

*Join the UBBCP
in a discussion of the book
"A Lesson Before Dying"
while enjoying
snacks and beverages*

DATES:

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

TIME:

5:30—6:30 PM

LOCATION:

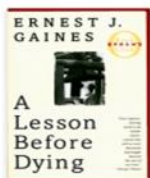
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6th UBBCP Annual Celebration of Reading Event

Community Read Sip-n-Chats

COMMUNITY READ

Book of Focus for the 6th Annual UBBCP Celebration of Reading



A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

Ernest J. Gaines's award-winning novel is set in a small Louisiana Cajun community in the late 1940s. Jefferson, a young black man, is an unwitting party to a liquor store shootout in which three men are killed; the only survivor, he is convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Grant Wiggins has returned home from college to the plantation school to teach children whose lives promise to be not much better than Jefferson's. As he struggles with his decision whether to stay or escape to another state, his aunt and Jefferson's godmother persuade him to visit Jefferson in his cell and impart his learning and pride to Jefferson before his death. In the end, the two men forge a bond as they come to understand the simple heroism of resisting and defying the expected.

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*Winner of the 1993 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction
1993 ALA Notable Award
1994 YALSA Best Book for Young Adults*