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# Learn About Homegrown National Parks with Doug Tallamy



Award-winning author, Ecologist, and T. A. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, Doug Tallamy is joining us for a new virtual program **January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm!**

Dr. Tallamy is an expert on what he calls Homegrown National Parks—lawns replanted with native North American flora to foster a healthy natural ecosystem. His book *Bringing Nature Home* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. *The Living Landscape*, co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014; *Nature's Best Hope*, a New York Times Best Seller, was released in February 2020, and his latest book *The Nature of Oaks* was released by Timber press in March 2021.

We'll be talking about nature, caterpillars, and how to turn your own yard into a haven for local wildlife! It's going to be a lot of fun, so be sure to visit [tinyurl.com/D-Tallamy](http://tinyurl.com/D-Tallamy) and register for the program today!

## Winter Reading Club continues through January!

Winter Reading Club ends on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. That means there's still time to sign up and collect last minute prizes!

We've got some awesome stuff for you guys this year, so be sure to visit [westchesterpl.readsquared.com](http://westchesterpl.readsquared.com) to make sure you're signed up and all your books are logged. Then, stop by the Youth Department to pick up your prize bags, check out some fun dragon-themed reads from one of our book displays, listen to one of Ms. Melanie's Winter Reading Storytimes on Facebook, and see the soda bottle ice dragon Ms. Julie is making!

It's been so much fun handing out prizes and hearing about all the cool stories you read in December. January is sure to be a blast, so visit [westchesterpl.readsquared.com](http://westchesterpl.readsquared.com), log your reads, and get some cool stuff!

## New Program with Camille Dungy!

We're thrilled to announce that award winning poet and Distinguished Professor Camille T. Dungy is joining us over Zoom for a nature themed poetry program at **7 pm, on February 22nd!**

A 2019 Guggenheim Fellow, Dr. Dungy's honors include NEA Fellowships in poetry (2003) and prose (2018), an American Book Award, two NAACP Image Award nominations, and two Hurston/Wright Legacy Award nominations. Dungy's poems have been published in *Best American Poetry*, *The 100 Best African American Poems*, the *Pushcart Anthology*, *Best American Travel Writing*, and over thirty other anthologies. She is University Distinguished Professor at Colorado State University.

It's going to be a fun, informative night, so be sure to visit [tinyurl.com/CDungy](http://tinyurl.com/CDungy) and sign up today!

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