

# RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK PROGRAM WELCOMES JODI PICOULT

## First Bank of Canyon Creek Reception Allows Richardson Residents to Meet One-On-One with Author



Mimi Tanner, Director of Library Services for the City of Richardson Jane Merz, Author Jodi Picoult and First Bank of Canyon Creek President Don Reavis at Thursday's reception.

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Richardson, Texas -- Supporters of the Richardson Public Library and the "Richardson Reads One Book" program gathered Thursday at First Bank of Canyon Creek to welcome this year's One Book author, Jodi Picoult.

The One Book program, celebrating its third year in Richardson, is a nationwide reading program created to develop a community built around the shared experience of people reading and talking about the same book.

The special event was sponsored by First Bank of Canyon Creek, and several community leaders were among the more than 130 attendees who lent

support to the program, including Ray Noah, a former Richardson mayor, and Bob Nusser, former councilmember, who presented a gift from the city to Ms. Picoult.

"We believe that this is the type of program that helps keep Richardson active. It reaches out to so many segments of the community," said Don Reavis, president of First Bank of Canyon Creek. "All of the bank associates are excited to lend support to a program that shines so favorably on the city."

The author of this year's selection, *My Sister's Keeper*, is certainly no stranger to the One Book program. Ms. Picoult is the author of 13 bestselling novels, and

she is frequently asked by One Book programs around the nation to speak to their groups.

"The book has certainly inspired discussion here in Richardson and around the country," said Ms. Picoult. "It's nice to know that so many people are getting excited about reading."

Attendees on hand to welcome the author couldn't agree more.

"The book was a very thought-provoking selection," said Richardson resident Lyn Hughes, vice president of communications for the Junior League of Richardson.

The Richardson Reads One Book selection committee agreed with Ms. Hughes sentiments, unanimously choosing Ms. Picoult's book earlier this year.

"The community suggests many of the books evaluated by the organization, and we had a huge response to this novel," said Mimi Tanner, president of Richardson Reads One Book and executive director of Richardson's Adult Literacy Center.

"Each year, we try to choose a book you may love or hate, but gets people talking."

The One Book program is just one of many Richardson and RISD events that First Bank of Canyon Creek supports, including Richardson Regional Medical Center, Richardson Symphony organizations, Network of Community

Ministries, and numerous Richardson homeowner associations and RISD schools and PTAs.

The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, as state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, as well as generous support from local businesses including First Bank of Canyon Creek. Information on the Richardson Reads One Book program is available online at <http://onebook.cor.net>.

First Bank of Canyon Creek is celebrating its sixth year of operation and provides banking to hundreds of area business owners and professionals. It has more than \$50 million of local deposits and loans. First Bank of Canyon Creek also provides its Community Room and Media Center for the use of more than 30 different civic and non-profit organizations active in Richardson. Additional information about First Bank of Canyon Creek is available at [www.fbcanyoncreek.com](http://www.fbcanyoncreek.com).



Picoult signs a copy of her book for local reader Maureen Carrillo.