

## One Book One Lincoln

### Selection Committee Background & Information Sheet

**ABOUT ONE BOOK ONE LINCOLN:** One Book One Lincoln is a community reading project sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries. The program encourages all adults in Lincoln and Lancaster County to read and discuss the same book at the same time.

The goal of the program is to encourage reading and dialogue by creating a community-wide reading and discussion experience. The One Book One Lincoln winner is selected by the community from a group of three finalists.

**ABOUT THE SELECTION COMMITTEE:** The One Book One Lincoln Selection Committee is a group of diverse community readers. They review and/or read books nominated by the community for One Book One Lincoln, refining them to a list of 10 top contenders and then three finalists.

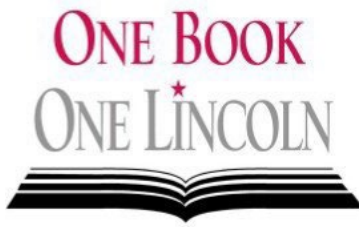
**ABOUT THE SELECTED BOOKS:** The committee's goal is to look for books that are of general interest to adults and young adults, address universal themes of life, and spark thoughtful discussion. Selected titles should have substance and general appeal.

The community is looking for an interesting, thought-provoking story with well-developed characters, fascinating settings and clear plots. They respond well to stories they can connect with personally and something they can talk about with others.

#### CRITERIA FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

- ☐ Committed to taking on the workload and participating fully
- ☐ Available to attend meetings from February – April during the selection process
- ☐ Broad in perspective, inclusive in thinking and sensitive to social issues and biases of our time
- ☐ Enjoy reading and talking about books
- ☐ See possibilities for translating reading to life issues
- ☐ Willing to participate in the give and take of group discussions

**TIME COMMITMENT REQUIREMENTS:** The committee will begin its work in mid-February and continues for eight weeks, concluding by early to mid-April. The committee meets four times during this period, and there are three rounds of reading. Committee members read between five to eight books each round, or 15 to 24 books over the eight weeks. The three finalists are selected in early April and announced on Memorial Day in late May. Committee terms are for three years.



**One Book One Lincoln  
Selection Committee Application/Recommendation Form**

If you are interested in being considered to volunteer for the One Book One Lincoln Selection Committee—or would like to recommend someone who should be considered—please fill out the following information form and return to Sarah Dale at Lincoln City Libraries (her contact information is on page 2).

For background about One Book One Lincoln and information about the Selection Committee and their process, the type of books that are selected, criteria for committee membership, and committee time commitments, please see the Selection Committee Background & Information Sheet.

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**Recommender Name** *(if applicable):*

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**Name of Recommendee or Volunteer:**

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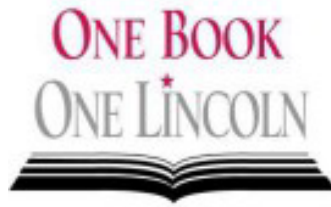
**Recommendee or Volunteer Phone and Email:**

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**Professional/Educational Background:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interest in reading and libraries, or relevant background:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List the titles/authors of three books you have recently read and what their best features were:**

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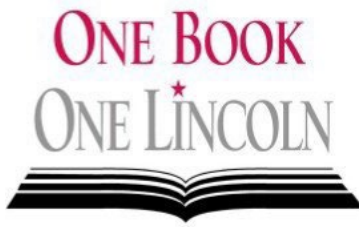
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**Please describe past community involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe what this person/you would bring to the OBOL committee and selection process**  
(e.g.: casual reader, younger perspective, diverse point of view, variety of reading interests, etc.)

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**Are you/is the recommendee aware of the necessary time commitment and willing to participate?**  
(see Selection Committee Background & Information Sheet)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure

**Please return completed form to Sarah Dale at Lincoln City Libraries  
via email at [sdale@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:sdale@lincoln.ne.gov)  
by 12/31/2026  
to be considered for the 2027 Committee**