

# KNOWLEDGE BOUND



*A Newsletter from the Friends of the Lakeville Heritage Library*

*Winter-Spring 2010*



Susan and the Smoke tree (Mn Arboretum)

## *From the Prez:*

Holiday season! We gather together to celebrate family and friends, and give thanks for all our gifts. This year, right around Thanksgiving, I had been talking with Murray, our librarian, about how many of our Friends of the Library are active, I mean ACTIVE, volunteers. I was concerned that with the book sale, One Book, the author events, the homebound deliveries, the elementary school reading buddies, etc. we were spreading our Friends a little thin.

Murray emailed me later, and said this:

*...what you and all the Friends do for us amazing. I am so astounded that everyone would spend the time on us. Look at the book sale. That is tremendous. Every day I came to watch the volunteers. I am almost speechless about it. I can't express how much it means to me.*

Let me second that. Friends volunteers, I am so grateful that you do all you do. You inspire me every day. And to all our librarians and library staff - we volunteer because we're grateful to you and to all the libraries and librarians that made a difference in our lives.  
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## *Who's Who Meet the Friends*

Loretta Ellsworth, a Lakeville resident and member of the Friends of the Heritage Library, writes for young adults; her third novel hits the bookstores in February. The library's ten-year celebration will feature her newest novel, *In a Heartbeat* (see pg 5).

Loretta was born and grew up in Mason City, Iowa, in a large family with several cats. We in Lakeville are fortunate that she now lives here and instigated the first One Book-One Lakeville event last year. She is also on the committee continuing that tradition this year with a new book and more events (see page 2).

Loretta recently shared with me her thoughts on several subjects, including Friends.

### ***What kinds of jobs/work have you had?***

I've had all sorts of jobs – here are just a few: Spanish teacher, translator for an insurance company, writing instructor, library worker, tour guide at John Deere Engine Works.

### ***What leisure activities do you enjoy?***

I love to play tennis, watch my kids play soccer, and of course, read.

### ***Who are your favorite authors? What genre do you most enjoy reading?***

I have a wide range of interests, but some of my favorite authors are Harper Lee, Louisa May Alcott, Mark Twain, and CS Lewis. I enjoy reading young adult novels because that's what I write – I think Laurie Halse Anderson and MT Anderson and Gary Schmidt are brilliant writers, and I also enjoy historical fiction

(Loretta Ellsworth, cont'd p. 4)



Loretta Ellsworth, Author and Friend

## Mystery Book Sale!!!

The best bargains to be found in slightly used, but much loved mysteries, as one of the One Book—One Lakeville events.

**Saturday, January 23—11:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 24—1:00-4:00 p.m.**

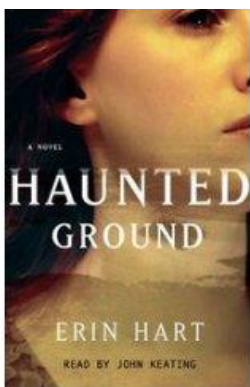
Heritage Library Conference Room

- Save on your favorite mysteries—fifty cents-\$1.00 !
- Enjoy coffee and dessert with the Friends of the Library.
- Solve a Mystery Scavenger Hunt (for children age 5-12).

## One Book—One Lakeville

Once again, Lakeville is coming together over a book, with several events planned by Friends and supported by local businesses.

Lakeville residents are invited to read:



**Haunted Ground** by Erin Hart.

Several different activities are planned around this book, a mystery set in Ireland, in the fall and winter 2009-10.

The kick-off event occurred in September 2009 at the Lakeville Arts Center, when author Erin Hart signed copies of her book.



## Community Potluck & Irish Dancing

**Jan 22, 2010—6:30 p.m.**

Lakeville Police Station, Dodd Road

- Bring a dish to share—Sandwiches provided by Subway & Quiznos.
- Tour one of the most advanced police facilities in Minnesota and learn about Lakeville's Mobile Crime Scene Unit.
- Participate in an Irish dance.
- RVSP to Susan Brousseau at [psbrouss@frontiernet.net](mailto:psbrouss@frontiernet.net)

## One Book One Lakeville - Mystery Panel Discussion

**Saturday, Feb 6, 2010--1:30 p.m.**

Heritage Library Conference Room

- Celebrate Minnesota's rich literary community with best-selling authors William Kent Krueger and Mary Logue, and Once Upon a Crime bookstore owner Pat Frovarp.
- Books available for purchase and signing.
- Discover what it takes to write a compelling mystery.
- Get the latest word on hot, new mystery series.

