



Celebrating Membership in GLA!

The 2012 membership year began on June 1. We welcome your new or renewed membership at this time. You are invited to join online at gustavus.edu/gla.

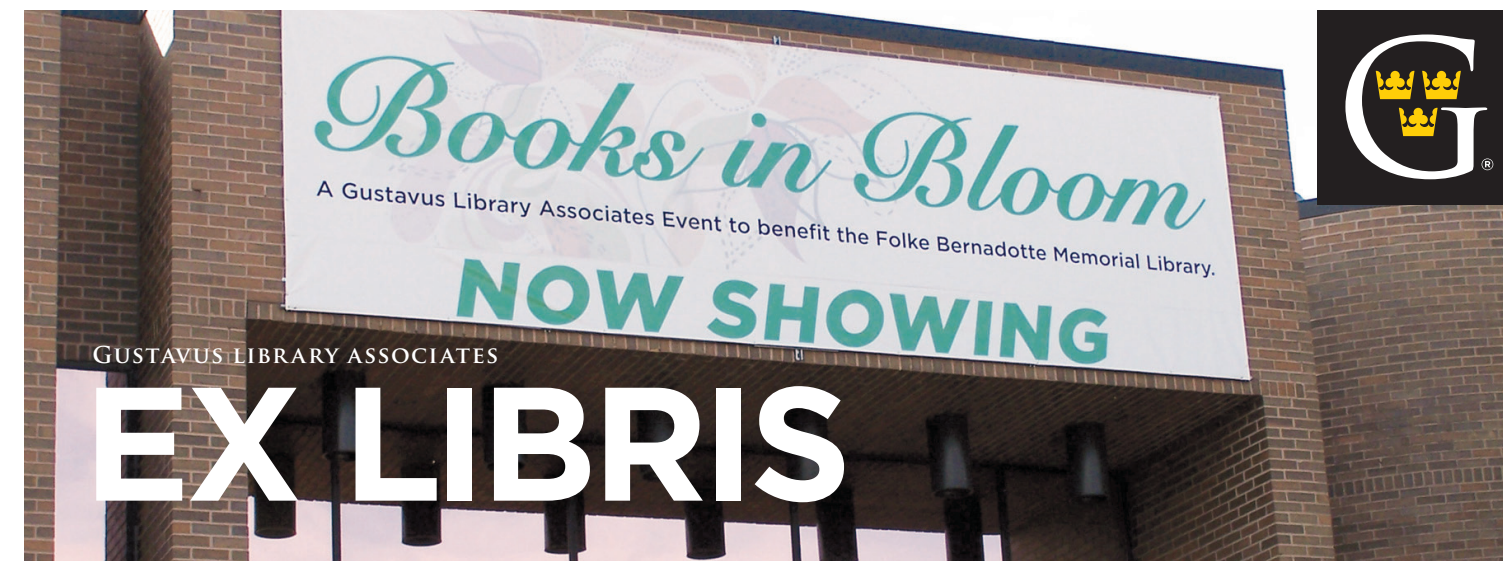
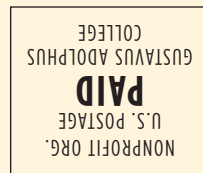
We are often asked, “What are the benefits of being a GLA member?” Benefits include of course invitations to a variety of Gustavus Library Associates events, the *Ex Libris* newsletter, and a published directory of GLA friends, but the real benefit is that—whatever the membership gift level you chose—the entire amount (100 percent) goes directly to the library’s acquisition budget to purchase books, films, technology, and other academic resources for Gustavus students and faculty. So, your “membership gift” in total helps to further strengthen the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library at Gustavus. That’s a true benefit!

To date, there are 296 active memberships in GLA. New members welcomed during the 2010–11 membership year include:

- Amy Adamson '54, Eden Prairie, Minn.
- Lauren Bennett '10, Plymouth, Minn.
- Lorna Breiter '63, Mahtomedi, Minn.
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- Dennis and Patricia '74 Tiffany, Plymouth, Minn.
- Andrea Tysdal '98, Long Lake, Minn.

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‘Books in Bloom’ Bloomed Beautifully!

