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### **County Library Selected for One Maryland One Book Author Tour**

**Oxon Hill, MD** – Authors Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely will make a stop at the Oxon Hill Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) on September 28 at 7 pm. The event is part of a six-stop, statewide tour of the One Maryland One Book (OMOB) program of the Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities. Reynolds and Kiely will discuss their award-winning book, *All American Boys*.

Enjoying its ninth year, OMOB is a Maryland community read program with book discussions and related events held in the fall at public libraries, high schools, colleges, museums, book stores and senior centers throughout the state. *All American Boys* was chosen from more than 125 book titles suggested by Maryland readers. PGCMLS plans to host several book discussions at various branches in addition to the OMOB Author Tour. Check our website at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info) in early September 2016 for details.

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#### **About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System**

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Skills development library resources include: Rosetta Stone Library Solution, Lynda.com, Brainfuse's HelpNow and JobNow, ArtistWorks for Libraries and Learning Express Library. Early literacy resources are: Ready 2 Read Centers, Ready 2 Read Backpacks, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack and Playaway Launchpads All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Also, enjoy Minecraft, 3D printing, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab, Chess Clubs and MAC (Manga and Anime Clubs) free at your library. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Learn more about what your Library has to offer at [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

## **About the Book**

*A 2016 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book and recipient of the 2016 Walter Dean Myers Award*

In *All American Boys*, the unforgettable new novel from Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension. Written in tandem by two award-winning authors, this tour de force shares the alternating perspectives of Rashad and Quinn as the complications from that single violent moment, the type taken from the headlines, unfold and reverberate to highlight an unwelcome truth.

## **About the Authors**

### **Jason Reynolds**

Jason Reynolds earned a BA in English from The University of Maryland, College Park before moving to Brooklyn, New York to pursue a career in writing. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *When I Was the Greatest*, for which he was the recipient of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent, the Coretta Scott King Honor books *Boy in the Black Suit* and *All American Boys* (co-written with Brendan Kiely), and *As Brave as You*, his middle grade debut. You can find his ramblings at [JasonWritesBooks.com](http://JasonWritesBooks.com).

### **Brendan Kiely**

Brendan Kiely received his MFA from the City College of New York. He is the author, with Jason Reynolds, of the Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book *All American Boys*. His debut novel, *The Gospel of Winter*, has been published in ten languages, was selected as one of the American Library Association's Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults 2015, and was a Kirkus Reviews selection for the Best of 2014. He is also the author of *The Last True Love Story*. Originally from the Boston area, he now lives with his wife in Greenwich Village. Find out more at [BrendanKiely.com](http://BrendanKiely.com).

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