



The mission of **One Book, One Freeport** is to encourage a shared reading experience, foster a sense of community, and promote literacy to people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and economic levels.

We started our **One Book, One Freeport** voyage with *Playing With The Enemy* by Gary Moore in 2011 and followed that two years later with *I Came A Stranger* by Hilda Satt Polachek. Our journeys took us to Southern Illinois, Chicago, Milwaukee, Europe, through World Wars I and II, and many places in between.

*Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam points to our next set of destinations. Join us in March and April 2015 in this journey to West Virginia, space, the '50s and '60s and many other locales. This *New York Times* #1 bestselling memoir, first published in 1999, inspired the film *October Sky*.

"One of the most beloved bestsellers in recent years, **Rocket Boys** is a uniquely American memoir. A powerful, luminous story of coming of age at the end of the 1950s, it is the story of a mother's love and a father's fears, of growing up and getting out. With the grace of a natural storyteller, Homer Hickam looks back after a distinguished NASA career to tell his own true story of growing up in a dying coal town and of how, against the odds, he made his dreams of launching rockets into outer space come true.

A story of romance and loss and a keen portrait of life at an extraordinary point in American history, **Rocket Boys** is a chronicle of triumph."

Join with the Freeport Public Library, the Freeport Public Library Foundation, the Stephenson County Historical Society Museum, the Freeport Art Museum, the University of Illinois Extension, and many other local organizations in celebrating a unique American experience.

Free books will be distributed at the beginning of the program and a variety of events will be scheduled around the community. Don't miss our next **One Book, One Freeport** community reading experience in March and April of 2015.

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