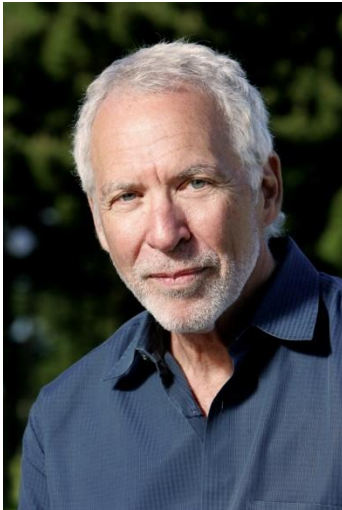


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Peter Block, Author of ***Community: The Structure of Belonging*** will join us for a live video conference in April to discuss his ideas. (Date, time, and location TBA)

VBCDC ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY TO “READ ONE BOOK TOGETHER”

The Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation and Second Act Communities will host an annual community reading event from February 1 through April 30, 2015, and all community, social, and business groups are encouraged to participate.

Learn how to build stronger connections and a sense of belonging between communities across Virginia through guided reading and discussion of ***Community: The Structure of Belonging***, written by Peter Block. VBCDC and Second Act Communities will moderate online discussion forums through social media.

At an evening event in April, author Peter Block will participate in a live discussion forum via video conference. VBCDC and Second Act Communities will host this event. The date, time, and location are TBA.

“This book is a very important read for members of our Hampton Roads community and beyond,” says Addie Wright Thomason, Chief Executive Officer of VBCDC and Second Act Communities. “It will help us discover a common language and a new direction when we talk about what our community should look like.”

Individuals and groups interested in participating should email commongrounds@vbcdc.org to register.

The Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation is an award-winning nonprofit with nearly 30 years of experience providing quality affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families. The total assessed value of VBCDC's properties exceeds \$41 million, making it one of the largest property owners in Virginia Beach. Since the VBCDC was established in 1985, it has housed over 6,200 individuals in safe, decent and affordable communities. It has also provided supportive services including case management and direct financial assistance to over 8,000 individuals who had experienced housing crises. VBCDC's ongoing efforts will bring housing stability to individuals and communities alike and serve as a crucial step in making communities whole.