

Book Discussions in French, German and Spanish

You are invited to join us at the Central States Conference Book Discussions. This is a great opportunity to discuss a book from the target culture with friends and colleagues during a conference session. Many individuals will have read the book before the conference, but this is not a requirement for attending the session. Watch for these book discussions in your program and plan to attend. One or a panel of our colleagues will lead each discussion group.



French Book Club: *Le Gone du Chaâba*

Sarah K. Shackelford, Clermont Northeastern HS, OH
Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Quelques membres de l'AATF Ohio ont préparé des questions de réflexion et du matériel pédagogique pour mieux entamer une bonne discussion des thèmes importants illustrés par ce roman. Titre: *Le Gone du Chaâba* Auteur: Azouz Begag, intervenant principal au Congrès de l'AATF 2006 ISBN: 2020800322 Disponible chez www.amazon.fr et www.amazon.ca Sujet : Les difficultés auxquelles font face les immigrés algériens, et en particulier, la vie quotidienne d'Omar, un petit garçon de neuf ans.



German Book Club *Der Freund und der Fremde*

Friederike Emonds, Debra Stoudt, University of Toledo, OH
Saturday, 1:25 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Uwe Timms autobiografische Erzählung *Der Freund und der Fremde* (München: Dtv, 2007) beleuchtet rückblickend die Beziehung des Erzählers zu seinem Schulfreund Benno Ohnesorg, der später als Student während der Anti-Schah-Demonstration am 2. Juni 1967 in Berlin Opfer brutaler Polizeigewalt wurde. Die Erzählung entwickelt sich zu einer spannenden Spurensuche nach dem verlorenen Freund, mit dem er während der gemeinsamen Schulzeit den Drang verband, sich aus den kleinbürgerlichen Verhältnissen seiner Familie schreibend herauszuarbeiten. Bezugsquelle: <http://globalbooks.de/>.



Spanish Book Club: *En los tiempos de las mariposas* by Julia Alvarez

Sharon M. Watts, Creighton University, NE
Saturday, 2:50 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

Apart from being an excellent book to read, this book gives the reader a glimpse into a unique time in the history and culture of the Dominican Republic during the time of the dictator Trujillo. The presentation will provide several aspects to study when using this book in the classroom such as the historical aspects of the times, the role of women at this point in time, the concept of "one person can make a difference," the tragedy of that time, and/or el presidente, Trujillo.