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**“ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY” ANNOUNCES FOUR FINALISTS FOR
THE 2006 TITLE SELECTION**

“One Book, One Community” of New Hanover County, NC, is pleased to announce the four finalists currently under consideration for the 2006 program, which will take place next January and February. This will be the second year of the program, the follow-up to the inaugural venture with Dana Sachs’ *The House on Dream Street* in 2005.

The four 2006 finalists are: (1) Ellyn Bache, *Safe Passage*; (2) Virginia Holman, *Rescuing Patty Hearst*; (3) John Jeremiah Sullivan, *Blood Horses*; and (4) Timothy Tyson, *Blood Done Sign My Name*.

Local readers are asked to select the book for “One Book, One Community 2006” by voting for their preferences. Voting can be accomplished in a variety of ways, including ballot boxes located in area libraries and businesses (CFCC Learning Resource Center, New Hanover County Public Library, UNCW Randall Library, and Bristol Books) and an online voting system on the *Star-News* web site (<http://starnewsonline.com/onebook>). The voting period will end on July 15th, with an announcement of the 2006 title expected in early August.

Community members are also invited to share with the community their stories of how reading has impacted their lives. Selected stories, with permission, will be posted to the OBOC web site, under the “Tell Us About” section (<http://library.uncwil.edu/oboc/tell.html>).

“One Book, One Community” of New Hanover County, North Carolina, is a partnership of several community organizations, including: UNCW Randall Library, New Hanover County Public Library, Cape Fear Community College Learning Resource Center, New Hanover High School Lyceum Academy, Cape Fear Community College English Department, UNCW English Department, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Bristol Books, and the *Star-News*.

The mission of “One Book, One Community” is to promote literacy and a love for reading, celebrate diversity, and foster a community of readers by providing opportunities to explore and discuss a common text.

For more information about “One Book, One Community,” the selection process, or the finalists, please visit the OBOC web site: <http://library.uncwil.edu/oboc/>