Watch for more activities involving One Book, in the newspaper, the library's webpage, and the Friend's webpage.

([heritagelibraryfriends.com](http://heritagelibraryfriends.com))

<http://onebookonelakeville.com/events.html>

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As a military brat, I knew that no matter how many times I moved, when I got to the new base, home was waiting for me at the library.

As a mother of small children, I knew that when I had reached my wits' end (a very short trip) and needed fresh ideas for educating and entertaining my rambunctious crew, the library had tolerant librarians and fresh new books with bright shiny pictures, and books of essays for me. Why, just yesterday I tore the gift wrap off a book that I've been longing to read, and asked my husband how he knew; and he said - the librarians.

Friends, thank you. Librarians, thank you. Happy winter - see you at the library.

*Susan B.*

## Library Events

### Gardening Series

**Tuesday, March 30, 6:15-8:00 p.m.**, Farmington library—"Planting for Clean Water." An introduction on creating beautiful gardens that help keep water clean.

**Tuesday, April 6, 7-8:00 p.m.**, Galaxie library /Apple Valley --"Preventing Emerald Ash Borer." Learn how to protect your ash trees from destruction.

**Monday, April 12, 7-8:30 p.m.**, Heritage library—"Lawn Landscaping." Create privacy, plant edibles, add habitat for nature, and save on energy costs.

**Tuesday, April 20, 7-8:00 p.m.**, Galaxie library/Apple Valley—"Container Gardening." Learn what and how to plant in a container.

**Monday, April 26, 7-8:30 p.m.**, Heritage library—"Perennials." Learn to select, care for, and share these garden favorites.



Just a reminder—Spring is just around the corner! (Lilies at the MN Arboretum, July 2009.)

## Teen Programs

Teens can play Wii games once a month at the Heritage Library in the meeting room on **Thursdays, January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 15**, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Teens can make greeting cards - just in time to send to their favorite valentine on **Friday, January 29** from 2:00-3:00.

Books and Bagels - Saturday morning book discussion with Martha will be held on **Saturday, February 6** from 10:30 to 11:30

Dakota County Employment and Economic Assistance Program will present a jobs workshop for teens on **Saturday, March 30** from 11:00-12:00. This program gives teens information about job searches, resumes and interviewing skills.

**Thursday, April 29** is Teen Poetry Night. Teens will be reading their own poetry and prizes for the Annual Dakota County Teen Poetry Contest will be presented.

**Saturday, May 1** is May Day, and teens can create origami flowers in the meeting room from 2:00-3:00.

## Heritage Children's Program Highlights

Day Care Providers Early Literacy Workshop, **Saturday, January 9**, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., registration required. Continuing education hours certificate provided.

Library Picnic and Stories for children of all ages and their parents or caregivers. Bring your lunch to the library and eat picnic-style in the meeting room. Stay for storytime. **Fridays, January 8, February 19, & March 26**, noon-1:00 p.m.

B is for Battlecry. Author and illustrator Patricia Bauer and David Geister will present a program based on the book on **Tuesday, January 26**, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., all ages welcome, books will be available for sale and signing.

Music and Movement program for ages 2 - 8 and their parents or caregivers on **Friday, January 29**, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Indoor Chalk Art for all ages, **Thursday, February 4**, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Family Early Literacy activities and storytime to help children get ready for school, **Saturday, February 13**, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Best for families with children ages 2 - 6.

Zoomobile from the Minnesota Zoo, all ages, **Saturday, February 20**, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Irish Storytime, all ages, **Friday, March 12**, 10:15 a.m.

Science Fun: Balls and Tracks, ages 7 - 10, **Wednesday, March 31**, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., registration required.

