

Scheduled Activities

Book Discussions:

Jefferson County Library Annex
Thursdays at 7 pm

September 11: Chapters 1-5

September 18: Chapters 6-12

September 25: Chapter 13-20

October 2: Chapters 21-24

Author Visit:

October 11 - 7 pm

This will be an opportunity for the community to meet Richard Glaubman, ask questions, discuss the book with him, see video clips of George Dawson and get their book signed.

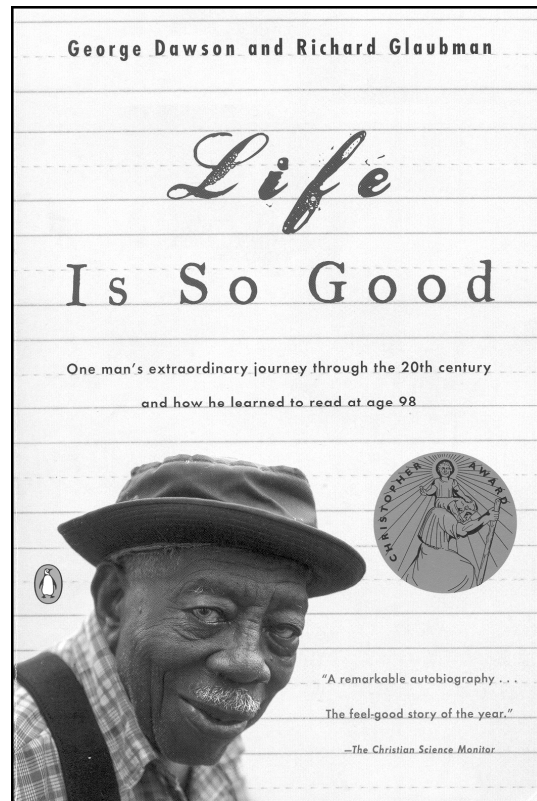
October 12 - 2 to 4 pm

Writer's Workshop for those interested in biographical writing, genealogy or local history.

October 13

8:30 to 9:30 Madras High School

10:30 to 11:30 Culver High School



Sponsored by:



Jefferson County Library
241 SE 7th St.
Madras, OR 97741
541) 475-3351
<http://www.jcld.lib.or.us/>

Willow Creek Books
154 SW 5th St.
Madras, OR 97741
(541) 475-3131

Jefferson County
**Community
Read**



“Life is So Good”

by George Dawson and Richard
Glaubman

September and October 2003
Meet the Author

Read and discuss the book
with friends and co-workers

What is Community

The idea of a Community Read is beautiful in its simplicity; have everyone in the community read the same book at the same time. It will provide an experience with literature, inspire discussion, and bring people together who might never meet otherwise

- unifying our community with a common goal.



What is this Book

In this book, George Dawson, a 103-year-old slave's grandson who learned to read at age 98, reflects on his life and offers valuable lessons in living and a fresh, firsthand view of America during the twentieth century.

Where can I get this

- Willow Creek Books—discounted price of \$10 (also available in Spanish)
- Jefferson County Library
 - multiple copies available for checkout
 - available in Spanish
- Madras High School Library
- Jefferson County Middle School Library
- Culver High School Library (for students and staff)

How can I get

- Read the book, share it, pass it on, discuss it.
- Businesses – buy copies and encourage your employees to read and discuss the book.
- Teachers - read to your class and discuss. (Recommended for 5th grade and up).
- Senior citizens - remember earlier times. Discuss your own experiences with your children and grandchildren.
- Form a book club of family, friends or neighbors.
- Join the community book discussions (see Scheduled Activities) and meet the author.
- Write or record your stories for future generations.



How do I start a

Reading guides are available (free) at Willow Creek Books and Jefferson County Library.

I am reading 'Life is So Good' to my 5th grade class. They like it!

- Steve Fisher

This book was great. It has the age old idea of following your dreams no matter what obstacles come your way.

-Aaron Saldana
MHS Senior

While promoting and encouraging reading could be of great benefit to our community, this is also an enjoyable and thought-provoking book. 'Life is So Good' can be discussed across generations, across cultures and should appeal to a broad cross-section of groups in our community.

The next time you're waiting in line, instead of commenting on the weather as a conversation starter, perhaps you can ask if they've read this book about George Dawson. And if they haven't, encourage them to read it so you can talk about it next time!

-Ruth Ann Hopps
MHS Librarian