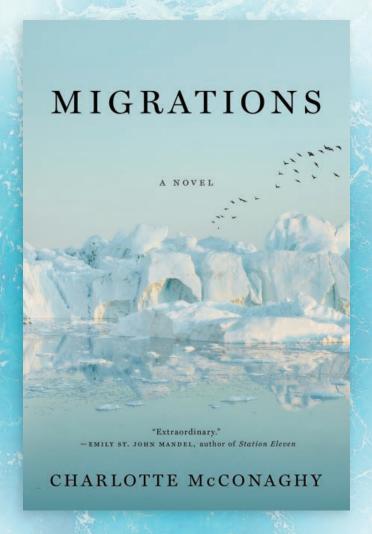
A vanished mother, a passionate love affair and a mysterious tragedy lend the pacing of a thriller to parts of this gorgeously written and heart-wrenching novel. "Migrations" is about losses of all kinds and the hope for redemption.

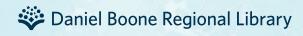


Look inside for info on "Migrations," book discussions, an author visit and other events in September.



Event Guide

2024 Community-Wide Reading Program



Online Author's Talk Charlotte McConaghy

Tuesday, September 24

Join us for a live online conversation between *One Read* author Charlotte McConaghy and former KFRU radio personality David Lile about her book, "Migrations." *Submit questions for the author through September 19 via www.dbrl.org/one-read or by mail to the library.*

Watch or Listen to the Author's Talk, 7-8 p.m.

- ▶ Register for a Zoom link at www.dbrl.org/one-read-event
- ▶ Tune into a live broadcast on KOPN 89.5-FM.

► Columbia Watch Party, 6-8 p.m.

Museum of Art and Archaeology (lower level of Ellis Library) 520 South 9th Street, Columbia

Join us to hear author Charlotte McConaghy give her remarks from Australia. Come as early as 6 p.m. to enjoy the galleries, including the exhibition "Parting Gifts" featuring new work by Katina Bitsicas, assistant professor of new media at MU. The author's talk broadcast begins at 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

► Fulton Watch Party and Book Discussion, 6-8 p.m.

Westminster College, Reeves Library, Hazel Room 112 501 Westminster Avenue, Fulton

Join the library and Westminster College for a group discussion of the book before the author's live talk at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



About the Program

One Read, coordinated by the Daniel Boone Regional Library, and now in its 23rd year, is a community-wide reading program sponsored by a task force of local media and community agencies. The program encourages lifelong learning among adults.

Each winter, the public submits suggestions for next year's book. In January, a panel of community members reviews the suggestions, narrowing that list down to 10 titles, and then chooses two or three books to present for a public vote.



photo, Emma Daniels

About the Author

Charlotte McConaghy has a master's degree in screenwriting from the Australian Film Television and Radio School and a number of published science fiction and fantasy works for young adults in Australia. "Migrations" is her first foray into adult literary fiction. Her latest novel and New York Times bestseller, "Once There Were Wolves," is a romantic mystery about a biologist charged with reintroducing wolves to the Scottish Highlands. Her newest novel, "Wild Dark Shore" is coming in March 2025. Charlotte is an Australian author living in Sydney.

Biographical info & author photo courtesy of www.charlottemcconaghy.com.

About the Book

In the not-too-distant future, nature is on the verge of collapse, and Franny Stone has left everything behind but her research gear as she arrives in Greenland to track the world's last flock of Arctic terns on what might be its final migration. She talks her way onto a fishing vessel, persuading the captain that she can help him find fish in exchange for transportation. As she and the crew travel farther from safety, we learn more about Franny's dark and traumatic past.

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Writing Contest

Climate: *One Read* Flash Fiction Writing Contest

Enter September 3-28 at www.dbrl.org/flash-fiction

Taking inspiration from "Migrations," we invite you to write a story of climate fiction in 250 words or less. Climate fiction explores climate change and its impact on Earth and on society, and is generally speculative in nature. Your piece can be set at any point in time, be it past, present or future, and its tone can be hopeful, pessimistic or anywhere in between. Winning entries and honorable mentions will be published on www.dbrl.org/one-read and in the Columbia Missourian, and winners will receive a \$25 book store gift card. Submit entries September 3-28 online or at any library or bookmobile location. Participants must be age 16 or older and residents of Boone or Callaway Counties.



Art Exhibit

Flight: One Read Art Exhibit

September 10-20

Orr Street Studios, 106 Orr Street, Columbia Gallery open Thursday-Sunday, Noon-4 p.m.

Inspired by this year's *One Read* book, Mid-Missouri artists submitted works that explore the idea of movement, escape or adventure. Flight may be literal or metaphorical, real or fantastical, natural or mechanized.

Exhibit Reception

Friday, September 13 · 6-7:30 p.m.

View the exhibit and enjoy a demonstration by **Como Aerial Arts**, live music and refreshments. Awards announced at approximately 6:30 p.m. **Adults and teens**.



