

## **One Author, One Community**

Stevens Memorial Library and the North Andover School District would like to sponsor a **One Author, One Community** event in the fall of 2016.

Our goal is to foster a sense of community through literature, bringing people together by promoting literacy and intergenerational discussions.

We would like to have Jacqueline Woodson as our guest author. Ms. Woodson recently won the National Book Award for her novel, Brown Girl Dreaming. She has been awarded a Newbury Book Award and the Coretta Scott King Award. She is currently the Young People's Poet Laureate. She has written books for children at all levels including picture books, books for middle and young adult readers and poetry books.

To learn more about Ms. Woodson please visit her website:

<http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com>

Our mission is to:

- Promote literacy
- Promote intergenerational discussions
- Engage the community in dialogue about diversity
- Bring the community together in different forums to discuss and /or express their ideas regarding topics brought forth in the books
- Promote understanding, empathy and tolerance
- Discuss good literature and why books receive certain awards

The mission also relates to our RAISE values :

**Respect** ~ others points of view and experiences

**Achievement** ~ promoting literacy and critical thinking

**Inclusion** ~ acceptance of others

**Service** ~ offering forums to discuss ideas and share artistically

**Empathy** ~ for others and their life experiences