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GET CAUGHT READING WITH VAN BUREN READS

DECATUR, MI-----Van Buren Reads, a partnership of five library systems, is encouraging patrons to get caught reading this summer for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card.

Beginning June 15 and continuing through August 15, anyone who agrees to be photographed reading a book by either Wade Rouse or Viola Shipman will be entered automatically in the contest. Photos will be posted on the libraries' Facebook pages throughout the summer. Rouse, whose also writes as Shipman, is Van Buren Reads' 2017 featured author.

As Shipman, Rouse has recently published *The Hope Chest* and *The Charm Bracelet*. His memoir, *America's Boy*, received critical acclaim upon publication in 2006.

Copies of Rouse's and Shipman's books, as well as photo opportunities, are available at each participating library: Hartford Public Library, Lawton Public Library, Paw Paw District Library, South Haven Memorial Library, and Van Buren District Library's seven locations.

The public is invited to meet the author, Tuesday, October 3, at the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information about the contest and author visit, contact Kay McAdam at 269.668.2534 or the nearest participating library.

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