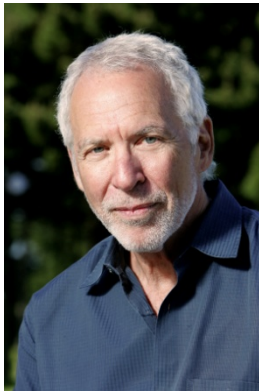


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Peter Block,
Bestselling author

AUTHOR PETER BLOCK TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

"READ ONE BOOK TOGETHER" EVENT HOSTED BY VBCDC

VIRGINIA BEACH Peter Block, author of *Community: The Structure of Belonging*, will lead a discussion of building community in Hampton Roads hosted by the Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation [VBCDC]. This live event will be the culmination of months of online discussions promoted through VBCDC's Read One Book Together community reading program.

Readers can participate in online discussions on the VBCDC Facebook page leading up to the event. The Read One Book Together live event with author Peter Block will be held Wednesday, April 22 at the Williams Farm Recreation Center from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Interested participants should email commongrounds@vbcdc.org to register.

Any community, social, religious, business, or nonprofit group is encouraged to participate in the Read One Book Together event. More participation will lead to a greater number of perspectives being represented as the readers consider how to redefine community in Hampton Roads.

Peter Block is the author of several best-selling books including *Flawless Consulting: A Guide to Getting Your Expertise Used*; *Stewardship: Choosing Service Over Self-Interest*; *The Empowered Manager: Positive Political Skills at Work*; and *Community: The Structure of Belonging*. Block will participate in the event via live video conference.

The Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation is an award winning non-profit with nearly 30 years of experience providing quality affordable housing for low and moderate income families. The total assessed value of VBCDC's properties exceeds \$41 million, making it the largest affordable housing property owner in Virginia Beach. Since VBCDC was established in 1985, it has housed over 6,200 individuals in safe, decent and affordable communities and provided supportive services including case management and direct financial assistance to over 8,000 individuals.