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Meet award-winning author Ann Patchett

By Jennifer McOuade Owasso Library Manager

Meet the 2014 Peggy V. Helmerich distinguished author award winner Ann Patchett at the Hardesty Library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, where she will present a free public presentation and book signing event.

The Hardesty Library is located at 8316 E. 93rd St. in Tulsa.

Ann Patchett is hailed as one of the most interesting and unconventional writers of her generation. She has dazzled readers for the last two decades with her award-winning books, including The Patron Saint of Liars, Taft, The Magician's Assistant, Bel Canto and Run.

Her most recent work. State of Wonder. is a provocative and ambitious novel set deep in the Amazon jungle.

She also has written several nonfiction works including Truth & Beauty: A Friendship, a memoir about her friendship with writer Lucy Grealy; What Now?, an expansion of her graduation address at Sarah Lawrence College; and, most recently, This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage, a collection of essays that examines the theme of commitment.

The Tulsa City-County Library will be holding several events celebrating Ann Patchett's visit. These events are free and open to the public.

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Upcoming

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· 12:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, Oklahoma Methodist Manor Fleming Center, 4134 E. 31st St. in Tulsa. · 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 AHHA, 101 E. Archer St. in Tulsa.

Amazon and also a journey within, facing her own disappointments and regrets. What will Marina find? This is a novel that will resonate years after reading. Bel Canto

A famous American opera singer performs for a birthday party celebration in a South American Country. Her performance in the vice-presidential mansion comes to a terrifying end as a group of terrorists takes over, hoping to capture the president. Unfortunately, the president decided not to attend the party, so the terrorists instead take the party attendees. They include the opera singer, Roxane Coss, and a number of diplomats from different countries. Days turn into weeks and weeks into months as negotiations drag on for the release of the hostages. Ann Patchett looks into the

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You may bring your lunch and sandwiches will be available for sale. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, the library will present Novel Talk: Music, the Universal Language. Panelists Sloan Davis, assistant English professor, Tulsa Community College; Linda Roark Strummer, former opera singer; and Keith Jemison, librarian, opera singer and avid reader will explore Ann Patchett's Bel Canto.

This event will be held at AHHA, located at 101 F. Archer St. in Tulsa.

Books by Ann Patchett

State of Wonder

Dr. Marina Singh, a pharmaceutical researcher, embarks on a journey to the Amazon jungle when she finds out a coleague has died under mysterious circumstances while searching for a doctor who has disappeared. The missing doctor is her mentor, a famous gynecologist studying a local tribe where women can conceive and bear children well into middle age. While searching for him Dr. Singh faces a harrowing journey into the

sonal essays about her life in this blend of literature and memoir. She writes about her disastrous first marriage, finding happiness in her second marriage growing up on a farm, her father, who is a captain in the police force, opening an independent bookstore, and the hard work and joy associated with being a writer. This book is a beautifully written exploration of the moments that have shaped this gifted storyteller.

Attention — aspiring writers.

Put your skills to the test by entering the 2015 Adult Creative Writing Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries. The contest is open to any person 18 years or older who resides, works or attends school in Tulsa County, or has a nonresident Tulsa City-County Library card.

Cash prizes are awarded. The deadline to enter is Jan. 31, 2015. Visit www.tccl. us/friends/contest for an entry form and more details.

Reminder: all libraries will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and will be closed all day for Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 27.



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