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Cabrillo College Hosts Community Wide Book Dialogue on Ellison's *The Invisible Man*

'Cabrillo Reads Ellison' Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 PM, Cabrillo Music Recital Hall

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College presents a community-wide book forum and dialogue on Ralph Ellison's classic 1952 novel, *The Invisible Man*, this Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cabrillo College Music Recital Hall, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos. The event is presented by the Cabrillo College English and History Departments, the Cabrillo Honors Transfer Program, and the Cabrillo College Library.

The evening's book club-inspired dialogue began over Cabrillo's winter break, when the college community was encouraged to read the award-winning novel. Then, in preparation for this forum, a group of faculty members met to discuss the issues of identity, social justice, race and politics that Ellison raised in the novel.

"The idea for a community wide book club originated in a faculty meeting on the literary canon, talking about titles ... what's in, what's out, and Ellison came up," explains Cabrillo History Instructor Michael Mangin. "The consensus among the group was that everyone was supposed to have read the novel in school, but had they? So the idea came up to have a Cabrillo Book Club to bring everyone together in an academic pursuit."

Members of the community are invited to share in the dialogue and discuss ideas and concepts from the book on March 1 at 7p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, Aptos Campus. Those who have not read the book in its entirety are encouraged to read the chapter 'Battle Royale,' which will be a focus of the evening's discussion.

What: 'Cabrillo Reads Ellison' Book Forum and Dialogue

When: Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 PM

Where: Cabrillo Music Recital Hall, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos

Parking: Parking is free at the complex after 7:00 PM

Cost: This event is free to the public

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

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