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HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES 2018 COMMUNITY READ

HIGH POINT, N.C. (Aug. 13, 2018) – Throughout September and October, the High Point Public Library will host a 2018 Community Read program based on the novel *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman. In addition to book discussion groups, Community Read events will include hunger simulations, events with local farmers and community garden managers, documentary screenings and a public reading of the book.

Accessible to readers of all ages and reading levels, *Seedfolks* tells the story of a group of international immigrants living in Cleveland, Ohio who come together to found and sustain a community garden. The Library will kick off the Community Read events by giving away more than 300 copies of the book at the High Point Farmers Market on Saturday, August 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional print and audio copies are available for checkout, including two book club kits, and e-book and e-audiobook copies can be downloaded from the North Carolina Digital Library.

The full calendar of events will be announced on August 25, including:

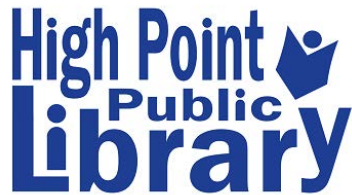
- Hunger Simulations that explore the complexity of addressing food insecurity through scenarios based on data for food hardship in High Point
- An update from the Greater High Point Food Alliance on the state of food insecurity in High Point
- A children-centered butterfly migration activity, including tagging and releasing butterflies
- A public “lunch break” reading of the book at the library
- Panel presentations on the immigration experiences, economic contributions, and farming traditions of High Point’s immigrant communities
- Local food information sessions with representatives from the Farmers Market, Growing High Point, Save the Harvest, Drozik’s Produce, and Guilford County Cooperative Extension
- Documentary screenings on urban farming, community gardeners, and United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta

The Community Read will culminate on October 27 at the final High Point Farmers Market of 2018. Among other planned festivities, community members can volunteer (advanced registration required) to present their best food-focused tips and tricks at a community knowledge fair; all Community Read participants are also encouraged to join in a vegetable-inspired community photo.

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The Library's 2018 Community Read is one component of the Community Action Plan created through High Point's designation as a 2016 Partner Community in the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Foods, Local Places initiative, and is supported by additional funding from Friends of the High Point Public Library.

All Community Read events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Library Associate Rase McCray at 336.883.3695 or rase.mccray@highpointnc.gov.

The High Point Public Library is a department of the City of High Point and is located at 901 North Main Street. High Point Public Library is committed to nurturing the joy of reading, sharing the power of knowledge, strengthening the sense of community and enhancing economic and cultural vitality.

The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit www.highpointnc.gov.

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