

News Release

Martins Ferry Public Library Awarded *We the People* Bookshelf Collection from National Endowment for the Humanities

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The Martins Ferry Public Library is one of 4,000 libraries across the country selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) to receive free hardcover editions of 17 classic books as part of the *We the People* Bookshelf grant program. The theme of this year's Bookshelf is "A More Perfect Union."

The *We the People* Bookshelf on "A More Perfect Union" contains the following books:

- **Kindergarten to Grade 3:** "Tico and the Golden Wings" by Leo Lionni; "When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson" by Pam Muñoz Ryan; "A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution" by Betsy and Giulio Maestro
- **Grades 4 to 6:** "César: ¡ Sí, Se Puede! / Yes, We Can!" by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand; "Darby" by Jonathon Scott Fuqua; "Eagle Song" by Joseph Bruchac; "The Great Little Madison" by Jean Fritz
- **Grades 7 to 8:** "Chains" by Laurie Halse Anderson; "Hitch" by Jeanette Ingold; "Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered" by Barry Denenberg; "Warriors Don't Cry" by Melba Beals
- **Grades 9 to 12:** "American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic" by Joseph Ellis; "Carver: A Life in Poems" by Marilyn Nelson; "Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara; "Lincoln in His Own Words" by Milton Melzer; "Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose; "The Souls of Black Folk" by W. E. B. DuBois
- **Bonus:** "The Civil War: A Film by Ken Burns"; "The Civil War: An Illustrated History" by Geoffrey Ward, Ric Burns, Ken Burns; "Declaring Independence: The Origin and Influence of America's Founding Document" edited by Christian Y. Dupont

The award is part of the NEH's *We the People* initiative, which supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture. Selected public and school libraries in all 50 states receive a set of the 17 books, bonus materials including a DVD edition of "The Civil War," the award-winning documentary by Ken Burns, posters, bookmarks, bookplates from the NEH and the ALA, and access to online planning and promotional materials. Since 2003, NEH and ALA have distributed 17,000 *We the People* Bookshelf grants to school and public libraries across the country.

Check the Martin Ferry Public Library's web page at mfpl.org. Call the library at 633-0314 for additional information.