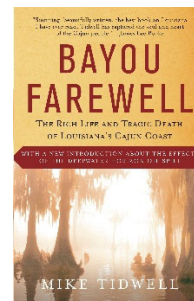
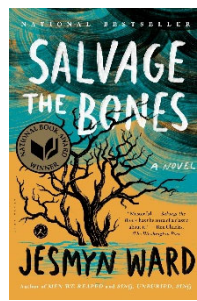
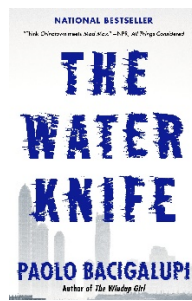
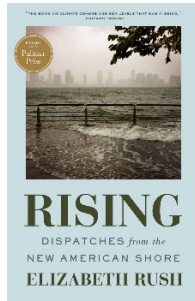


Witness to Change Conversations on Coastal Impacts



Witness to Change: Conversations on Coastal Impacts is a new Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities adult reading and discussion series intended to engage members of the general public in conversations on the beauty of and challenges faced by coastal communities. Sessions are intended to spark dialogue around issues and themes supported by the texts, including but not limited to:

- what makes a place a home
- experiences of flooding
- hurricanes
- family roots and connection to place
- land loss and dislocation
- scarcity and adaptation
- risk and relocation

Participants will engage in discussions led by scholar facilitators who will encourage critical thinking about the subjects discussed.

Turn-Key Programming for Louisiana Public Libraries

- Each host site will receive a \$2,300 programming grant to cover site coordination, facilitator honoraria, book purchases, and program publicity.
- Sites will host one program for each of the four Witness to Change books, accommodating up to 20 participants per session.
- Using reading and discussion guides developed by the LEH, session facilitators and participants will engage in thoughtful dialogue around book themes and consider their intersection with participants' lived experiences.
- Host sites will receive customizable publicity kits developed by the LEH.
- Programs may be delivered in person or, in the case of continued public health challenges, online via Zoom or a similar platform.
- All host sites must collect audience evaluation data and participant responses to the Witness to Change programming survey.

To apply, interested host sites should submit an Application to our grants management site (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=leh>) by December 31, 2021. Contact LEH Public Programs Assistant Clare Shelburne at shelburne@leh.org for more information.



Witness to Change is a program of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and is part of the BHP-funded initiative **Coastal Impacts: An Integrated Approach for Community Adaptation, Understanding, and Planning**, which will assist local communities to build intergenerational coastal literacy through community conversations around books, film, and exhibitions, fostering greater understanding of and support for coastal restoration projects.