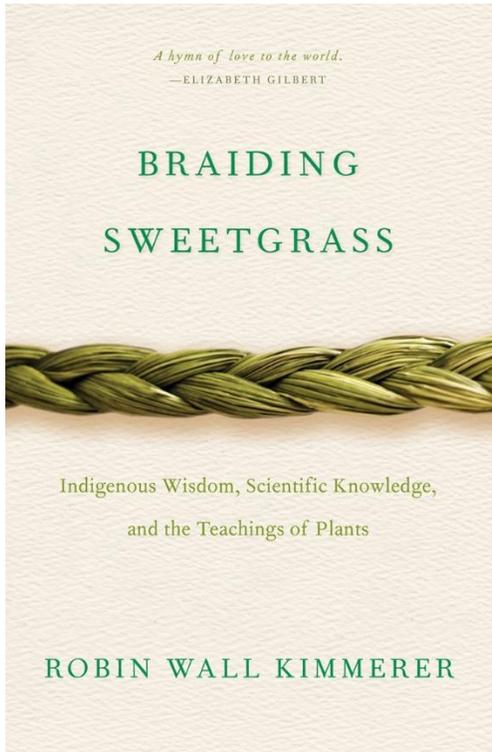


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WFPL Picks *Braiding Sweetgrass* for One Book, One Watertown

[WATERTOWN] The Watertown Free Public Library has announced that Robin Wall Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass* is the official selection for One Book, One Watertown 2022. Extra copies of the book, including large print, Spanish, French, and digital editions, are now ready to borrow. A full schedule of programs is coming in March.

But why *Braiding Sweetgrass*? Why now?

This year's community read challenges readers to question how they engage with the living ecosystems that sustain us. Botanist and Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Robin Wall Kimmerer's book has been called a "hymn of love to the world" (author Elizabeth Gilbert) that gifts insight about scientific knowledge, Indigenous wisdom, and

the teachings of plants. It offers a possible way forward, towards a state of flourishing for all life—not just human life—on this planet.

As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on “a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise.” (Gilbert) Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer gifts and lessons, even if we’ve forgotten how to hear their voices.

In March 2022, the Library will host virtual and in-person book discussions, guest lectures, craft programs, an art exhibit, and a live concert—all inspired by this year's One Book, One Watertown selection. All community members—residents and non-residents alike—are invited to participate in these free programs whether they’ve read some or all of *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

Reserve your copy of Kimmerer’s book and browse a full listing of One Book, One Watertown programs online at watertownlib.org/onebook.

About One Book, One Watertown

Each year, the Watertown Free Public Library chooses a book, encourages everyone in the community to read it along with us, and hosts a variety of programs related to the book. This community reading program is known as One Book, One Watertown.

About WFPL

The Watertown Free Public Library provides access to a wide variety of popular materials, resources, services, and programs that fulfill the informational, cultural, and recreational needs of Watertown and surrounding communities. Our Library works to create an environment that attracts and welcomes users of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit watertownlib.org.

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