

# UWFV to hold free ethnic reading seminar

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MENASHA — The University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley has announced its 2008 Ethnic Reading Seminar.

It is an opportunity for the campus' students, faculty, staff and Fox Cities community to share experiences and thoughts on issues of ethnicity and society, as well as to express opinions on the books that the seminar offers.

"Junot Diaz and the Immi-

grant Experience" is the focus of this year's seminar.

Dominican-American Junot Diaz is the author of the books selected for reading this year. The books include "Drown" and "The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao."

"Drown" is set in the Dominican Republic, suburban New Jersey and New York City. The book is a short story collection that relates the immigrant experience through the eyes of

young people who are looking for a way to fit into their new world.

"The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" follows one of the characters from Drown who strives to become a man in the macho world of Dominican-Americans in New Jersey.

The seminar is open to members of the Fox Cities community. There is no cost to participate and participants can keep the books as part of their in-

volvement in the seminar.

According to Jeff Kuepper, student activities coordinator at UWFV and facilitator of the seminar, discussion sessions are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. in room 1352 on Feb. 22, Feb. 29, March 14, March 28, April 4 and April 11.

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