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## **One Book One New Orleans Announces 2011 Calendar of Events**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, September 23, 2011** – One Book One New Orleans, a project of the [Young Leadership Council](#) in partnership with the [Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans](#), announces the release of its 2011 Calendar of Events to celebrate the 2011 One Book selection, Dan Baum's [Nine Lives: Mystery, Magic, Life, and Death](#).

Modeled after community reading initiatives in Seattle, Chicago, and Tampa, One Book One New Orleans creates community and promotes literacy in the Greater New Orleans region by encouraging all New Orleanians ages 16 and above to read the same book at the same time each fall.

**Specifically citing demand stemming from One Book One New Orleans programming, Spiegel & Grau, a division of Random House, Inc., has announced that it will print another 3,000 copies of the 2011 One Book selection, Dan Baum's [Nine Lives: Mystery, Magic, Life, and Death](#).**

For more information about One Book One New Orleans upcoming events, please visit [www.onebookoneworleans.com](http://www.onebookoneworleans.com) or contact Sara Hudson at (504) 534-8034.

### **2011 One Book One New Orleans Calendar:**

**A Sneak Peek at Nine Lives: The Musical** - Sept 20, 7:00pm. Singer-songwriter **Paul Sanchez** performs selected songs from *Nine Lives: A Musical Adaption*, based on 2011 One Book One New Orleans selection *Nine Lives* by Dan Baum, featuring favorite passages from the book, played in JoAnn Guidos' Kajun Pub. 2256 St. Claude Ave.

**A Night of Networking: Young Professional Happy Hour** - Sept 26, 5:30-8:00pm. Purchase copies of *Nine Lives*, get information about Louisiana Books2Prisoners work to fight illiteracy in the prison

system, and enjoy a night full of New Orleans character and characters. Cocktail specials inspired by *Nine Lives* plus free food from Antoine's Restaurant during a night at one of the locations featured in *Nine Lives*, Hermes Bar. *Hermes Bar, Antoine's Restaurant, 713 St. Louis St*

**Giving the Gift of Literacy: Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners** - Oct 2, 4pm. Volunteer Day with Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners: read letters from inmates requesting books, sort, pack, and ship new reading materials to help fight illiteracy in the prison system. *YLC Headquarters, 1840 Euterpe St.,*

**"From The Mouthpiece On Back": An Outdoor Film Screening in the Sculpture Garden** - Oct 5, 7pm. Free outdoor screening of "[Mr. Okra](#)," a short film about one of New Orleans most ubiquitous and beloved citizens, followed by "[From the Mouthpiece On Back](#)," a documentary about the To Be Continued Brass Band, featured in *Nine Lives*. Suggested donation: one paperback book for donation to incarcerated prisoners lacking reading materials. **Featuring special guest, Mr. Okra.** *Sculpture Garden, New Orleans Museum of Art, One Collins C. Diboll Circle,*

**Dinner at Dooky Chase With Dan Baum** - Oct 13, 7pm. Author panel, featuring Dan Baum and special guests from *Nine Lives*, with free Dooky Chase buffet. Limited Seating, sign up at [www.onebookoneneworleans.com](http://www.onebookoneneworleans.com) to win a spot. *Dooky Chase Restaurant, 2301 Orleans Ave.*

**"Tenth Life" Essay Contest** – In *Nine Lives*, Dan Baum turns the lives of New Orleanians into a series of vignettes that explore the hearts and minds of our own neighbors. Submit a "tenth life" essay to [tenthlifenola@gmail.com](mailto:tenthlifenola@gmail.com) for the chance to win a Nook Reader and a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card. Essays should detail the mystery and magic in the life of a person you know, and should be no longer than 1,500 words. They may be poetry or prose. The contest will be divided into three age categories: middle school (grades 6-8), high school, and adult. For more information, visit the [One Book](#) website. Essays due Oct 7 at midnight.

**Children's Art Project** - In conjunction With [Community Works of Louisiana](#), students from the [International School of Louisiana](#) will each create an art project reflecting themes of community, family, struggle, and courage in New Orleans as seen in *Nine Lives*. Finished art projects will be on display at the One Book Finale.

**One Book Finale** - Oct. 19 – Free food, drink, and special guests from Dan Baum's *Nine Lives*. Live music and words from New Orleans officials. *New Orleans Healing Center, 2372 St. Claude Ave*

With the generous support of [Shell Oil](#), One Book will also donate copies of *Nine Lives* to partnering organizations across New Orleans to foster community around literacy. Partners include the [New Orleans Public Library](#), [Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners](#), and the [Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans](#). Each branch of NOPL will receive multiple copies of *Nine Lives*, and One Book will also donate free copies of the book to the entering freshman class at [Dillard University](#).

Throughout its programming One Book will also offer information and take donations for [Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners](#) and their work encouraging literacy within the Orleans Parish prison system.

### **About OBONO**

Now in its seventh year as a project of the Young Leadership Council, One Book One New Orleans strives to create community in New Orleans through the common experience of reading the same

book at the same time every fall. By bringing together people from different neighborhoods, backgrounds, and ages, we celebrate one book and its impact on our city, and the commonalities that bind us to each other, and to the place we love and call home, New Orleans. This shared reading experience not only reminds us of our city's unique literary contributions and of the strength of community, but also strengthens the reading community and the importance of literacy in New Orleans, as we explore how the literary world becomes yet another way to connect to one another across all lines.

Past selections of One Book include: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines, *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America* by John M. Barry, *Coming Out the Door for the Ninth Ward* by Nine Times Social and Pleasure Club, *City of Refuge* by Tom Piazza, *Gumbo Tales: Finding My Place At The New Orleans Table* by Sara Roehen, and *Satchmo* by Louis Armstrong. One Book One New Orleans is presented by the Young Leadership Council in partnership with the Literacy Alliance of New Orleans.

### **About Young Leadership Council**

The [Young Leadership Council](#) (YLC) is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans and has a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent YPO (young professionals' organization) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.

The YLC has more than 1,300 member-volunteers, and is led by a 25-member board of directors and four staff members.