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DRIFTWOOD ANNOUNCES TITLE FOR 2018 LINCOLN CITY READS PROGRAM

During its annual Community Days concert last night, Driftwood Public Library revealed the title of the book it's asking the community to read for its second year of Lincoln City Reads: *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeline L'Engle. Copies of the book are available to check out from the library in multiple formats, including large print, audio CD, and even a graphic novel. It is also available through Library2Go for Driftwood cardholders as both an audiobook and an ebook. Copies of the book can also be purchased at the library for \$4.

Lincoln City Reads events will take place throughout the month of May, with the bulk of events taking place during the last two weeks of the month. These will include lectures, art & science projects, a scavenger hunt, and an Intergalactic Dance Party to close out the program. A complete schedule is available at the library, and in its email newsletter, and events will be posted on the library's website and facebook pages over the next two weeks.

Since 1998, when the Washington Center for the Book hosted author Russell Banks for four days of programs and discussion about his novel, *The Sweet Hereafter*, communities all over the United States have increasingly embraced the notion of civic unity through the reading of literature. There are now statewide, citywide, countywide, and even country-wide reading programs all over the world. Last Spring the staff at Driftwood unveiled its inaugural "one book, one city" program when they announced the first Lincoln City Reads book would be *Mr Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore*, by Robin Sloan. The library staff hope to make this an annual event, with greater community participation in the selection of titles in coming years.

A Wrinkle in Time was chosen for its universal messages about family love and its ability to overcome even the most daunting challenges, as well as for its strong female hero and its respect for both science and religion. The story

about misfit siblings Meg and Charles Wallace Murray facing impossible odds in order to save their father from an otherworldly evil was originally published in 1962, after it was rejected by at least 26 publishers, because it was, in L'Engle's words, "too different," and "because it deals overtly with the [problem of evil](#), and it was really difficult for children, and was it a children's or an adults' book, anyhow?" The book went on to win the Newbery Medal, Sequoyah Book Award, and the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award, and it was a runner-up for the Hans Christian Andersen Award. It became an international bestseller and has become beloved by children and adults alike for over 50 years. Last month a big-budget film version of *A Wrinkle in Time* was released by Disney.

Lincoln City Reads is sponsored, in part, by The Driftwood Library Foundation and Friends of Driftwood Library. Specific programs in the project will be sponsored by additional organizations. The library is located at 801 SW HWY 101, on the second floor of the City Hall building, adjacent to McKay's Market and across the street from Burger King.

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