

## YOUR WEEKLY READER

### Rescuing Reading Project

Thomas Nelson Community College  
April 12, 2007

## The Big Read Begins TNCC Book Circles

Friday, April 13  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

### Wythe Hall Library Gallery

Zora Neale Hurston's novel  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God*

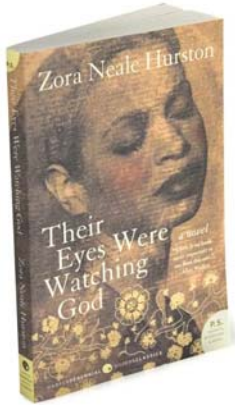
Short fiction by Uriel Quesada

Mariama Bâ's novel in French,  
*Une si longue lettre* (translated  
into English as *So Long a Letter*)

Costa Rican author **Uriel Quesada** will visit the Book Circles to chat with students about his work.

### TNCC Book Circles: The Big Read

On Friday, April 13, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. students (as well as faculty, staff and members of the community) will gather in the Wythe Hall Library Gallery for a discussion of **Zora Neale Hurston's novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God***. Reader's guides, copies of the novel, and promotional materials have been made available by the National Endowment for the Arts community reading initiative, [The Big Read](#).



### TNCC Book Circles: Uriel Quesada Visits

Also participating in the Spring 2007 Book Circles, students in Spanish who have been reading stories by Costa Rican writer **Uriel Quesada** will have the opportunity to meet the author in person. His most recent novel, *El gato de sí mismo*, won the Aquileo J. Echeverría National Book Award in January of 2006.

Students are reading the eleven short stories in the collection entitled *El atardecer de los niños* (1989) plus the following, which are the first four short stories in the collection entitled *Larga vida al deseo* (1995):

- "Abuela anda de viaje"
- "Cómo preparar la vajilla para un desastre"
- "Soy una mosca"
- "Hablame como la lluvia"

Copies are available in the college library.

### Big Read, Big Events

The Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, partners in [The Big Read](#) including TNCC, announce the following events:

- **April 12, 2 pm** — Book Discussion Harvey Library, Hampton University 727-5371/5379
- **April 13, 1 pm** — Book Circles, Thomas Nelson Community College, 825-3829
- **April 19, 4 pm** — Book Discussion, Christopher Newport University, 594-7132
- **May 1, 7 pm** — Harlem Renaissance Evening, Main Street Library, Newport News Art Exhibit, **Bobby "Black Hat" Walters** (blues performer), **Daryl Dance** (folklore scholar)
- **May 8, 7 pm** — Author Talk: **Nancy Pearl**, Fountain Plaza, City Center
- **May 15, 6 pm** — Film & Discussion Bailey Library, Newport News
- **May 16, 10 am** — Book Discussion Poquoson Library 868-3060
- **May 17 and May 24, 7 pm** — Book Discussion, Tabb Library, 890-5120
- **May 22, 6 pm** — Book Discussion West Avenue Library, Newport News
- **May 29, 7 pm** — Book Discussion Grissom, Newport News
- **June 2, 3 pm** — Author **Lucy Anne Hurston**, Bailey Library, Newport News
- **June 3, 1:30 pm** — Author **Lucy Anne Hurston**, Hampton Public Library, 727-1154

