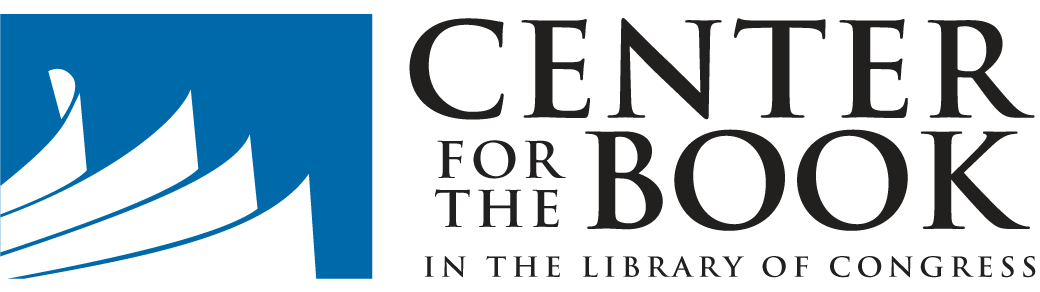
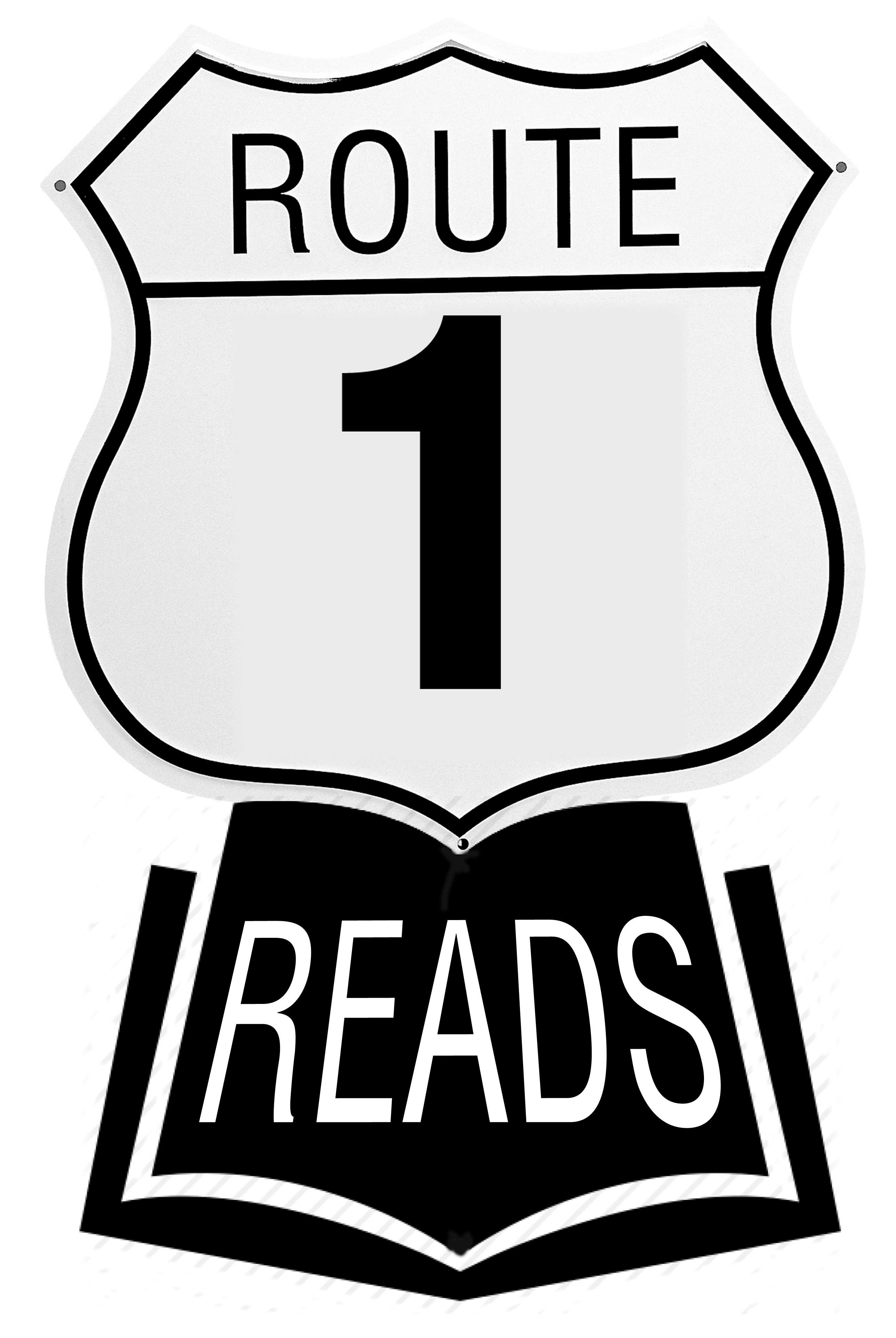
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**East Coast Centers for the Book Announce Selections for 2018 Route One Reads**

May 8, 2018—For the fourth consecutive year, 16 Centers for the Book along the length of the East Coast will participate in the **Route One Reads** initiative, a roadtrip-inspired reading list that explores various genres through the network of state Center for the Book affiliates located along Route 1.

Through Route One Reads, readers can travel across 15 states and the District of Columbia without taking a single footstep, or load selected books into the car for a literary road trip. In 2018, the theme of the reading will be romance novels. Virginia Center for the Book director Jane Kulow says, “**Whether readers are at home or on the road this summer, we hope that this list of must-read romances will keep them turning pages until Labor Day.**” The full list of featured books is listed here, in geographical order from North to South:

**MAINE**— *The Remedy for Love* by Bill Roorbach

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**— *Love Free or Die: Twenty-three Tales of Love from the Granite State* by V/A

**MASSACHUSETTS**— *Some Kind of Hero* by Suzanne Brockmann

**RHODE ISLAND**—*Treading Water* by Marie Force

**CONNECTICUT**—*The Thunder Beneath Us* by Nicole Blades

**NEW YORK**—*Sex and the City* by Candace Bushnell

**PENNSYLVANIA**—*Remember When* by Lindsay Detwiler

**NEW JERSEY**—*Need to Know* by Fern Michaels

**DELAWARE**—*Reclaim My Heart* by Donna Fasano

**MARYLAND**—*Come Sundown* by Nora Roberts

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—*Big Girls Don’t Cry* by Connie Briscoe

**VIRGINIA**—*Love On My Mind* by Tracey Livesay

**NORTH CAROLINA**—*Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—*The Beach House* by Mary Alice Monroe

**GEORGIA**—*Mr. Right-Swipe* by Ricki Schultz

**FLORIDA**—*Stiltsville* by Susanna Daniel

To take part, just pick up one of these books at a local bookstore or library and start reading. **The full reading list is available, with details about each title and an interactive map, at Route1Reads.org.**

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**About Route One Reads:** Connecting the 2,369 miles of U.S. Route 1 from Ft. Kent, Maine, to Key West, Florida, the Route One Reads initiative is a partnership between 16 affiliate Centers for the Book to promote books that illuminate important aspects of their states or commonwealths for readers travelling the major and meandering highway. The initiative was launched at the 2015 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. **For more information, visit Route1Reads.org or follow #Route1Reads on Twitter**.

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