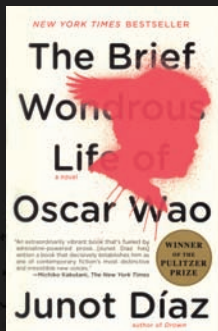


1 BOOK for Greater Hartford



2009 is One Book for Greater Hartford's eighth year to gather the community around a work of contemporary fiction. With this year's selection, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, we explore the duality of the immigrant experience. Author Junot Díaz immerses us in the tumultuous life of Oscar and the history of the family at large, rendering with humor and insight the Dominican–American experience, and, ultimately, the endless human capacity to persevere in the face of heartbreak and loss.

AUTHOR EVENT WITH JUNOT DÍAZ

Downtown Library, Atrium

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00 p.m.**



National Book Critics Circle and 2008 Pulitzer Prize winner Junot Díaz will read from his work and

then take part in a Q&A session. His talk will be followed by a book sale and signing.



EXHIBITIONS

DOMINICAN IMAGES, THEMES, CULTURAL LIFE AND GEOGRAPHY

Photography exhibit by teacher and artist Marlo Merrero.

*Downtown Library, Reading Room,
2nd Floor*
October 1-30

DANCE

DOMINICAN HERITAGE

Dominican Heritage Parade Folkloric Group will perform traditional and contemporary dances.

Downtown Library, Atrium
Saturday, October 3, 3:00 p.m.

Book Discussions

STUDENT CONNECTIONS

Students from Miss Porter's School, Capital Prep and Covenant Prep will meet, dialogue, and discuss the novel.

Downtown Library
September 5, 1:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES AND THEMES IN JUNOT DÍAZ

Book discussion for adults.

Downtown Library
Saturday, September 5,
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 3,
2:00 p.m.

BRANCH DISCUSSIONS

Join friends and neighbors to share excerpts and conversation about *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.

Dwight Branch

Wednesday, September 30,
1:00 p.m.

Camp Field Branch

Wednesday, October 14,
3:30 p.m.

Goodwin Branch

Saturday, September 19,
2:00 p.m.

Mark Twain Branch

Monday, October 5,
5:30 p.m.

Park Branch

Wednesday, October 21,
1:00 p.m.

ONE BOOK INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION

U.S. and Dominican Republic students meet to discuss *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.

Downtown Library
Thursday, October 22,
1:00 p.m.



DOMINICAN MASKS AND CULTURAL ARTIFACTS

Introduction and discussion on Dominican mask and mask-making with Ivo Jaquez.

*Downtown Library,
Reading Room,
2nd Floor*

Saturday, September 12, 1:00 p.m.



PANEL DISCUSSION

DOMINICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Dominican-Americans discuss the themes of identity, the search for a better life, innovation and authenticity. Panelists: Dr. Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Hostos Community College; Radio DJ Nelson Brudys; Ana Alfaro, Broadpark Development; and Rafael Pichardo, Connecticut Fair Housing Center.

Downtown Library
Saturday, September 12, 3:00 p.m.

FILM

IN THE TIMES OF THE BUTTERFLIES

Academy Award® nominee Salma Hayek gives a powerful, passionate performance as an idealistic young woman who wages a daring struggle for freedom against the dictator General Rafael Trujillo (Edward James Olmos.)

*Downtown Library, Program Room,
3rd Floor*

Saturday, September 19, 3:00 p.m.