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Gumbo Tales selected for 2009 One Book One New Orleans Reading Campaign
YLC celebrates the fifth year of its successful literacy project

NEW ORLEANS, La. – The Young Leadership Council (YLC) is proud to announce its annual *One Book One New Orleans* community-wide reading project has selected “Gumbo Tales: Finding My Place at the New Orleans Table” by Sara Roahen for its 2009 program. “Gumbo Tales” is a colorful portrayal of New Orleans’ food culture, the rich history behind it, and its relationship to people, as discovered by Roahen as she turned from Wisconsin native to New Orleanian at heart.

The 2009 reading period will be September 1-October 29, 2009. A calendar of events for the 2009 program including discussion groups, special events centered on topics covered in the reading selection, live readings by the author, and more is forthcoming.

One Book One New Orleans is a community-wide reading initiative created, planned and executed by YLC volunteers in cooperation with the Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans, New Orleans Public Library, Jefferson Parish Library and the New Orleans Gulf South Booksellers Association.

During a pre-determined reading period each year, *One Book One New Orleans* encourages residents of greater New Orleans ages 16 years and older to engage in the common endeavor of reading the same book at the same time to celebrate and encourage literacy. Additionally, through this shared experience, the YLC hopes New Orleans residents from different communities and neighborhoods will come together and embrace their similarities by reading, discussing and attending events relating to the selected book.

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For more information, visit www.onebookoneneworleans.com.

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