'Chambers County Reads' Community Reading

Initiative starts April 2015

April 1, 2015 marks the beginning of the community initiative known as Chambers County Reads, which aims to get the entire county reading and talking about the same book. In the program’s first year, members of the community are encouraged to participate in a shared reading experience by reading the New York Times bestselling autobiography by Liz Murray, Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard. This survivor’s tale is inspired by the real story of Liz Murray, who not only saved herself from poverty and graduated from Harvard, but encourages others through her inspirational speaking about how she persevered. Please find us on Symbaloo, Facebook, and Twitter.

Several programs and events, focusing on the book and its themes, are planned throughout Chambers County in the coming weeks.

Chambers County Reads Goals & Objectives

The program strives to achieve the following:

- Promote access to the selected book through increased availability at local libraries.
- Encourage widespread reading of the selected book through advertising and events that center on book readings and discussions.
- Create a connection between readers and author by inviting the author to speak to readers.
- Outreach to the community by hosting guest speakers, discussion sessions, film screenings, and other events that are free and open to the public.
- Recognize that reading is just as much a shared experience as it is a private activity.
- Read, celebrate, and share with their fellow community members.

Chambers County Reads Mission Statement

The mission of “Chambers County Reads” is to promote literacy and a love for reading, celebrate diversity, and foster a community of readers by providing opportunities to explore and discuss a common text.

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