

ON THE ROAD READING MARATHON

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

FAQ

1. Where is the Marathon taking place?

This marathon will truly be 'on the road.' The first stop is the Kerouac Corner on the first floor of the Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack Street) from 12Noon-3:48PM. The marathon will then continue at Middlesex Community College's Academic Arts Center (240 Central Street) from 4:00PM to the end of the book at around 11:15PM.

2. Is there food and drink available?

There will be light refreshments in the lobby of the AAC building. No food or drink in the actual theatre.

4. Can I come and go?

Yes. The entire event is free and open to the public. Stay for a little or stay for it all.

5. If I haven't signed up, can I still read?

Reading spots will be assigned as much as possible in advance of the event. There are likely to be spots still left for readers on the day of the marathon. We also would be happy to have you sign up as a stand-by reader to fill in gaps as they arise. Inquire at the check in table if you are interested. First come first served.

6. Are there going to be copies of the book for me to read from?

We will have copies of the book you can read from for your spot. Feel free to bring your own and read a long with the marathon. Please note we're using the Penguin Paperback edition for this marathon—aka, the book as it was originally published in 1957. NOT the "Scroll" edition of the book.

7. Are you assigning passages to read (can I practice beforehand?)

We are not assigning specific passages to readers. Instead you will be assigned a certain reading time and will be asked to read for that time from wherever in the book the reading happens to be at that time. We've created a timetable that will give you an approximate idea of where we expect to be at for a given time but that may change depending on the pace of the marathon.

8. Is this going to be an annual thing?

This is our second year. So, so far yes. We scheduled this event to coincide with Jack Kerouac's birthday (March 12). The 100th anniversary of his birth is coming up in a few short years (2022!) so we hope to keep building this event toward that milestone.

GENERAL RULES

Try to be respectful of the readers by keeping your noise level to a minimum. Photography is permitted, but we ask that you do not use a flash.