



## Community Book Connection Proposal Form

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### A. Basic Book Information

- a. Title: *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World*
- b. Author: Jeff Goodell
- c. Year published: 2017
- d. Number of pages: 289
- e. Is there a paperback edition? Yes

### B. Book Overview

- a. Brief Book Jacket Description: Across the globe, scientists and civilians alike are noticing rapidly rising sea levels, and higher and higher tides pushing more water directly into the places we live, from our most vibrant, historic cities to our last remaining traditional coastal villages. With each crack in the great ice sheets of the Arctic and Antarctica, and each tick upwards of Earth's thermometer, we are moving closer to the brink of broad disaster.  
By century's end, hundreds of millions of people will be retreating from the world's shores as our coasts become inundated and our landscapes transformed. From island nations to the world's major cities, coastal regions will disappear. Engineering projects to hold back the water are bold and may buy some time. Yet despite international efforts and tireless research, there is no permanent solution-no barriers to erect or walls to build-that will protect us in the end from the drowning of the world as we know it. *The Water Will Come* is the definitive account of the coming water, why and how this will happen, and what it will all mean. As he travels across twelve countries and reports from the front lines, acclaimed journalist Jeff Goodell employs fact, science, and first-person, on-the-ground journalism to show vivid scenes from what already is becoming a water world.
- b. Blurbs and endorsements:  
The Water Will Come is absolutely brilliant scientific journalism, and certainly is a must-read for all of the world's citizens. – *Forbes*  
  
Jeff Goodell has taken on some of the most important issues of our time, from coal mining to geoengineering. In *The Water Will Come*, he explains the threat of sea level rise with characteristic rigor and intelligence. The result is at once deeply persuasive and deeply unsettling- Elizabeth Kolbert, Pulitzer Prize-winning and bestselling author.
- c. Awards:  
Louis J. Battan Author's Award

- C. **Briefly describe how this book serves the mission of the Community Book Connection? Things you may consider:** This is a hot topic! (Pun intended). Goodell's book is about climate change and sea level rise. These are pressing issues that affect us all, particularly in coastline cities like Baltimore and Annapolis. Annapolis, MD is even featured in several chapters! Along with Miami and New York City. This book lends itself to various disciplines and programs such as ENVS, ethics, journalism, culture, design, literature, policy, history, engineering, etc. Many interdisciplinary events can relate to this selection's discussions on climate change, sea level rise, local and global coastline erosion, policy, and more. It is engaging, well-written and well-researched. The CBC has not had any books on this subject in nearly a decade and it is time to correct that! Additionally, this book can be broken up into chapters that can be assigned/studied independently.