DEAN WAHLUND, executive director to GLA

The votes are in and the survey comments have been tallied. The inaugural Books in Bloom event hosted by Gustavus Library Associates on Honors Weekend to benefit the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library is deemed an overwhelming success!



Books In Bloom display of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle | Photo by Dana Lamb



Books In Bloom display of *On the Day You Were Born* by Debra Frasier | Photo by Dana Lamb

Gustavus Library Associates, in partnership with the FBML staff, welcomed some 400 visitors to view this unique and colorful exhibition over the May 6–8 weekend. Through the sponsorship of 22 blooms, more than \$11,000 was raised and directed to the GLA Endowment Fund, the annual earnings from which support the Library’s acquisition budget.

Comments on the survey and from conversations with attendees praised the new initiative, saying, “Excellent way to bring the public into the Library and create an awareness of its resources. Books in Bloom should be repeated; the tour gave me ideas for future books to read as well as the pleasure of seeing floral interpretations.” ... “Great fun! Thanks for sparking my imagination!” ... “I hope

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From Your President . . .

“Life can only be understood backwards; but must be lived forwards.”

~ Søren Kierkegaard

Our son just graduated from high school and often uses this as his favorite quote. I like it too!

Gustavus is embarking on a fantastic journey celebrating its Sesquicentennial this fall. No doubt, much of the celebration will reflect on snippets of past memories that become LIVE again. Photos, poems, yearbook scribbles, memories, historical documents all merge to tell the story — to help us understand our past.

Another historic story will unfold this summer as Gustavus Library Associates begins to celebrate its 35th year. What a fitting time to recognize the efforts of GLA's founding members who created an organization to lift up the library. In Michael J. Haeuser's wonderful book, *With Grace, Elegance, and Flair*, I came across the beautiful prayer that was offered by Ruth Hammarberg at the historic first board meeting of Gustavus Library Associates on July 19, 1977. It seems timely (or timeless!) to share a portion, as I hear the passionate voice of respect for the past inspiring the future.

. . . Through Your grace, may this college continue to be the center of learning about Your Word through the collected written words of many men and women in modern and ancient times.

May the writings of philosophers and theologians help us to understand more fully Your depth and wisdom. May the words of poets, storytellers, and lyricists give us insight into mystery and beauty. May scientific books and articles lead us to appreciate ever anew the wonder of creation, its awesome powers and delicate life forms. Let the recorded histories of people and nations remind us again and anew of the diversity within our human family, of our failings to love as You have taught us, and of our constant need for Your life giving love. . . .

The GLA Board elected co-presidents for the next two years. I am grateful to have Bert Ledder at the helm with me, and together we welcome you to join us at any of the GLA events that you will read about in this issue. Your support of and involvement with GLA and the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library deepen our ties with each other, as we understand our rich past and live out our amazing journey ahead!

Reflective summer days to you!

Sheryl Johnson
Co-president, GLA

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Join President Jack and Kris Ohle at the
Gustavus Library Associates'

FALL MEMBERSHIP TEA

Monday, September 19
10:00-11:30 a.m.

President's Home
Gustavus Adolphus College

All friends and friends of friends
are welcome!

