



Proclamation 1, Series 2021

ONE BOOK ONE VALLEY, 2021

A valley-wide Community Read sponsored by the
Towns of Avon, Eagle, Gypsum, Minturn, Red Cliff and Vail



WHEREAS, Community Read programs have united and uplifted hundreds of cities and principalities throughout the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the book "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren (acclaimed scientist who has built three laboratories in which she's studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil) was published in 2016 and is now available in paperback, large print, eBook & eAudiobook formats. This book is a Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and a New York Times Notable Book; and,

WHEREAS, this Eagle Valley Community Read is the 10th Anniversary year of the One Book One Valley initiative and, as such, we applied for and were awarded an NEA Big Read grant to host the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read in Eagle County. The NEA Big Read, an arts endowment initiative in partnership with Arts Midwest, broadens how the community understands the world, different communities and fellow humans through the joy of sharing a good book.

WHEREAS, this Eagle Valley Community Read will feature book discussions by a number of groups and organizations throughout the county; a variety of special related programs hosted by the partnering organizations including, new this year, Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, Walking Mountains Science Center and the Town of Vail's Department of Environmental Sustainability; and, a special Guest Appearance by the author; and,

WHEREAS, the Vail Public Library, in collaboration with the Bookworm of Edwards, Colorado Mountain College, Battle Mountain High School, Eagle Valley High School and Vail Mountain School have resolved to bring this valley-wide Community Read program to the citizens of Eagle County; and,

WHEREAS, the One Book One Valley initiative will encourage literacy and shared enjoyment of reading throughout Eagle County,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Town of Red Cliff, do hereby promote the One Book One Valley initiative and officially announce and promote the book "Lab Girl" to all Red Cliff residents for their enjoyment and the enjoyment of all.

Signed this February 16, 2021 by:

Duke Gerber, Town of Red Cliff Mayor

Attest:

Melissa Matthews, Town of Red Cliff Clerk