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**LIBRARY KICKS OFF FALL MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES**

Highland Park Public Library is hosting a lineup of bestselling, notable, and award-winning authors as part of the Library’s fall Meet the Author series. The annual series brings a variety of authors to the Library to read from or discuss their books. Patrons can get their books signed at each event as books are for sale and events conclude with a book signing.

The series kicks off with a special appearance by wine journalist and bestselling author Peter Hellman. Hellman will discuss his book**,** *In Vino Duplicitas: The Rise and Fall of a Wine Forger Extraordinaire*,on Wednesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. His book,called the perfect mix of true crime and fine wine, tells the story of Rudy Kurniawan who burst onto the scene of ultrafine wines in 2002. With a discerning palette and a knack for tracking down hard-to-find bottles, he transformed himself into a sought-after member of wine’s high society. When crates from his cellar were pulled from an auction, Hellman was there and investigated as Kurniawan’s world came crashing down. In addition to discussing his book, Hellman will share suggested wine pairings.

Bestselling author and garden writer Marta McDowell will appear at the Library on Monday, September 18, at 1 p.m., to discuss her book, *The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Landscapes that Inspired the Little House Books.* McDowell’s book tells the tale of the plants and places of the beloved author of the *Little House* series. The event, presented with Chicago Botanic Garden’s Lenhardt Library, will include a taste of the *Little House* books.

The Library’s Meet the Author Series offers a forum for readers to connect with the authors who are appearing at the Library, whether they are familiar with their books or discovering the authors for the first time. This fall, the series also includes an appearance by bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize finalist Nathan Englander. Englander, the author of *The Ministry of Special Cases*, *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*,and *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank,* will make a special appearance at the Library on Tuesday, October 10, at 7 p.m. He will discuss his new book, *Dinner at the Center of the Earth,* a political thriller that unfolds in the highly charged territory of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

This year’s series also offers attendees a chance to meet premier Chicago makeup artist Jenny Patinkin and Chicago chefs Paul Kahan and Cosmo Goss. Patinkin will discuss her book, *Lazy Perfection: The Art of Looking Great Without Really Trying*, on Monday, October 2, at 7 p.m. Her book offers real-life tips for women to look like the best version of themselves. Patinkin will discuss tips, product recommendations, and beauty industry insider information.

Chefs Paul Kahan, award-winning executive chef and partner of One Off Hospitality, whose restaurants include Blackbird, avec, The Publican, Big Star, Nico Osteria, Dove’s Luncheonette, and more; and Cosmo Goss, the Publican's executive chef; will appear at the Library to discuss their new cookbook, *Cheers to the Publican: Repast and Present*, on Thursday, November 30, at 7 p.m. With dishes that have earned a spot on the Publican’s “best of” list, the book is a way to bring The Publican home and a toast to the dishes that the chefs love to make and share.

The fall author series concludes with an appearance by Elizabeth Berg, the author of many bestselling novels, including *Open House*, an Oprah’s Book Club selection. Berg’s new novel, *The Story of Arthur Truluv*, is about the timeless themes of loss, renewal, the life affirmation power of friendship, and an unforgettable character. Berg will appear at the Library on Monday, December 4, at 7 p.m.

The fall Meet the Author events are free and open to the public. Books are for sale and the events conclude with book signings. The series is sponsored by Highland Park Bank & Trust.

Highland Park Public Library enriches the community by circulating ideas, information, and technology. The Library is located at 494 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, and is open

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. For more information, please call (847) 432-0216 or visit hplibrary.org.

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