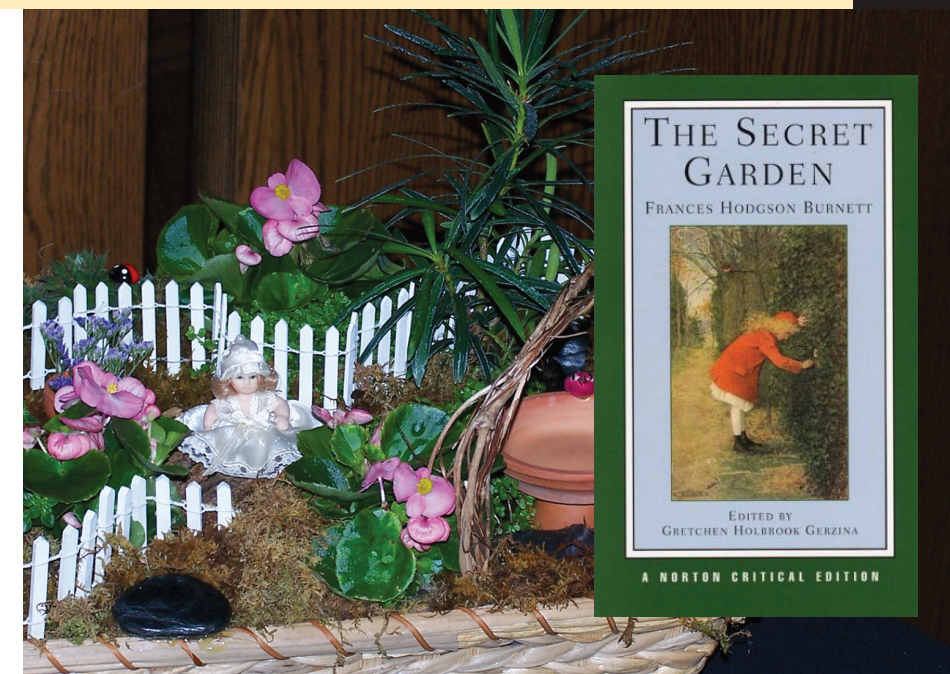


The Festival of St. Lucia is scheduled for
Thursday, December 8, 2011

Festival of St. Lucia! Thursday, December 8!

The GLA's Lucia Luncheon tradition continues on December 8, 2011, with special guest singer/storyteller Ross Sutter. Sutter grew up in a Scandinavian-American home listening to the tales and songs of the immigrant experience. He now shares those songs and stories in his work as a folk musician and storyteller. Ross plays an impressive array of folk instruments—guitar, bodhran, button accordion, dulcimer, bones—but is best known for his singular baritone voice. Ross and his colleagues, Cheryl Paschke and Marya Hart, will perform at this year's celebration of the Festival of St. Lucia on Thursday, December 8, and after at the much-anticipated traditional Scandinavian smörgåsbord luncheon.

Plan to join Gustavus Library Associates in recognizing the sophomore women chosen for the Court of St. Lucia at the 10 a.m. chapel service, and at the 11 a.m. smörgåsbord luncheon. What a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season and embrace the College's roots!



Books In Bloom display of *The Secret Garden* | *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Review: *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

LYNN MCGINTY, reviewer

I have fond memories of reading Frances Hodgson Burnett's book, *The Secret Garden* during the endless days of my tenth summer. Even though I didn't have a care in the world and spent my days exploring, investigating, and imagining, I longed to have the exotic adventures of that little girl so long ago and so far away.

The book centers around Mary Lennox, who helps nurture a garden and a boy to good health, but it doesn't start out that way. In the beginning, Mistress Mary is spoiled rotten and very disagreeable. When everyone around her dies of cholera, she is sent from India to the moors of England to live with her rich uncle. Even before her arrival at Misselthwaite Manor, she is told, "You mustn't expect that there will be people to talk to you. You'll have to play about and look after yourself." Well, this is the reverse of her life to that time, but it proves miraculous to her health and well-being. Her transformation begins when Martha, a young housemaid, presents her with a skip rope and tells her to play outside. As Mary's temperament begins to improve, she makes friends with her sickly

cousin, Colin, with the gardener, Ben Weatherstaff, and with the housemaid's nature-loving brother, Dickon.

In May 2011, while my daughter, Alyssa, and I took in the incredible exhibit that was Books in Bloom, we were both mesmerized by Beth Elskamp's (St. Peter Greenhouse & Floral) lovely flower arrangement depicting *The Secret Garden*. Alyssa whispered her wish to re-read this classic over the summer, which nudged me to read it again, as well.

As an adult, my days of endless exploring, investigating, and imagining are few and far between; however, I again found myself transported to days gone by through this ageless story of hope, determination, and love. I still found the characters vivid and the plot compelling. *The Secret Garden* is a wonderful book to read for an escape to another world where one can feel excitement at the chance of uncovering a mysterious garden, wonder at encountering a sickly boy who believes he is going to die, and delight in watching the garden and boy rejuvenate and thrive.

COMING EVENTS

READING IN COMMON

TWIN CITIES EVENT: Kent Nerburn, author of *The Wolf at Twilight*

Monday, September 12, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
Minneapolis

For more information, contact
Alumni Office at 507-933-7511.

FALL MEMBERSHIP TEA

Monday, September 19, 2011
10-11:30 a.m.

President's Home
Gustavus Adolphus College

47TH NOBEL CONFERENCE: "The Brain and Being Human"

Tuesday & Wednesday
October 4 & 5, 2011

9:30 a.m.
Lund Center Arena
Gustavus Adolphus College
Visit gustavus.edu/nobelconference
for more information.

GLA AUTHOR DAY, with Laurie Hertzell

Tuesday, October 18, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Edina Country Club
Details and invitation to follow.

CHRISTMAS IN CHRIST CHAPEL: "Julljus: Light from the Old World; Light to the New"

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
December 2, 3, & 4, 2011

3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Christ Chapel

Gustavus Adolphus College
Ticket information to follow.

ST. LUCIA LUNCHEON, featuring Ross Sutter, Folk Musician

Thursday, December 8, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Alumni Hall
Gustavus Adolphus College
Invitation will be mailed in October.

Looking Back on a Busy Year

BARBARA FISTER, head librarian

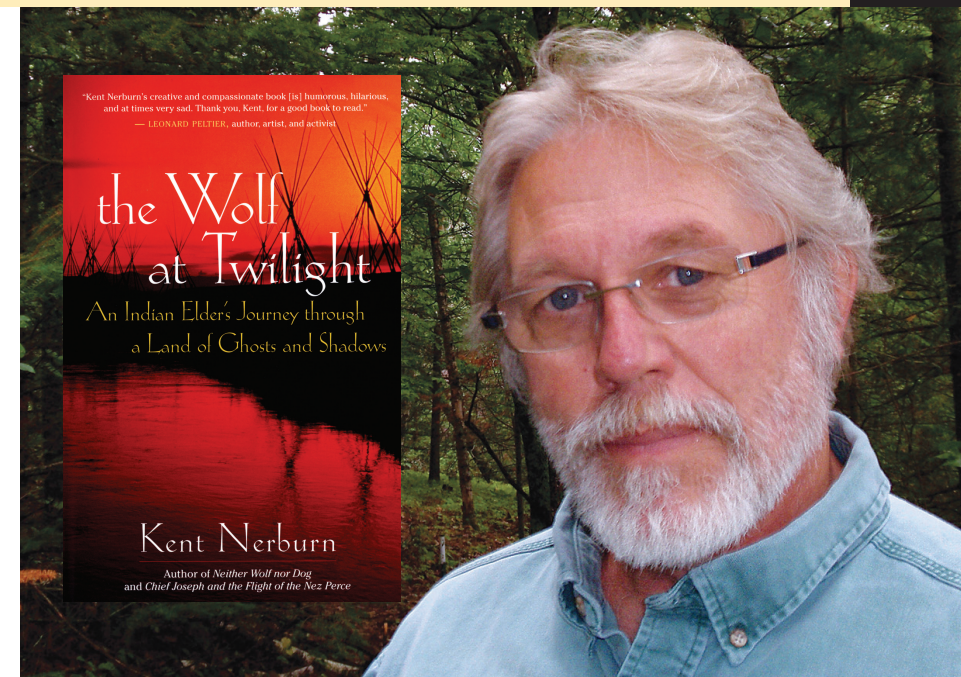
A lot was going on in the library during the College's 149th year! Here are a few highlights:

