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I wanted to be sure that you know about a new community-wide reading program – All Community Reads. Last month, we began handing out thousands of free copies of Picking Cotton by Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton. The goal of All Community Reads is to have as many people as possible read the book and connect through their shared experience. Related book discussions, panel discussions and an authors' visit are intended to engage the community in thoughtful discussion of racial and social inequities, restorative justice, and the aftermath of trauma.

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All Community Reads wouldn't have happened without the support of generous donors to Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation. Although most of the library's budget comes from the City of Dubuque, many of the "extras" that make a good library great come from other sources, including the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation.

Building on this momentum, can we count on your help?

As we look ahead to 2020, our goal is to engage even more community members in the library's programming and services. Your gift will be recognized on our website and in our annual report.

We realize that you support many organizations, and we are honored to be among them. We also acknowledge that you receive a significant number of requests for support. Your investment this year will help enhance our community at large. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Gratefully,

Paula Connors, Board President  
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PS – Our organization is run by volunteers. Help us stay connected throughout the year! Please consider providing your email address so we can share updates and information with you. If you provide your primary email by December 31, 2019, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a signed copy of Picking Cotton.