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CALL FOR ENTRIES**
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**Call for Entries:
Library Hosts Juried Photojournalism Exhibit for “The Amazing Read 2009”**

Greenville, SC– The Greenville County Library System invites **regional photojournalists** to submit work in conjunction with the second annual Amazing Read. This year’s Amazing Read selection: *Saints at the River* by Ron Rash tells the story of community struggle through the eyes of a young photojournalist, Maggie Glenn.

“In photography there is no such thing as memory. The image is either caught on film or it doesn’t exist. I raised the Nikon to my right eye so I might bring this instant in Herb Kowalsky’s life into being. At that moment the part of me that aimed the lens cared nothing about Herb Kowalsky or his daughter or the river or federal law. I clicked the shutter again and again until my film ran out, then jammed in another roll. It’s only about light and angle and texture, I told myself. Whatever these photos do for me or anyone else is not a motive. I’m just an observer, showing what’s already there.” - Saints at the River

This call for entries is open only to professional photojournalists. Photojournalists are encouraged to submit selections, published and unpublished, that exemplify the role of the camera in telling a story.

Timeline:

- **Deadline for submissions in March 15th, 2009** (postmarked). Submission may be made in digital or print form (see **Entry Application**).
- Selected works will need to be presented under three inch matte (unframed) and delivered to the Hughes Main Library by **April 1st, 2009**.
- Opening reception for the Exhibition and the Amazing Read 2009 will be **Saturday, April 16th 2009**.
- The show will remain up through **June 1st, 2009**.
- Work will be available for pick-up **June 4th 2009**.

Photographs must be printed and matted with a 3-inch matte or greater upon delivery.

About The Amazing Read:

The Greenville County Library System, in cooperation with Greenville Forward's Vision 2025 Education Task Force, hosts the second annual community-wide, one-book reading initiative for Greenville County: The Amazing Read 2009. The initiative will encourage reading, connect neighbors and families through literature, and increase awareness of environmental issues. The library offers author readings, book discussions and programs connected to themes in the reading.

This year's reading selection, *Saints at the River* by Ron Rash, paints a struggle between man and nature. *Saints at the River* pits the life of a river against the death of a young girl. In a distinct style, Ron Rash encompasses the journey in a story woven around the environmental and sociological changes in the Appalachian Mountains. The protagonist, Maggie Glenn, is a photojournalist in Colombia, South Carolina. She is sent on assignment back to her hometown in Oconee County in the Appalachians, with award-winning journalist Allen Hemphill to cover a story of sadness and struggle.

About the Greenville County Library System:

Founded in 1921, the Greenville County Library System operates 11 facilities, a bookmobile, and a website that provide information, materials, and engaging programs delivered with world-class technology and a customer-centric approach. The Library System offers free access to resources and experiences and continually strives to be the community's destination of choice for exploring the world. For more information, visit the Library's website at www.greenvillelibrary.org.

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