

Read-A-Likes

If you liked *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, you're sure to enjoy these other great reads!

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle
by David Wroblewski

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

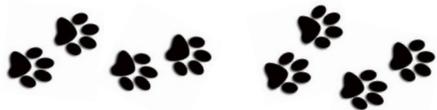
You Had Me at Woof: How Dogs Taught Me the Secrets of Happiness
by Julie Klam

From Baghdad with Love: A Marine, the War, and a Dog Named Lava
by Jay Kopelman

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan

Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love by Larry Levin



THE MISSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

is to bring people from neighboring libraries together to discuss and participate in programs selected to strengthen community ties and promote literacy among a diverse population.

Our Thanks to the NLA's Friends Groups for their generous support!

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Lyon Township Public Library
27005 S. Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-8800

www.lyon.lib.mi.us

Northville District Library
212 West Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167
248-349-3020

www.northvillelibrary.org

Novi Public Library
45255 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375
248-349-0720

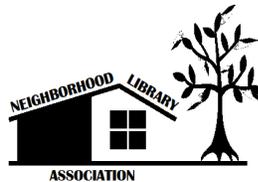
www.novilibrary.org

Salem-South Lyon District Library
9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-6431

www.sslldl.info

Wixom Public Library
49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393
248-624-2512

www.wixomlibrary.org



<http://mylna.info>

The Neighborhood Library Association

Proudly Presents

A Community Reads

THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN

A NOVEL

GARTH STEIN



Five Communities United
by One Book!



Book Discussions

Adult:

Sep 12, 7pm, Novi Public Library
Oct 4, 6:30pm, Wixom Public Library
Oct 11, 7pm, Lyon Township Public Library
Oct 18, 7pm, Novi Public Library
Oct 24, 7pm, Northville District Library
Oct 27, 7pm, Salem-South Lyon District Library

Teens:

Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog

Oct 5, 7pm, Novi Public Library
Oct 10, 6pm, Wixom Public Library

Youth (Grades 4-6):

Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog

Oct 17, 6:30pm, Lyon Township Public Library
Oct 18, 7pm, Salem-South Lyon District Library
Nov 8, 4:15pm, Northville District Library

Discussion Questions

Do you find yourself looking at your own dog differently after reading this novel?

Why does it matter so much to Enzo that in the next life he return as a man?

Would dogs really be able to take over the world if they had opposable thumbs?

For more discussion questions, see
<http://mylna.info>

Community Programs

Pet Psychic (2 Sessions)

Sep 22, 5-6pm, Wixom Public Library
Sep 22, 6:15-7:15pm, Wixom Public Library

Dog Story Times

Sep 27, 7pm, Salem-South Lyon District Library
Oct 3, 6:30pm, Lyon Township Public Library
Oct 5, 10:30am, Lyon Township Public Library
Oct 6, 10:30am, Lyon Township Public Library

Are Pets Like People? Animal Behavior

Oct 19, 7-8:30pm, Northville District Library

Pet First Aid & Healthcare

Oct 20, 6:30-7:30pm, Lyon Township Public Library

Furry Friends Pet Adoption Expo

Oct 22, 12-5pm, Salem-South Lyon District Library
Pet Adoption 101: 12-1pm
Adoption Drive: 1-5pm

Pedal to the Metal: The World of Drag Racing

Nov 3, 7-8pm, Novi Public Library

Meet the Author: Garth Stein

Nov 10, 7-8pm, Novi Public Library



Everyone is welcome to attend programs at all NLA libraries. Registration for programs may be required. Please contact individual library for details.

About the Book

Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul, he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn't simply about going fast. Using the techniques needed on the race track, one can successfully navigate all of life's ordeals.

The Art of Racing in the Rain is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it.

About the Author

Garth Stein is the author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, *Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog*, *How Evan Broke His Head and Other Secrets*, and *Raven Stole the Moon*.

Garth received his B.A. from Columbia College, and his M.F.A. from Columbia University. Garth also worked as a documentary film maker, and directed, produced or co-produced several award winning films.

Garth currently lives in Seattle with his family and dog, Comet.