For All Ages

Skylark Story Time With the Columbia Audubon Society

Saturday, September 7 · 11-11:30 a.m. Skylark Bookshop, 22 S. 9th St., Columbia

Bird-watching is an outdoor activity that the whole family can enjoy! Inspired by our *One Read* book, enjoy a story time at Skylark Bookshop presented by the Columbia Audubon Society. Get an introduction to family birdwatching and listen to a bird-themed picture book. Come and get inspired to try a new hobby! Kids and families.

Upcycled Bird Feeders

Wednesday, September 11 · 4-5 p.m. Holts Summit Public Library

This year's *One Read* book is set in the not-too-distant future, when many bird species are extinct. You can help keep this fiction from becoming a reality! Hanging a bird feeder in your yard can support local bird species. Come create an upcycled bird feeder using plastic bottles, aluminum cans and more. Supplies are limited. Families.

All About Raptors

Saturday, September 14 · 2-3 p.m. Legends Rec-Plex, 808 State Street, Fulton

Take a rare opportunity to see a bird of prey up close! A presenter from MU's Raptor Rehabilitation Project will talk about the work they do with injured eagles, hawks, kites, falcons and owls and bring along birds to meet. Co-sponsored by MU College of Veterinary Medicine and City of Fulton Parks & Rec. Outdoors, weatherpermitting. All ages.



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Talk Saves Lives: Suicide Prevention

Tuesday, September 3 · 11 a.m.-Noon Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

The main character of this year's *One Read* book struggles with mental health and suicidal ideation. Join us to learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe. **Adults**. *Register: www.dbrl.org/one-read-event*

First Thursday Book Discussion With Candace Hulsizer

Thursday, September 5 · Noon-1 p.m.Columbia Public Library, Children's Program Room



Candace Hulsizer, owner of Black Tea Bookshop, will lead a discussion of this year's One Read selection. In addition to bookselling, Candace is a long-time educator, currently working as director of education for Columbia's City of Refuge. Adults.

Habitat Restoration With the Missouri Conservation Corps

Saturday, September 7 · 9-11 a.m.Garth Nature Area, 2799 N. Garth Ave., Columbia

Join us as we partner up with the Missouri Conservation Corps to clear out invasive honeysuckle at the Garth Nature Area. Tools, training, bug spray, gloves and cold water will be provided. Volunteers will need to bring sturdy footwear, long pants and a water bottle. Adults and teens. Register: www.dbrl.org/one-read-event



Book Discussion With Mayor Buffaloe

Tuesday, September 10 · 6-7 p.m. Columbia Public Library, Children's Program Room

Be a part of this annual *One Read* tradition as Columbia **Mayor Barbara Buffaloe** and spouse Luke lead a discussion of "Migrations" by Charlotte McConaghy. **Adults**.

Poems of Flight

Wednesday, September 11 · 4-5 p.m. Stafford Library, Columbia College 703 Rangeline St., Columbia

Birds are a prominent symbol in poetry and have been throughout the ages. What meanings do they inhabit for us, and what meanings do we project upon them? As part of our *One Read* program, join Stafford Library Assistant Director **Jennifer Gravley** for a reading and discussion of poems featuring birds. Bring a bird poem to read (your own or someone else's), or just listen and enjoy. **Adults**.

Still on the Hill Concert: Words on Birds

Wednesday, September 11 · 7-8 p.m.Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

The award-winning duo Still on the Hill will sing about our winged friends, along with a sea shanty or two, to celebrate the migration of birds that cross the deep blue sea each year. Still on the Hill has been



touring together for three decades and are award-winning storytelling songwriters. Adult and teens.

One Read Panel Discussion

Thursday, September 12 · 6:30-7:30 p.m.Columbia Public Library, Friends Room







Former KFRU radio host **David Lile** moderates a lively discussion with local experts on themes from this year's *One Read* selection. Panelists will include Mid-Missouri Group Sierra Club Chair **Carolyn Amparan**, MU professor **Charles Nilon** from the School of Natural Resources and **Sarah Kendrick**, migratory bird biologist with US Fish & Wildlife. **Adults**.

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Free Film: "Bedevil"

Sunday, September 15 · 1-2:45 p.m.Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St., Columbia

Join us for a screening of the first feature film directed by an Australian Aboriginal woman. Tracey Moffatt's "Bedevil" intimately explores the connection between cultural memory and landscape through a trio of ghost stories. (Not rated; 90 minutes.) Adults. Pick up free tickets to this show at Ragtag starting at noon the day of the show. For details see Ragtag free event policy at www.ragtagcinema.org/cinema/policies.

One Read Goes to College

Tuesday, September 17 · 6:30-7:30 p.m.Columbia Public Library, Friends Room







Scholars from each of Columbia's college campuses will lead a discussion of the *One Read* book. We'll have **Dr. Stephen Wilson**, assistant professor of biology at Stephens College; **Dr. Peter Monacell**, professor in the School of Arts & Sciences with a focus on American literature at Columbia College; and **Dr. Michael Byrne**, assistant professor of wildlife ecology at the University of Missouri. **Adults**.

