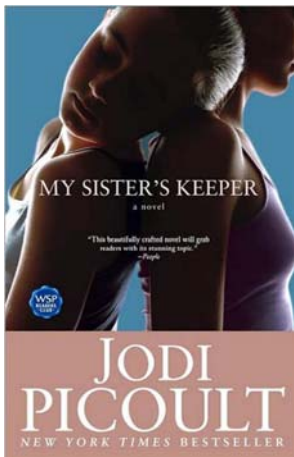


The Mayor's Literacy Commission and the Stark County District Library announce

***My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult*

*as the 2007 book for the
One Book - One Community reading program*

Synopsis of "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult



Known for writing novels with provocative themes centered on family conflict and difficult moral choices, Jodi Picoult presents a story of a child whose sole reason for existence is to assure a genetic match for her terminally ill sister. Anna was conceived in-vitro as a bone marrow match for sister Kate -- a life and a role she had never challenged. For years she gave her platelets and bone marrow to keep Kate in continuous remission. Now Kate is dying and needs Anna's kidney. Although she loves her sister dearly, 13 year old Anna rebels and hires a lawyer to sue her parents for medical emancipation. Extraordinarily moving, Picoult's story is told through the voices of all the characters. Picoult tackles a controversial real-life subject with grace, wisdom, and sensitivity.

Jodi Picoult Biography

Jodi Picoult is a bestselling author of fourteen novels. In 2003 she was awarded the New England Bookseller Award for Fiction. She was born and raised on Long Island which at one time she believed was a detriment for a girl who wanted to be a writer. But then Picoult realized, "It took me a while to realize that I did have something to write about – that solid core of family, and the knotty tangle of relationships, which I keep coming back to in my books." Picoult studied creative writing at Princeton, and had two short stories published in Seventeen magazine while still a student. She had a series of different jobs following her graduation: a technical writer for a Wall Street brokerage firm, a copywriter at an ad agency, an editor at a textbook publisher, and an 8th grade English teacher - before entering Harvard to pursue a master's in education. She, her husband Tim, and their three children live in Hanover, New Hampshire with a dog, a rabbit, two Jersey calves, and the occasional Holstein.



How to Participate in the Program

Reading the book along with family, friends, and co-workers is the first step in the program. Books may be borrowed from any Stark County public library. Book clubs, schools, organizations, and small groups who want to participate in the program may purchase the book by calling the Canton Mayor's Literacy Commission at 330-458-2633.

Discussion Sessions and Related Events

Discussion sessions and related events have been planned for this Fall. Some discussion sessions will begin with brief presentations by a panel of community leaders who will reflect on their reactions to the book. Audience members will then be invited to ask questions of panelists and share their own feelings about the book. Other discussion sessions will be lead by a facilitator. Everyone is invited to the following events which are **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**:

Tues., Sep. 11, 7 p.m. Panel Discussion

“Authors and Books That Matter: Jodi Picoult and Other Favorites”

Location: Malone College's Johnson Center, 2600 Cleveland Ave. N. W., Canton

Tues., Sep. 18, 1:30 p.m. Book Discussion

“Let's Discuss *My Sister's Keeper*”

Location: Massillon Senior Center, 39 Lincoln Way W., Massillon

Thurs., Sep. 27, 7 p.m. Panel Discussion

“Ethical Decision Making: Values in Conflict”

Location: Aultman Woodlawn's Conference Room, 2821 Woodlawn N. W., Canton

Tues., Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Panel Discussion

“Bringing the Book Characters to Life”

Location: McKinley High School Seminar Room, 2323 – 17th St. N. W., Canton

Thurs., Oct 4, 7 p.m. Book Discussion

“My Sister's Keeper Book Discussion”

Location: Perry Sippo Library Branch, 5710—12th Street NW, Canton

Wed., Oct. 10, 7 p.m. Panel Discussion

“Facing Family Challenges: Matters of the Heart”

Location: Kent State Stark Main Hall Auditorium, 6000 Frank Ave. N. W., North Canton

LifeShare Bloodmobile will be on site accepting donations from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 11, Noon Book Discussion

“Food for Thought: Brown Bag Book Discussion”

Location: Red Cross Building, 521 Market Ave. North, Canton

Sun., Oct. 14, 3 p.m. Book Discussion

“Let's Talk About *My Sister's Keeper*”

Location: Main Library McKinley Room, 715 Market Ave N. Canton

Tues., Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Book Discussion

“Conversations on *My Sister's Keeper*”

Location: Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 2631 Harvard Ave. N. W., Canton

Thurs., Oct. 18, 7 p.m. Book Discussion

“A Discussion of *My Sister’s Keeper*”

Location: Louisville Public Library, 700 Lincoln Ave., Louisville

Special Culminating Event

Tues. Oct 23, 7 p.m.

To conclude the One Book – One Community Reading Program, a court dramatization of the book’s trial will be held in a local court room. Upon confirmation, the court room location will be posted on the Literacy Commission home page,

**Please call the Mayor’s Literacy Commission of Canton
at 330-458-2633 for more information.**