

Share Your Delight! Call for Essays & Artwork

One Maryland One Book 2021

Maryland Humanities' One Maryland One Book program is designed to bring together diverse people in communities across the state through the shared experience of reading the same book, participating in book discussions, and engaging with the themes of the chosen book.

This year's One Maryland One Book selection, *The Book of Delights* by Ross Gay, is a genre-defying collection of lyric essays that documents a year's worth of the type of small joys we often overlook in our busy lives.

In celebration of One Maryland One Book and each person's unique experiences of delight, Kent County Public Library invites you to submit a short "essayette" or artistic creation that expresses a small joy in your life.

Submissions will be accepted through September 1st-30th. After review, the essays and artwork will be highlighted at a virtual event on November 6.

In the preface of *The Book of Delights*, Mr. Gay writes, "the more you study delight, the more delight there is to study." We hope that you experience the same revelation as you create submissions for this project!

Creative Prompt

In the words of Ross Gay: "...my delight grows –much like love and joy– when I share it."

With this quote as inspiration, please share your own small, everyday delight with the KCPL community in the form of a piece of artwork or essayette that captures your delight.

Who Can Participate?

One Maryland One Book is designed for adults and high schoolers. We welcome Share Your Delight submissions from teens (ages 13-17) and adults.

Submission Guidelines

KCPL is accepting "essayettes" and artwork that will be curated and featured at a virtual showcase on November 6.

All submissions must be:

- submitted between September 1st, 2021 and September 30th, 2021.
- given directly to library staff or submitted via email.
- accompanied by a signed release form *and* a completed submission form.
- your **own** work; plagiarism of any kind is NOT acceptable.
- in response to the KCPL "Share Your Delights!" prompt.

Submission content should be appropriate for a community event. KCPL reserves the right to reject materials that are deemed inappropriate. If you have questions about whether certain content is a good fit for this event, please contact KCPL before submitting materials.

Emailed submissions should be sent to newsletter@kent.lib.md.us with "Share Your Delight Showcase" in the subject line.

Essayette Guidelines:

- Must have a word count between 50 - 500 words.
- Digital submissions should be presented in the following digital formats: .docx, .pdf, .png,
- Hand written submissions are acceptable as long as the handwriting is legible. If the submission is not legible it may be subject to rejection.

Visual Guidelines:

- Artwork should be between 3"x3" and 12"x12" in size.
- 2D mediums please.
- Submissions must be in one piece when delivered. Loose articles or other elements that inhibit public display are discouraged.
- Artwork must not contain any wet elements upon submission. Work saturated with water or covered in wet elements such as paint or glue will not be taken at that time.

Questions?

Please feel free to email referencedesk@kent.lib.md.us or call 410-778-3636.

One Maryland One Book is a project of Maryland Humanities. For more information about this project, please visit mdhumanities.org/programs/one-maryland-one-book/