



MAKING SENSE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: **Making Sense**

of the **American
Civil War**

The 150th anniversaries of the Civil War and Emancipation are being commemorated around the country in a variety of ways, reawakening interest in the war and the many issues it raises. AHC will engage Arizonans in this vital discussion through ***Making Sense of the American Civil War***, a reading and discussion program for public libraries, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association's Public Programs Office.

Participants will read three books: *March* by Geraldine Brooks; *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam* by James McPherson; and an anthology of key documents, *America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries*, edited by Edward L. Ayers.

This new series is designed as a succession of five conversations exploring different facets of the Civil War experience, informed by reading the words written or spoken by powerful voices from the past and present. Each session will explore a different topic.

Session One: "Imagining War"

Readings:

- *March* by Geraldine Brooks
- Selections from *America's War* anthology

Session Two: "Choosing Sides"

Readings:

- Selections from *America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on their 150th Anniversaries*, a new anthology edited by Edward L. Ayers and published by NEH and ALA

Session Three: "Making Sense of War"

Readings:

- Selections from *America's War* anthology

Session Four: "The Shape of War"

Readings:

- *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam* by James M. McPherson
- Selections from *America's War* anthology

Session Five: "War and Freedom"

Readings:

- Selections from *America's War* anthology

