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## **Reading program gets Laurier students into *No Great Mischief*** *Incoming students participate in One Book, One Community program with discussions, challenge*

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University has joined Kitchener-Waterloo’s ‘One Book, One Community’ program, a project designed to make reading into something a community can share. The faculty of arts will host a discussion of Alistair MacLeod’s *No Great Mischief*, the book has been selected for the Laurier Summer Reading Project and the bookstore is challenging its University of Waterloo counterpart to see who can register the most readers.

The goal of the One Book program is to have at least one percent of the Kitchener-Waterloo population read the same book.

“The ‘One Book’ program transforms reading from a solitary pursuit into a catalyst for building relationships, fostering friendships and encouraging open discussion and debate on issues raised in the chosen book,” said Robert Campbell, dean of the faculty of arts. “It is an excellent fit to welcome incoming students to academics at the university level.”

Laurier’s faculty of arts will hold an informal discussion on *No Great Mischief* in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall on September 3 at 5 p.m. Campbell, a political scientist, will join Anne Brydon (department of sociology and anthropology), David Black (communication studies) and Christl Verduyn (English and cultural studies) to offer comments and observations on the book from their disciplinary perspectives. Incoming arts students and others will then have a chance to share their thoughts on the novel.

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The Laurier Summer Reading Project will also be part of the One Book program, with over 150 incoming students participating. The students have read the book over the summer and will join faculty members to discuss the novel on September 10.

Organized by associate dean of students Katherine Elliott, the Laurier Summer Reading Project allows incoming students to meet faculty before classes officially begin and receive an introduction to university-level discussions.

The Laurier bookstore has challenged to the University of Waterloo bookstore to see which school can encourage more people to read the novel. After completing the book, readers register in the appropriate campus bookstore.

Kitchener-Waterloo is one of only two communities in the country to adopt the ‘One Book’ program, where libraries, city council and bookstores come together to promote the reading of one chosen book. Participants in the ‘One Book’ program will be invited to attend the lecture given by Alistair MacLeod on September 27 at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex.