

FRIENDS OF THE CADILLAC WEXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Mystery takes a Road Trip

to the Cadillac Wexford Public Library
Saturday — October 10 — Noon

**\$10.00 Admission includes lunch with
Northern Michigan Mystery Writers**

**Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli
Mardi Link
Aaron Stander**

What do three crime writer friends from northern Michigan do when they each have a new book out? Take a road trip! Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli (*Dead Dancing Women*), Mardi Link (*When Evil Came to Good Hart*), and Aaron Stander (*Summer People*) are coming to the Library during their "Murder Takes a Road Trip" Book Tour.

All three authors live in Northern Michigan, all three write fact or fiction related to crime and mystery, all three have new books coming out this summer, and all three use the evocative landscape of Northern Michigan as the settings for their books. All three have also given individual library presentations but here is your chance to see the trio together. The "Murder Takes A Road Trip" Panel will discuss their work, take questions, and sign and sell their books.

Biographies of the authors:

Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli wrote last fall's northern Michigan best selling *DEAD DANCING WOMEN*. The second in the Emily Kincaid series from *Midnight Ink*, *DEAD FLOATING LOVERS*, will be out in July. She teaches writing in the adult education program at Northwestern Michigan College, and at Skidmore College during the summer. Her first foray into mystery was *GIFT OF EVIL*, from Bantam. She reviews books for the *Northern Express* and is a member of the Michigan State Library's Notable Books Committee. www.elizabethbuzzelli.com.

Mardi Link is the author of two true crime books, the Heartland Best-seller, *WHEN EVIL CAME TO GOOD HART*, and the forthcoming *ISADORE'S SECRET*, both published by The University of Michigan Press. A former police reporter, Mardi is a freelance journalist and the



CWPL CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

MEL-CAT is Back

Thank you for your patience as library re-modeling continues. The loss of work space has caused us to temporarily stop **MEL-CAT** (inter-library loan) requests. This service will re-start Sept. 14th.

"Hopefully" is a key word, as the State of Michigan budget woes may cause this service and other State of Michigan Library services to be curtailed permanently. For more information please read a commentary by Traverse City writer, Mardi Link, in the *Detroit Free Press* go to

www.freep.com/article/20090816/OPINION05/908160428/1068/OPINION/Library-cuts-dim-Michigan-s-past--diminish-its-future



2008 Antioch Non-Fiction Scholar, as well as the winner of their Goddess Award. She is a co-founder of *ForeWord* magazine and her work has appeared in *Publishers Weekly*, *Bellingham Review*, *Dunes Review*, and *The Bookseller*, among other publications www.mardilink.com.

Aaron Stander spent most of his adult years in the Detroit area, where he taught writing and trained writing teachers. In 2000 he and his wife left college teaching positions and moved permanently to their cottage near Traverse City. Aaron is the author of *SUMMER PEOPLE*, a mystery set in Northern Michigan; *COLOR TOUR*, a sequel, was released in July of 2006 and *DEER SEASON* followed in the spring of 2009. He is also the author of numerous articles, stories, poems, and reviews. When not writing or thinking about writing, Aaron spends a lot of time in his kayak, often capsized. www.aaronstander.com.

SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 10

To make your reservation call
Vicki Essenmacher at 231-510-9047
Or see registration form on page 5

Thanks to:

Everyone who helped out at the July Art Festival book sale at the **AMVETS POST 110: Joy**

Martin, Elsa Skipper & friend, Nancy Barton, Kris and Dave Darrow, Phillis Dwyer, Rosemary Rokita, Cliff Sjogren, Teresa Suurs, Jim Fitzgerald, Vicki and Doug Essenmacher, Kathy Kirch, Ian R., and Larry Waldo. Project 26 members: Kathy and Bob Bloomfield, Brian, Lyn and Michael Hughes, Cal Reynolds, Toni Rose, Diana Thomas, Kris and Troy Tissue and Karen and Darryl Petterson.

Thanks also to **Commander Charlie Claytor** and **Amvets POST 110** members for the use of the AMVETS building. Very generous and very much appreciated!

Congratulations!!!

FOL Board 2009-2011

President—David Darrow

Vice President—Vicki Essenmacher

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Advisory Board — Nancy Barton, Jeanne Carlson, Kris Darrow, Phillis Dwyer, Joan Higgins, Kathy Kirch, Joy Martin, Rosemary Rokita, Barb Savage, Jen and Charles St. Charles, and Elsa Skipper

Newsletter Editor—Rosemary Rokita

COME JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY at the Library at 10am on 2nd Saturdays

September 12 and October 10

NEW MEMBERS and the PUBLIC ARE WELCOME!

The Friends are proud to be members of:

- Cadillac Arts Council (CAC)
- Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML)
- Michigan Library Association (MLA)
- Assn of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF)

Donations to the Cadillac Wexford Public Library and/or to the Friends of the Library (501c3) are

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

YES, I want to be a FRIEND of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Name _____ Phone _____ Today's date _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

_____ I want to be a **Book of the Month** friend/teen/family—Here's my **\$5.00** membership fee

_____ I want to be a **Newberry Prize** winning friend/family—here's my **\$10.00** membership fee

_____ I want to be a **Pulitzer Prize** winning friend/family—here's my **\$25.00** membership fee

_____ I want to be a **Nobel Prize** winning friend/family—here's my _____ membership fee

_____ Here's my **RENEWAL** fee _____

_____ I want to be an **ACTIVE** member of the FRIENDS. Please give me a call.

Thank you for your support!

Please make checks to: **Friends of the Library**

Questions—leave a message at the library at 775-6541

Please hand deliver or mail to the library at:

Friends of the Library
411 S. Lake St.
Cadillac, MI 49601



Toddler Tuesdays

Most Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages 3-5. Stories, songs, activities and crafts! No sign up necessary. The last Tuesday of every month meet someone important in our community like a fire man or police officer.

Monday Madness!

Mondays 3-7:00 p.m.

Starting Oct. 5

Ages 7+.

Drop in for some fun after school activities every Monday. Each week will have a different theme. The last Monday of the month will feature a Wii Tournament. No sign up necessary but the Wii Tournament starts at 4:00!



Lap Sit Storytime

Weds. in October at 10:00 a.m.

Ages 6 months to 2 years

Join us for activities to teach children and caregivers skills that will help kids read later on. Speak to Miss Tracy to sign up for this month long event.



That's not all!

Check out our website www.cadillaclibrary.org or pick up a brochure at the library for more information on additional events like . . .

- ☺ Tail Wagging Tutors
- ☺ Move and Read Fun Day
- ☺ Kid's Book Club
- ☺ Getting Loud at the Library
- ☺ Pirate Parrrrty!
- ☺ And Christmas Craft Day



Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Sat. October 17, 11:00 a.m. You're invited to a Tea Party to celebrate all things Fancy! Stories, crafts, games and snacks! Wear your most elegant ensembles and call the Children's Room to pre-register.

A fond Farewell to Miss Pat



Miss Pat Snider has been with the Cadillac Wexford Public Library for over 50 years. The Children's Library was dedicated in honor of Miss Pat on the celebration of her 50th anniversary with the Library in 2005. Miss Pat was working part time but due to health reasons will curtail her hours completely. We wish her the very best!

Questions? Call 775-6541 ext. 106

Report from the Adult Literacy Council of the Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Once upon a time, a group of people in Cadillac decided that the time had come when no adult in the area should go without being able to read if he or she wanted to learn. That was in September 2008 and since then the group has continued to meet and seek to fill this adult literacy need in the greater Cadillac area.

The group, Adult Literacy Committee, consists of Cathy Tacoma representing the Cadillac Wexford Public Library, Barb Derby, Barb DeBoer and Jenny Catlin, local educators. An original member, Evie Westmaas, has retired from the group but was replaced by Robin Heffelfinger, an educator.

The main focus of the ALC of the FOL is to recruit adult tutors and train them to be able to assist another adult in learning to read and improve his or her literacy skills. The other aim is to find adults who would like to improve his or her reading ability and match them with a suitable tutor.

The first 'class' of tutors met in May 2009. During two training sessions, these tutors were given materials to help them work with adult participant learners and strategies for facilitating reading in those adult participants. A follow-up session was held in July to encourage the tutors and expand their repertoire of tutoring skills. Between May and September, five adult participants were matched with tutors. So far three of those matches are still progressing through the tutoring process. Two more potential participants, or their friends or family contacted the Cadillac Wexford Public Library this week for program information.

One of the first things needed for any successful program is some funding, so the ALC sought the support and umbrella of the Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. By being affiliated with the FOL, the ALC could solicit funds with the FOL being the fiscal agent. The Cadillac Rotary kicked-off the Adult Literacy work with a grant for \$700. This money was used to purchase literacy materials for the tutors to use during training and for the adult participants to use as source materials. ALC also purchased membership in ProLiteracy, a national literacy organization. Another much appreciated grant came from the Cadillac Community Foundation for \$1,200 for the purchase of training materials. Finally, \$2,100 from the Dollar General Foundation made it possible to purchase even more training materials, curriculums and assessments.

The purchase of materials is definitely one of the most pressing needs of any literacy organization as is having a staff person dedicated to the local literacy program. That position requires someone to make phone calls to tutors and participants, keep files for grant purposes and progress reports. We are happy to report that Barb Derby will be filling this role. That need for a staff member encouraged the ALC to write a federal grant to try and make that position paid. That grant was awarded to the Adult Literacy Council of the Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library this week. The \$14,000 Federal grant will allow the ALC to be an on-going and stable organization in the Cadillac area. The Board is very pleased to have



Michigan Humanities Council
Bridging Communities and Ideas



The Great Michigan Read

The Great Michigan Read is a book club for the entire state. With a state-wide focus on a single book – *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen (pronounced bit-min-win) – it encourages Michiganders to learn more about their state, their history, and their society.

Stealing Buddha's Dinner is a memoir that chronicles the author's migration from Vietnam in 1975 and her coming of age in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the 1980s. Along the way, she struggles to construct her own cultural identity from a menagerie of uniquely American influences. The book was selected by a group of nearly 50 librarians, teachers, students, professors, authors, and others from all corners of the state.

The Cadillac Library has 8 copies of this book available for Book groups and 2 copies for individuals to borrow and read.

Bich Minh Nguyen will make an appearance at TRAVERSE CITY. Wednesday, October 14. 7 p.m. City Opera House. Tickets \$10, free for students. Contact: 231-941-8082 or www.cityoperahouse.org. Free parking at city lots.

To Learn more go to:

<http://www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/>

written this successful grant and been awarded this vital funding. Three members of the ALC went to Lansing on August 12 to attend a 'Train the Trainer' event where they will learn more skills and new methods for training adult tutors. Those skills will be useful for the next training sessions for current and new tutors that will be held in September.

It has been very beneficial to the ALC to partner, informally, with the local Michigan Works learning lab. Occasionally, MI Works participants will need tutoring skills. This partnership with MI Works is mutually beneficial since the clients from MI Works get special help and the tutors get very motivated adult participants.

The ALC continues to work - writing and administering grants, purchasing curriculum and support materials and seeking more tutors and adult participants for this program. If you know of anyone who would like to tutor or needs assistance in improving his or her literacy skills, please contact, Cathy Tacoma at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library at 775-6541.

**Friends of the
Cadillac Wexford Public Library
challenge all comers of a certain
age to a friendly -**

**LIBRARY
COMMUNITY
ROOM**

**SENIOR
SPELLING
BEE**

**Saturday
November 7
1pm-3pm**



WITH AGE COMES WISDOM—TEST YOUR METTLE
Will wisdom or memory win out?

RULES:

- Individuals or teams of two people
 - Ages 50 and up
 - \$5.00 per person payable upon registration
(payable at the Cadillac Library front desk - non refundable)

FIRST PRIZE

Each team member will receive a new dictionary



**PRACTICE using the
SPELLING LISTS at
[www.seniorsspellingbee.com
/sample_word_list.asp](http://www.seniorsspellingbee.com/sample_word_list.asp)**

REGISTRATION FORM (check appropriate boxes)

- Senior Spelling Bee (\$5.00 each person)
 Murder Takes a Road Trip (\$10.00 each person)

Number of vegetarian lunches requested _____

Enclose registration form and your cash or check (made to Friends of CWPL) inside an envelope and mail or turn in at the Library front desk

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Address :
FOL, CWPL, 411 Lake St., Cadillac 49601

NUMBER of Reservation or Registrations fees

Questions??? Call Vicki at 231-510-9047

Total AMOUNT of Fees Enclosed \$ _____

Jump the Cracks

by Stacy DeKeyser

Sometimes the world is a cruel place. Sometimes you wish things were different, but they aren't, so you do only what you can.

When Victoria takes a little boy into her care she is trying to protect him from his abusive teen mother. Things don't go as planned though, and Victoria finds herself running away from the police, a man who pretends to be the little boy's father, and her own father. She also finds herself becoming attached to the little boy as she fights to keep him safe

Victoria does not know what to do, should she go back home or keep running away?

Well, if you want to find out, why don't you read it?

Laura Vogler

Laura is 13 years old and is home-schooled in Harrietta.

CWPL Reading Roundtable

The CWPL roundtable generally meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30pm in the Lakeview Room at the Library. Participants "report" on their own independent reading for group discussion. The next meetings are on **September 14 and October 12** in the Library Lakeview Room. For more information. Please call Kathy Kirch at the Library at 775-6541. The Group will be participating in the 2009-10 **Great Michigan Read** by reading and discussing the book **"Stealing Buddha's Dinner"** by Bich Minh Nguyen. See page 4 for additional information.

CADILLAC ARTS COUNCIL (CAC)

Member Activities

The Friends of the CWPL are members of the CAC. Here are some of the events going on in September with other members of the CAC

Chamber of Commerce Rise-UP Cadillac 9/9 at 7am at Culvers \$\$

(CAC and CWPL are members of the Chamber)

Footliters "Escanaba in Da Moonlight"

9/10, 9/11 and 9/12 \$10

Community Chorus 9/19 1:30 and 7:30

Cadillac Community Auditorium \$\$

CAAA "I Can't Believe It's Colored Pencil"

Monday 9/21 7pm Senior Center \$2

ARTS CENTER Discussion

Get involved in creating an **ARTS Center** in Cadillac 9/24 7pm Mack Trail Middle School

Garden Club and Herb Guild

meet monthly

Best Wishes to members of the **Cadillac Square and Round Dance Club**. Due to various factors, they will be disbanding this month after over 50 years as an organization.

Check the **CAC** website for contact information for these groups and other members of the **CAC** www.cadillacareaartscouncil.com/

Words for 2009: Hardworking word-lovers everywhere can now learn the meaning of the word *staycation* ("a vacation spent at home or nearby") along with nearly 100 other new words and senses added to *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition*. Many of the new words address: concerns about the environment (*carbon footprint, green collar*), government activities (*earmark, waterboarding*), health and medicine (*cardioprotective, locavore, naproxen, neuroprotective*), pop culture (*docusoap, fan fiction, flash mob, reggaeton*), online activities (*sock puppet, vlog, webisode*), as well as several miscellaneous terms such as haram, memory foam, missalette, and zip line. Visit Merriam-Webster.com for the full article.

"After 26 Project is created and dedicated to training and employing those who are developmentally disabled with cognitive impairments and are 26 years of age or older."

The Friends of the Library have discussed partnering with the **After 26 Project**. We hope to enlist the services of the developmentally disabled adults in this program to sell our used books year-round in a most amia-

ble place—the **After 26** coffeehouse/restaurant they plan to open and run in Cadillac.

If you would like to learn more or would like to make a monetary donation to the **After 26** project to help them move forward, please contact Kathy Bloomfield at 231-775-4516.

BOOK REVIEWS

DEAD FLOATING LOVERS

by Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli

If you like reading books with locations you can relate to, this is the book. Buzzelli has a good mystery going on in Northern Michigan locales that most of us can recognize, including Traverse City, Spider Lake, Sutton's Bay, and the town of Leetsville. In real life Leetsville is an abandoned building with the town's name on it, but brought to life by Buzzelli.

Two of the main characters, like many of us, have migrated from down-state and are up in the great north trying to make a living. Throw in floating bodies, Native American lore, romances, a clue-less ex-husband and another one with a wandering eye and you've got a great mystery that leaves you rooting for our two main characters not to make bad decisions when it comes to romance and life.

**Don't bother me,
I'm reading—
who's reading what in
the Cadillac-Wexford area**



Sometimes book club

Tall Pine Polka by Landvik, Lorna

Breakfast Buddies

Boy in the Striped Pajamas by Boyne, John

Welcome book club

One Mississippi by Childress, Mark

Lucky book club

Undomestic Goddess by Kinsella, Sophia

WoW book club

Too Close to the Falls by Gildiner, Catherine

Ladies night book club

Pillars of the Earth by Follett, Ken

Coffee book club

Three Cups of Tea by Mortenson, Greg

Bernadette's Circle

Water for Elephants, Gruen, Sara

WHEN EVIL CAME TO GOOD HART

by Mardi Link

Anyone over a certain age who lived in Michigan in 1968, may remember this real life murder. A family of five murdered and left undiscovered for several weeks until the stench of a "dead animal" got caretakers investigating and discovering a ghastly sight. Good Hart just down the road from Bay Harbor and Cross Village didn't know what to make of people killing their vacationers and neither did police. Forty years later and the case is still unsolved. Lind gives us a chance to review this real life cold case all over again.

Reviewed by Rosemary Rokita

Both of these books are available at the Library.

Meet authors **Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli,**
Mardi Link and Aaron Stander
at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library
on Saturday October 10
See Page 1 for more information

The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.

Abraham Lincoln

A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.

Abraham Lincoln

Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Mission Statement

We invite our community to explore the vast resources and opportunities available to all.

Vision Statement

Cadillac Wexford Public Library will be a cornerstone in our community, providing equal access to information, promoting life-long learning, encouraging the arts with programming for all. We will be committed stewards to the resources entrusted to us, using them to strengthen current and future library services.

LIBRARY AUTUMN HOURS

Cadillac 231-775-6541

Monday thru Thursday 9am—8 pm

Friday 9am—6pm

Saturday 9am-6pm (beginning
9/8/09)

Manton 231-824-3584

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10:00am—5:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday 11:30am— 6:30pm

Saturday 9:00am—12:00pm

Mesick 231-885-1120

Monday 10am—2pm

Tuesday-Wednesday 2pm -6pm

Thursday 2pm—8pm

Friday, Saturday 10am -2pm

Buckley 231-269-3325

Monday—Thursday 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Tustin 231-829-3012

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am—5pm

Wednesday 10am—5pm, 6pm—8pm

Friday 1pm -5pm

Saturday 9am—12 noon

Library Co-Directors—Cathy Tacoma and Kathy Kirch

Library Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public. No meetings in January and February.

Cadillac Wexford County Public Library

411 South Lake St.

Cadillac, MI 49601

231-775-6541

www.cadillaclibrary.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The Library will
be closed on
Saturday
September 5
and Monday
September 7
for rest and
to acknowledge
hard working
Americans

NEW MOON PARTY



Thursday, November 19

in conjunction with the premiere
of 'The Twilight Saga:
New Moon' the movie.

For Teens 13 and up
Food, contests, activities and
giveaways— all free!

Registration begins Oct. 1.

Teens are encouraged to drop
off or email song suggestions for
a New Moon playlist!

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