



Letter to the editor of the South Haven Tribune

This was the first year South Haven had the opportunity to read and discuss a book together. The “One Book, Once Community” committee is gratified by the responses from so many people who chose to participate.

Not everyone liked Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, but many people came together to discuss their experience with the book, and the impression it made on them. The 32 copies provided by the library were checked out a total of 117 times. The Spanish translation circulated 4 times, and the CD audio book circulated 6 times. The DVD of the film was checked out 11 times. Sixty-people attended the kick-off bonfire, including members of the South Haven Fire Department. Seventy-five people ate dinner with Dr. Roberts, Ray Bradbury’s biographer, and then attended his presentation about his long relationship with the author. When LMC faculty members hosted a panel discussion, 20 people ignored blustery weather to attend, and approximately 45 people came to the reception for the poster contest and stayed to watch the film. An additional showing of the film at the Warren Center was seen by 25 people. The High School Variety Show featured dramatic excerpts from the book.

The “One Book, Once Community” committee is now collecting nominations for a book to sponsor in 2008 and another for 2009. Interested community members are invited to give their recommendations to the staff at the library, or email them to SH1book@yahoo.com. We are hoping that this project can grow in future years and welcome participation from all our neighbors.

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