

YOUR WEEKLY READER

Rescuing Reading Project

Thomas Nelson Community College

April 19, 2007

Book Circles/The Big Read Meets

Dozens of TNCC students and more than a few faculty and staff enjoyed conversations about books last Friday, April 13, 2007.

By far the largest turnout came to meet **Uriel Quesada**, Costa Rican author whose short stories had been assigned to students in Spanish courses and in the Costa Rican study-abroad interdisciplinary course.

In addition, other students participated in a conversation about **Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God***, selected for The Big Read, a series of community reading events hosted throughout the Virginia Peninsula and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Students participated in a raffle for copies of Hurston's novel and CDs about the novel, provided by The Big Read.



Uriel Quesada speaks to faculty, students, and guests. (Photo: Marlene Waters)

Catch Someone Reading Photography Contest Winners

Susan Pongratz, assistant professor of reading in the English Department, announced the winners of the Catch Someone Reading contest during the Book Circles event last week.

The winners were:

Best in Show.

Jennifer Robbe for
"Reading Adventure"

First Place Color.

Renée Person for
"Learning Early D.J."

Second Place Color.

Kristy Proctor for
"Summer Days 1"



First Place Black and White: **Jennifer Robbe**
for "Reading Just for Me"

Second Place Black and White: **Jennifer Robbe**
for "Distractions in Words"

Third Place Black and White: **Shakira Shird**
for "A Moment"

The contest was judged by Pam Brumley, Barbara Hebert, Cece Wheeler, and Shar Wolff.

Prize money for the winners will be provided by [Rescuing Reading](#), funded by the VCCS Chancellor's Commonwealth Professorship.

Winning photographs are on display in the Wythe Hall Library Gallery.

Pulitzer Prize Winners 2007

The winners of the annual [Pulitzer Prizes](#) have been announced:

FICTION

The Road by Cormac McCarthy (Alfred A. Knopf)

DRAMA

Rabbit Hole by David Lindsay-Abaire

HISTORY

The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation by Gene Roberts and Hank Klibanoff (Alfred A. Knopf)

BIOGRAPHY

The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher by Debby Applegate (Doubleday)

POETRY

Native Guard by Natasha Trethewey (Houghton Mifflin)

GENERAL NONFICTION

The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11 by Lawrence Wright (Alfred A. Knopf)

The [Pulitzer Prize](#) has been administered by the Columbia University School of Journalism since 1917