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime Series, All Ages, **Fridays, April 9, 16 & 23**, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

El Dia Celebration, **Saturday, April 17**, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Stories, crafts, activities, food and music for families as we celebrate children's book day.

Children's Poetry Night: a Celebration of Favorites, **Tuesday, April 20**, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Children ages 5 - 12 are invited to read a poem they wrote or their favorite poem by someone else. All readers will receive a reward.

Mother Goose Day, **Friday, April 30**, 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Celebrate nursery rhymes today through story and song!

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Jenifer Wagner, [jenifer.wagner@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:jenifer.wagner@co.dakota.mn.us) (952) 891-0374

## Legal Rights Forum

**Wednesday, February 3**, 7-8:00 p.m.—  
"Unmarried Parents' Rights," presented by  
Walter Burk, from MN Central Legal Services.  
Sponsored by the Dakota County Law Library.

Friends of the Heritage Library meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Library. Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a strong public library system.

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## It's time to bring out the winter jackets

*Dakota County Library's ninth annual adult reading program begins Jan. 11*

Winter is a great time to cuddle up to a good book—and that's what the Winter Jackets program is all about. The ninth annual reading program for adults runs Jan. 11 to Feb. 28 at all Dakota County libraries. The program is designed to encourage adults to take time to enjoy the simple pleasure of wintertime reading, write reviews and attend author programs.

Each Winter Jackets participant receives a bookmark and chocolate when signing up. In addition, for every book read and reviewed, participants are entered into a weekly prize drawing.

Author programs include a mystery panel discussion with authors William Kent Krueger and Mary Logue on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Library in Lakeville, and Dr. Paul Linde, author of *Danger to Self: On the Front Line with an ER Psychiatrist* on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Library in Hastings.

Winter Jackets is presented in partnership with the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA). There is no cost to participate or attend programs.

*(Loretta Ellsworth, p.1, cont'd)*

### **What do you remember about the first library you visited?**

The bookmobile came to our neighborhood in the summer and I visited it every week – I always thought it would be great to live in one of those (filled with books, of course) Our town library was next to a river and it had sprawling gardens with trails you could follow – it was spooky at night, but I loved it. The children's section had a small conservatory that looked out over the gardens and it was a magical place to sit and read.

### **Describe your writing process. Describe the publishing process.**

The writing process consists of many months/years spent creating a draft, and many more months/years spent in revising. Most writers I know spend far more time in the revision process, often doing ten or more drafts of a novel before seeking publication. Publishing requires a thick skin – you often get lots of rejection before your manuscript is accepted, and you have to be willing to accept criticism and make necessary changes after your novel is accepted. After a manuscript is acquired by a publishing house, it's often another 18 months to 2 years before it hits the shelves of the local bookstore. That time is spent in further revision and marketing. Sounds exhausting, doesn't it?

I myself usually start with an idea and a character, but I don't have any idea where the story is going. For me, this is part of the creative process – to let my characters lead me in unexpected directions. I always want to be surprised by what happens next, and I often am. This also leads to many revisions – I often do six or more revisions before I send my work to my agent. My literary agent sends my work out for me. When I'm lucky enough to sell a manuscript, it's usually another 18 months to 2 years before it hits the shelves of the bookstores. This time is spent doing more revisions and marketing.

### **When did you join Friends of the Heritage Library? Why?**

I joined the Friends of the Heritage Library a few years ago to support the local library and help raise funds for programming. We didn't have a bookstore in our town when I was growing up, and my parents couldn't afford to buy a lot of books, so I owe a deep debt of gratitude to community libraries. Books were my escape and my summer delight was to sit on a blanket under the tree surrounded by a pile of books.

### **What programs/events do you participate in for Friends?**

I'm involved in many of the author events and the book sale. I participate in our community-wide read by belonging to the One Book, One Lakeville committee.

### **Are there other events you would like Friends to sponsor? If so, what are they?**

I'd love to see a coffee shop at the library run by the Friends – then I could have my caffeine fix and a book!

### **Why should a Lakeville resident join Friends?**

Many bookstores are closing down due to the economy – libraries serve their communities through the programs they offer and the books and materials they select. Our support is vital to making sure they are able to continue offering those services. Plus, you meet lots of great people!

