Join in the WMU conversation, Life of Pi, WMU Common Read

Pick up a copy of "Life of Pi" and join the University Common Read! This book is being read by all First Year Experience students with campus and community wide theme based events taking place throughout the academic year. Book kits complete with discussion guide are available at Waldo Library Circulation desk for your book group.

University's Common Read program begins in June for incoming freshmen, but the entire university is encouraged to be a part of the conversation, learning, and events. University Libraries is a strong supporter of the program with leadership, promotion, and [of course] books! You are encouraged to form a reading group of floor mates and friends around the book. There are group kits of 6 books each, a leader guide, and instructions available for check out at the Access Services Desk (circulation). Also, several copies are available individually on 7 day reserve. The bookstore also has the book for sale and as a rental.

Members of the public are invited to join Western Michigan University as it turns the spotlight on Yann Martel's "Life of Pi," winner of the 2002 Booker Prize. Public events like a talk by Martel titled "Healing Journeys: Crossing the Pacific, Dealing with Trauma" is set for Oct. 23 in Miller Auditorium. It is being co-sponsored by the common read committee, among others, and is part of a healing-arts speaker series being organized by the University Center for the Humanities. More information about the Common Read program is in this news release: [http://www.wmich.edu/news/2014/04/15540](http://www.wmich.edu/news/2014/04/15540). More links about the books content, national reviews, and WMU events are in the Libraries’ Guides here (see the yellow tabs across the top of the guide). [http://libguides.wmich.edu/WMU_Common_Read](http://libguides.wmich.edu/WMU_Common_Read)

Others WMU departments are encouraged to connect to the program with additional events. Contact Miranda Howard at University Libraries.