



Building bridges within our community and around the world

*A Q & A about  
UPLANDS STONES INTO SCHOOLS  
ALL-COMMUNITY READ PROJECT*

**Q. *Why is everyone in the Uplands area of southwest Wisconsin reading Greg Mortenson's new book STONES INTO SCHOOLS?***

A. That's because Stones into School is the book libraries in Barneveld, Cobb, Dodgeville, Hollandale, Mineral Point, Blanchardville, and Spring Green have selected as the first ever Uplands area all-community "read" with funding from the Wisconsin Humanities Council.

**Q. *Why was this book selected?***

A. Stones into Schools will help build bridges within our own community and communities half way around the world where so many of our brave young men and women are serving in the military. Author Greg Mortenson tells the inspiring story of constructing over 140 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We'll learn to appreciate the differences and similarities between our cultures and why the book is required reading for U.S. military personnel serving in the region. These people-to-people exchanges may be the last, best hope for building peace.

**Q. *Tell me about the Oct. 28 kickoff for the All-Community Read?***

A. To learn more about the all-community read attend the kickoff event Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at the Dodgeville Library. An inspiring short film will be shown, and Edgewood College professor Vince Kavaloski will share discussion techniques and questions. You'll leave with the tools to talk with your own organizations and friends about joining the "all-community read".

**Q. *When will the "read" actually take place?***

A. From November 2010 through March 2011. Discussions will be scheduled in libraries, schools, civic groups, book clubs, faith communities, and among friends and families. We're hoping military veterans who have served in Afghanistan and their families will join in some of these conversations to share their perspective. There will also be special children's activities in participating libraries.

**Q. *How can my civic group, book club, seniors group, school, faith community or friends join the "read" project?***

A. We suggest you invite a speaker to one of your fall or early winter meetings to talk about the Uplands Stones into Schools All-Community Read project. To make arrangements for a speaker, contact Jane Kavaloski at [kavaloski@countyspeed.com](mailto:kavaloski@countyspeed.com) or 935-3007. As a follow up, local libraries will host discussions. Or your organization can host its own discussion and invite a trained discussion leader to join you.

**Q. How can schools, faith communities and families get involved?**

A. The book comes in adult, young adult and an illustrated early reader edition which makes it ideal for classroom use in schools and faith community youth groups. The young readers' edition is Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time. The beautifully illustrated Listen to the Wind is for early readers. How about a "family" read with grandparents, parents, kids, aunts and uncles gathering around the kitchen table to share their impressions? Or you can read the book in your adult education classes or women's groups at church.

**Q. Tell me about the intergenerational culminating event?**

A. The culminating event is scheduled for Sunday, April 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Folklore Village, 3210 County B, east of Dodgeville. All adults, youth and children who have read the books are invited to this exciting intergenerational event. It will be a "Community Conversation and Cultural Celebration" with community-wide dialogue, Afghan music, and entertainment. All are welcome.

**Q. Who are the sponsors and funders?**

A. The Dodgeville Library, Dodgeville Kiwanis Club, Folklore Village and Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin are co-sponsors. This project is funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council which supports and creates programs that use history, culture and discussion to strengthen community life for everyone in Wisconsin, with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State of Wisconsin. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this project do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Q. How can I get a copy of the book?**

A. All the participating libraries will have multiple copies of the book for borrowing. The book will be on sale at *North Earth Books and Gifts* in Spring Green, *Set in Stone Bookstore* in Mineral Point & the *Corner Drug Store* in Dodgeville.

**Q. How can I find more information?**

A. The Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin website at [grassrootswi.org](http://grassrootswi.org) will have continually updated information about the project including discussion dates etc. Another essential source will be the Dodgeville Public Library website at [dodgevillelibrary.com](http://dodgevillelibrary.com). For more information about Greg Mortenson and his Central Asia Institute, go to [www.ikat.com](http://www.ikat.com).

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