The Movie In Your Mind: Workshopping the Screen Adaptation of "Migrations"

Wednesday, September 18 · 6:30-7:30 p.m.Columbia Public Library, Virginia G. Young Room

Screenwriting experts **Chase Thompson** of Stephens College and filmmaker **LeeAnne Lowry** will guide you through an engaging workshop focused on story structure and adapting a book into film, using "Migrations" as source material. Indulge your inner filmmaker and speculate on how elements of the book would be translated to the screen! **Adults and teens**.

The Wonders of Migration

Thursday, September 19 · 6:30-7:30 p.m. Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

Learn more about the arctic tern — the long-distance champion of migrants — and the wonders of bird migration. Presented by **Ethan Duke**, co-director of the Missouri River Bird Observatory. **Adults and teens**.

Skylarking Book Club: "Psalm for the Wild-Built"

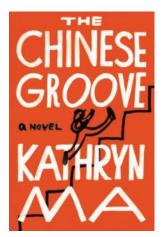
Thursday, September 26 · 6:30-7:30 p.m. Skylark Bookshop, 22 S. 9th St, Columbia

Join us to discuss "Psalm for the Wild-Built" by Becky Chambers, a wonderful example of "solarpunk" fiction which seeks to empower us to work together for a better future. The novel is an optimistic look at how technology and humanity can thrive in an environment that is coming back from the brink of disaster. It's a fascinating counterpoint and companion to this year's *One Read* book. **Adults.**



First Thursday Runner-Up Book Discussion: "The Chinese Groove"

Thursday, October 3 · Noon-1 p.m.Columbia Public Library, Children's Program Room



William Woods University English Professor **Matt Dube** will lead a discussion of this year's *One Read* runner-up, "The Chinese Groove" by Kathryn Ma. This buoyant and warmhearted novel is a unique take on the Chinese immigration story and an examination of grief, community and family. **Adults.**

The Wonders of Migration

Wednesday, September 4 · 6-7 p.m.Southern Boone County Public Library, Ashland

Are you intrigued by Charlotte McConaghy's "Migrations"? Continue to learn about the perilous, wondrous migration adventure at this informal *One Read* presentation by **Ethan Duke**, co-director of the Missouri River Bird Observatory. Discover more about the arctic tern — the long-distance champion of migrants — and so much more about bird migration, an amazing evolutionary strategy, full of danger and biological imperative. We'll explore the why, how, when and where of migratory birds. Adults and teens.



Callaway County

Conservation Efforts in Missouri

Tuesday, September 3 · 6-7 p.m.Callaway County Public Library, Fulton

When reading this year's *One Read* book, "Migrations," did you wonder what nature conservation efforts are currently underway in our own state? Find out from **Ethan Regan**, conservation educator with the Missouri Department of Conservation. **Adults**.

"Flyways" Documentary and Q&A

Tuesday, September 10 · 4:30-6 p.m.Hazel 101, Reeves Library, Westminster College, Fulton



Join us to view the documentary "Flyways," directed by Randall Wood and narrated by Mia Wasikowska, which follows a conservation movement of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they mobilize to the challenge of understanding and saving shorebirds. A Q&A will follow led by a local expert faculty member. Adults.

Birds, Boats and Books

Thursday, September 12 · 4-5 p.m.
Center for Human Performance, Room 101
William Woods University, Fulton

This year's *One Read* selection joins a long line of books that pair boats and birds, going back as far as the Noah story in the Christian Bible. William Woods University English professor **Matt Dube** leads us through a discussion of what we can learn from thinking about the recurrence



of this pair, and what secrets it holds about how we think about our relationship to birds and the sea. Adults.

Callaway County, continued

Running on Instinct

Tuesday, September 17 · 7-8 p.m. Center for Human Performance, Room 101 William Woods University, Fulton

In this year's *One Read* book, the author presents protagonist Franny Lynch as a woman driven by an instinct that leads her to outlandish and often self-destructive action. William Woods University English professor **Matt Dube** will help us explore what it means to talk about instinct and human behavior: can we see it in humans the same way we do in other animals? Adults.

Migratory Animals and Their Conservation Status

Thursday, September 19 · 3-4 p.m. Kemper Arts Center, Room 112 William Woods University, Fulton

As part of our One Read program, featuring the book "Migrations," learn about some of the unique and spectacular migration patterns that exist in creatures from tiny insects to large mammals from Dr. Robin Hirsch-**Jacobson**, professor of biology at William Woods University.



Professor Hirsch-Jacobson will discuss how animals are able to undergo these migratory feats as well as why they undertake this — at times very dangerous — migratory behavior. Adults.

Prairie Garden Trust Nature Walk

Saturday, September 21 · 10 a.m.-Noon Prairie Garden Trust, 8945 County Road 431 New Bloomfield

Join us for a guided stroll at the Prairie Garden Trust near New Bloomfield with Missouri master naturalist Damon Kempker.

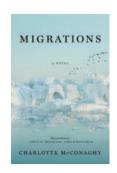
We will walk along paved

and natural hiking trails, introducing you to the area and highlighting what you might see or hear along the way. Adults. Register: www.dbrl.org/one-read-event



Snack and Chat Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 24 · 4-5 p.m. Holts Summit Public Library



Join us for a special "Snack and Chat" this month as we discuss of this year's One Read book, "Migrations" by Charlotte McConaghy. Adults.



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