

## ***One Book, One County Reading Program***

The libraries of St. Joseph County invite you to read and discuss issues raised by a single book. This is the third in a series of annual events designed to bring members of the community together to discuss and learn from a chosen book. Previous selections were I Sailed with Magellan by Stuart Dybek and Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson.

### **Participating Libraries:**

Burr Oak Township Library  
Colon Township Library  
Constantine Township Library  
Mendon Township Library  
Nottawa Township Library  
Sturgis District Library  
Three Rivers Public Library  
White Pigeon  
Township  
Library



## **Discussion Group Locations:**

**March 17, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.**

White Pigeon Township Library -  
483-7409

102 N. Kalamazoo St., White  
Pigeon

**March 19, 2008 at 2 p.m.**

Mendon Township Library - 496-  
4865

314 W. Main St., Mendon

**March 20, 2008 at 7 p.m.**

Colon Township Library - 432-3958  
128 S. Blackstone Ave., Colon

**April 7, 2008 at 7 p.m.**

Burr Oak Township Library - 489-  
2906

220 S. Second St., Burr Oak

**April 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.**

Three Rivers Public Library - 273-  
8666

920 W. Michigan Ave., Three Rivers

**April 14, 2008 at 7 p.m.**

Sturgis District Library - 659-7224  
255 North St., Sturgis

***The libraries of  
St. Joseph County  
welcome author***

**Terry Trueman  
for**

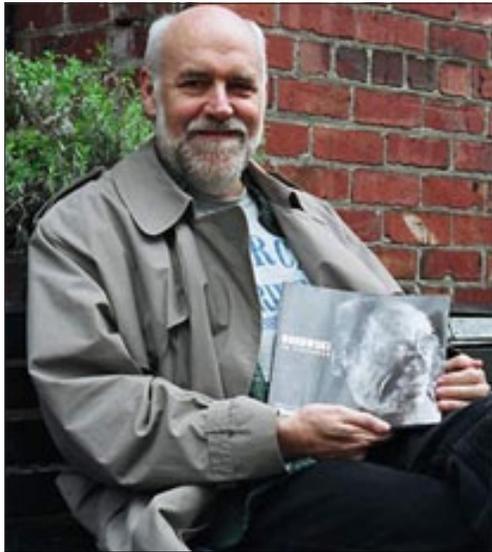
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**Date: April 22, 2008**

**Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Ballroom of the  
Sturges-Young Auditorium  
201 N. Nottawa  
Sturgis, Michigan**



## ***About Terry Trueman***

Terry Trueman was born on December 15, 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama, but grew up in Seattle. He attended the University of Washington, where he received his B.A. in creative writing. He also has an M.S. in Applied Psychology and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing, both from Eastern Washington University. The father of two sons, Henry and Jesse, Terry Trueman makes his home in Spokane, Washington, where he has lived since 1974. When Terry Trueman's son, Sheehan, was born in 1979, Trueman wasn't sure that he would make it through another day, much less live to write about it. The cerebral palsy that severely crippled his son threatened to overwhelm Trueman, who nevertheless eventually turned his fear, shock and grief into the narrative poem *Sheehan* and then the novel *Stuck in Neutral*.

### **Meet Terry Trueman**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Sturges-Young Auditorium.**

**The author will make a presentation, reading and book signing.**

## ***About Stuck in Neutral***

Shawn McDaniel's life is not what it may seem to anyone looking at him. He is glued to his wheelchair, unable to voluntarily move a muscle- he can't even move his eyes. For all Shawn's father knows, his son may be suffering. Shawn may want a release, and as long as he is unable to communicate his true feelings to his father, Shawn's life is in danger.

To the world, Shawn's senses seem dead. Within these pages, however, we meet a side of him that no one else has seen - a spirit that is rich beyond imagining, breathing life.

"This unforgettable, eye-opening book makes an excellent selection for both young adults and adults."

*Children's Literature, Debra Briatico*

"The invention of Shawn is compelling, evoking one of our darkest fears and deepest hopes - that a fully conscious and intelligent being may be hidden within such a broken body, as yet unable to declare his existence."

*Horn Book*

