Sharon Stone, Gillian Anderson, James Gandolfini, Kieran Culkin, and Elden Henson.

**Philbrick, a screenwriter** as well as a novelist, is the author of a number of novels for young readers, including 'The Fire Pony', 'Max the Mighty', 'REM World', 'The Last Book In The Universe' and 'The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds'. His recent novels for adults include 'Dark Matter' and 'Coffins'. He and his wife divide their time between Maine and the Florida Keys.

More information about Rodman Philbrick, can be found at <http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/bookrev/bio.htm>.

## **You've read the book...now see the movie**

**The Old Man and the Sea starring Spencer Tracy**

**Thursday, July 13 at 7 p.m.**

This story of the old Cuban fisherman tells of his epic battle with sharks for his giant fish. Please register at the Adult Reference desk or call 847-356-7711.

Popcorn and punch will be served.

**Bus Trip to Oak Park: Home to Ernest Hemingway**

**Monday, July 24**

**9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**\$43**

The roots of Ernest Hemingway's life and art can be found in Oak Park. His first twenty years in this area, between Chicago and the prairies and woods to the west, prepared him for his life as a writer. Lake Villa District Library will provide coach bus transportation, lunch and guided tour of Ernest Hemingway's Birthplace Home and Museum with docent Bill Hinchliff. Registration begins June 1 at the Adult Reference desk and is limited to 44.

**Past One Book, One Community Titles:**

**2003 – *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck**

**2004 – *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury**

**2005 – *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier & *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett**

**The Friends of the Lake Villa District Library purchase books to support the One Book, Community program.**

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