

# **One Book, Many Communities**

## *Cornwall Public Library & The Stormont Dundas & Glengarry County Library*

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### **Summer Reading In The Seaway Valley**

A good read on the river this summer involves a home-grown mystery and murder on the St. Lawrence.

The Stormont Dundas & Glengarry County Library and the Cornwall Public Library are collaborating on an adult summer reading club. Their aim is to get the entire region reading, thinking about and discussing a book with mutual historical and cultural significance.

Local author Maggie Wheeler's new novel, **The Brother of Sleep**, is the inaugural choice for this collaborative project. The book is a riveting psychological mystery set in part in the Seaway Valley with flashbacks to the lost villages and the flooding of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The novel is sure to appeal to adult and teen mystery lovers and will have special significance to anyone touched by the creation of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The Cornwall Public Library and the Stormont Dundas & Glengary County Library will launch its **One Book, Many Communities** book club at 7:00 p.m. on June 24th, 2004 at the Cornwall Public Library.

Residents of the Seaway Valley are invited to drop by the launch to meet the author and reserve a copy of the book for this summer reading program. Copies of *The Brother of Sleep* will also be available for sale. Discussion of the novel with the author will take place in the fall at selected County branches and at the Cornwall Public Library.

Wheeler is honoured to have her second novel chosen for a project of this scope. "When I first started to explore the history of the Seaway and the Lost Villages as a basis for a murder mystery, I hoped it would help keep that heritage alive in the Seaway Valley community and beyond," Wheeler explains. "To have *The Brother of Sleep* chosen for a regional book club and discussion group is better than anything I could have possibly imagined."

This is Wheeler's second involvement with a community book club. In April of this year, the Brockville Public Library ran the first One Book, One Community project ever held in Eastern Ontario, as part of its centennial celebrations. Wheeler's first novel, the regional best seller *A Violent End*, was chosen as the vehicle for that event. The success of the Brockville project inspired the Cornwall and SD&G County Libraries to launch their own version this month.

*A Violent End* went into its third printing in June.

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