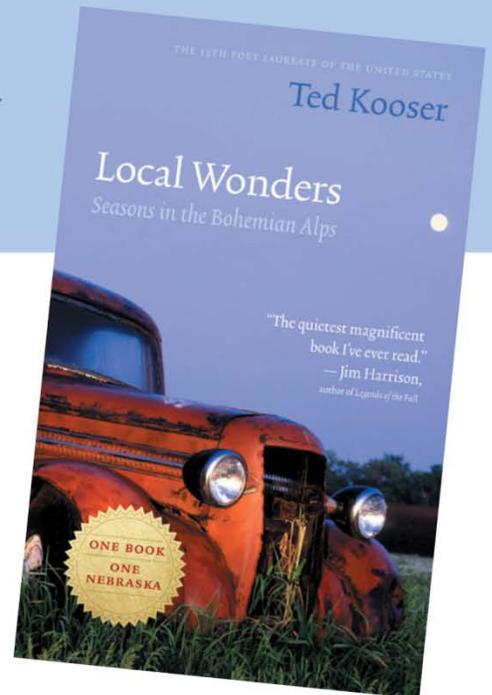


Getting Started: One Book One Nebraska 2011 Toolkit



Welcome, libraries, book clubs, and arts & cultural organizations of Nebraska!

Nebraska marks its seventh year of One Book One Nebraska, selecting and promoting a title for Nebraska citizens to read to celebrate the literary richness of our state. Nebraska libraries and other literary and cultural organizations statewide plan activities and events to encourage all Nebraskans to read and discuss the same book.

We invite **libraries** to create a One Book One Nebraska 2011 opportunity for a community-wide experience of reading together and sharing ideas. Use this toolkit as a starting point for promoting and advertising this reading activity and for planning special programming and events. Library staff, volunteers, and supporters are key to helping people across the state celebrate and explore the work of Ted Kooser by reading and discussing his book *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* and by participating in discussions and local community events held throughout Nebraska.

Book clubs, please consider selecting this title for group reading and discussion. You will come to know each other better by going on this journey of self-discovery through prose.

For **arts & cultural organizations**, the unique quality of this One Book One Nebraska selection is its marriage of nonfiction text and Nebraska heritage.

Activity and Event Resources

Get started

First, **visit the official 2011 One Book One Nebraska website** at onebook.nebraska.gov/2011. This site provides a wealth of information about *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* and author Ted Kooser. Discover resources for promoting and leading your own event or activity and a host of links to other informational websites.

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Next, **join the One Book One Nebraska community on Facebook** at <http://facebook.com/OneBookOneNebraska>. You'll receive the latest information on One Book activities across Nebraska, and you can post and promote your own event.

Get the book

- Find a copy of the book @ your library®—go to www.worldcat.org and search “Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps.” Both audio and print editions are available.
- For users of the Nebraska Library Commission’s Talking Book & Braille Services, the book is available in cassette format. Visit www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/index.html for more information.
- Borrow a book club kit from the Nebraska Library Commission (www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/bookclubkits.html) or from one of the Regional Library Systems (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/index.html>)
- Order the book from the University of Nebraska Press (www.nebraskapress.unl.edu)
- Libraries: Order the book at a 25% discount from the University of Nebraska Press (www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/pages/OneBookOneNebraska.aspx)

Discuss the book & author

- Learn about upcoming events at onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/get-involved.aspx#events.
- Download the book discussion questions (onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/docs/Local-Wonders-discussion-guide.pdf)
- Visit Ted Kooser’s official Website (www.tedkooser.net/)
- Watch *Poetry—Capturing the Moment with U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser & Friends* (DVD, 2005, NET Television). Includes “Ted Kooser’s Poetic World,” poets reciting their poetry, poets’ roundtable, and resources. This educational DVD provides multiple venues for educators, students, and all of us to experience poetry in an everyday way. Borrow the DVD from a library or the Nebraska Humanities Council. Libraries: request the DVD and user’s guide from the Nebraska Library Commission (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/contactus.asp>).
- Watch “Roundtable Discussion with Nebraska poets: William Kloefkorn, Don Welch, Ted Kooser,” from the DVD *2009 Nebraska Book Festival* (2009, Nebraska Center for the Book). Borrow the DVD from a library or the Nebraska Library Commission (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/contactus.asp>).
- Read, view and listen to interviews and appearances with Ted Kooser on the Web. A list of suggested sites is available at onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/get-involved.aspx.
- Access biographies of Ted Kooser and bibliographies of his works. A list of suggested sites is available at onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/get-involved.aspx.
- Discover online resources through the U.S. Library of Congress’s web guide to Ted Kooser (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/kooser/>)

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- Host a presentation by someone from the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. All non-profit organizations and education organizations are eligible to use the Speakers Bureau. One program in particular is suitable for programming related to *Local Wonders*: “Bright Leaves Flying: An Introduction to U.S. Poet Laureate, Ted Kooser” with Mary K. Stillwell (<http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/speakersIIIF.html#Bright>). Stillwell places Kooser within the rich tradition of Nebraska poetry and provides an introduction to the poet and his work, focusing on *Winter Morning Walks: 100 Postcards to Jim Harrison* and *Local Wonders*. Apply for a grant from the Nebraska Humanities Council to finance your event. Public programs sponsored by not-for-profit organizations may be eligible for funding assistance from the Nebraska Humanities Council (<http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/hrceligibility.html>). For more information, call 402-474-2131, e-mail nhc (at) nebraskahumanities.org, or visit www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/speakerscat.html.
- Learn about *Local Wonders*, the musical theatre production, adapted for the stage by Virginia Smith and Paul Amandes (www.localwondersmusical.com/).
- Get inspiration for your activity. Learn about the “Building Bridges” project at Gibbon Public Schools. *Local Wonders* was selected to provide the impetus to bring adolescents and community members together while utilizing the stories to share and reflect on their own individual lives. View the report (www.esu10.k12.ne.us/docs/JuliaArticle080519.pdf).

More ideas and resources are listed at onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/get-involved.aspx#discuss.

Promote your event & One Book One Nebraska

- Download and modify a customizable press release for your event (onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/docs/sample_local_press_release.doc).
- Download and print posters, bookmarks, and reminder postcards (onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/get-involved.aspx#promote) to promote your event or activity.
- Make your own *Local Wonders* READ @ your library® poster with “local celebrities” holding *Local Wonders*. Contact Peter Worth, peter.worth (at) nebraska.gov, for ideas or assistance.
- Post your event to the One Book One Nebraska group on Facebook (www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=281641340948).
- Submit your activity or event to have it posted on the One Book website and on Facebook, or if your event or activity is highlighted by the local media, let us know and share the coverage, by [e-mail](mailto:Kathryn.Brockmeier@nebraska.gov) to Kathryn.Brockmeier (at) nebraska.gov or by calling 402-471-4002.

Provide feedback

If you have hosted a book discussion, or book-related event or activity, please complete a Program Leader Evaluation (onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/docs/2011-leader-eval.pdf). Please also direct members of your group to complete a Participant Evaluation (onebook.nebraska.gov/2011/docs/2011-participant-eval.pdf). Your valuable feedback helps to improve the One Book One Nebraska program.

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