



Community Read Program 2015

5 Healthy Communities

Dexter, Grass Lake,
Chelsea, Stockbridge and
Manchester District Libraries



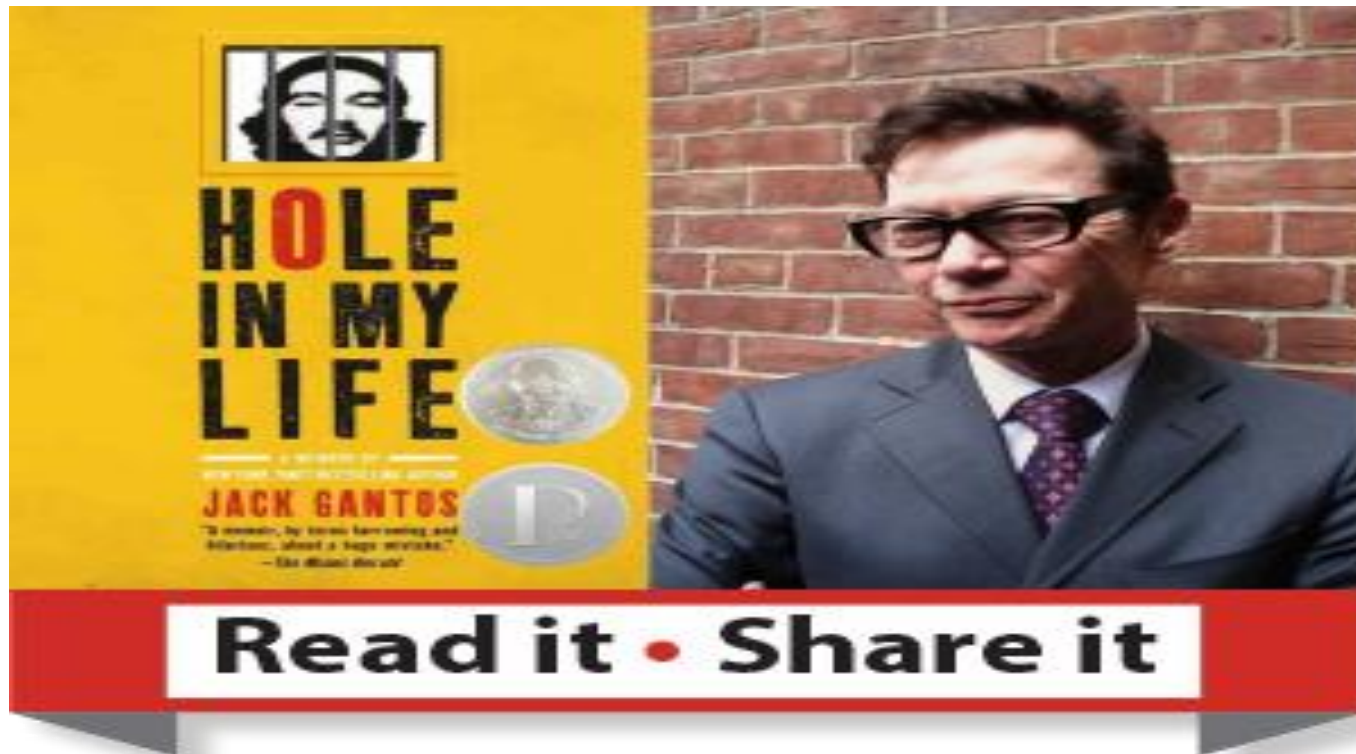
“Avoid
Unhealthy
Substances.”

EVENTS:

Kick Off event was held Saturday, September 12 from 10am to 2pm at the Grass Lake heritage Festival.



HOLE IN MY LIFE



Jack Gantos

- In the summer of 1971, **Jack Gantos** was an aspiring writer looking for adventure, cash for college tuition, and a way out of a dead-end job. For ten thousand dollars, he recklessly agreed to help sail a sixty-foot yacht loaded with a ton of hashish from the Virgin Islands to New York City, where he and his partners sold the drug until federal agents caught up with them.
- **Hole in My Life** is an honest and revealing personal account from a prizewinning author of over thirty books for young people. While alcohol and marijuana distracted him from his goal of being a writer and landed him in federal prison, this story comes with an important message about not letting your mistakes define you or keep you from your goals.
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MDL purchased 250 copies of

- Jack Gantos “Hole in My Life”.
- We used the Farmers Market venue to give away approx. 75 titles of this book.
- We gave 50 copies to the Manchester CRC
- We display this title with a dedicated shelf at the library .

Jack Gantos Speaking

Oct. 17th, 2015

- Residents of the Five Healthy Towns of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge are invited to hear Gantos's insights about his experience described in this book.
- Manchester District Library and about 25 residents attended this event.

Conclusion

- We will continue to display this title until June 1st.
- The 5 Healthy community reads ended in 2015. Some libraries will continue on their own.
- We did not have the interest in this book, like we had in previous years.