- In addition to a First Term Seminar and our usual spring semester course, Information Fluency (a seminar for juniors and seniors working on theses or planning to go to graduate school), librarians offered three more courses. In January, students enrolled in Fact and Fiction learned about the ways novelists use research in their work and how they draw on reality to fuel their imaginations. They also examined primary sources in the College Archives and used the study of historical artifacts to jumpstart original creative writing. In Books and Culture, students learned about the role of books and reading in society, presented research projects, read books of their own choosing, contributing their reviews to an online database of recommended reading, and created "zines," altered books, or other creative projects about their reading experience. At the end of the term, the library held a reception for students in these classes as well as students who took a book design course. You can find a slide show of some of their work at <http://bit.ly/ivj3wZ>. Finally, a new course was offered in the spring, a quarter-credit Reading Workshop in which students met weekly for the first half of the semester to read and discuss books. The common book chosen for this initial offering was Rebecca Skloot's *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, which lent itself well to discussion. We are planning on offering a section or two of this class every spring to encourage reading and to help students develop their own list of books to read. Of course, we also continued to conduct hands-on workshops for courses taught across the curriculum, including Chemistry in Context, International Trade and Finance, Mayan Art, and Spanish Film, as well as semester-long lab sections for Analyzing Politics. Decades ago, Odrun Peterson called our library a "teaching library," and we are carrying on the tradition.
- **The digital revolution has finally reached our music collection.** Listening to music has never been so convenient. We have added two subscriptions to streaming music services, Naxos Music Library (the world's largest online classical music library) and the Jazz Music Library to support a unique strength of our music program. We also made great strides by digitizing a large portion of our sound collection, making it available in a copyright-compliant form to on-campus listeners through the library catalog. Kudos to the programmers in Gustavus Technology Services and the library staffers who worked for months to make this innovative project possible.
- **The archives was incredibly busy this year,** not only as a site for teaching and learning but also as we prepare for the College's 150th birthday and in processing, organizing, and digitizing the collection. Jeff Jenson, the College and Church archivist, worked closely with the author of the two books being published for the Sesquicentennial with research and by finding primary sources that will be used to illustrate the volumes. We also are excited to have been awarded a sesquicentennial grant that will fund a digital assets management system, ContentDM, which will provide us an online showcase for College history and will give researchers a chance to use archival material from anywhere in the world. We will also use the platform for highlighting research and creative work by Gustavus students and faculty. Although it will take a lot of work to digitize and catalog our local resources, you can get a sneak peek by visiting the archives' digital collections page: <http://bit.ly/10nV01>.

I think Odrun Peterson would be pleased with the heavy use of the library she helped design nearly 40 years ago, and the library's teaching philosophy that she articulated. The support of Gustavus Library Associates continues to be critical to our success. The money raised by our friends funds a quarter of all of our collections, print and electronic. Membership gifts made by each of you go straight into a budget line for adding new materials, and from there go straight to the shelves—and into the hands of students and faculty. We are so fortunate to be partners with GLA in promoting learning and literature. Thanks for all that you do.



Books in Bloom | Three days and 400+ attendees



Reading in Common Book | *The Wolf at Twilight*, by Kent Nerburn

Books in Bloom continued

this will become an annual event. This is such a cool, unique idea!" The "blooming" event truly surpassed our initial goals of raising significant dollars for acquisitions, making a host of new friends, and having an opportunity to showcase what Gustavus has to offer at the library and across the campus.

Last month at the annual GLA summer retreat, the board thanked the Books in Bloom committee for their superb planning and executing of the event and the executive committee of the board voted to host Books in Bloom again on Honors Weekend, May 4-6, 2012! So, if you weren't one of the 400-plus people at the exhibition this spring, be sure to save these dates for next year! And, should you be interested in sponsoring or designing a "bloom," contact Dean Wahlund this summer at the Office of Marketing and Communication, 507-933-7521, or e-mail marketing@gustavus.edu.

Visit the GLA website—gustavus.edu/gla—to view a video of this wonderful event!

'Reading in Common' Book Chosen

Gustavus Adolphus College has selected *The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts and Shadows*, by Kent Nerburn, as its Reading in Common book for the 2011-12 academic year. The novel is a fictionalized account of actual events in the life of a Lakota elder named Dan, who is faced with the dynamically complicated relationship between white Americans and Dakota Indians.

This is the 12th year of the Reading in Common program at Gustavus. All first-year students are expected to read the chosen book during the summer and will then meet in a group discussion with faculty members and upperclass students during their New Student Orientation.

"This book will introduce most of our readers to another population, another way of life—so geographically close to us yet so far removed from our daily consciousness," said Megan Ruble, director of student activities at Gustavus and coordinator of the Reading in Common program. "It reads like a good

mystery and is hard to put down. At the same time, it uncovers horrible injustices many students won't read or learn about in their history classes. The selection committee is excited to bring this compelling story and gifted storyteller to Gustavus."

In addition to connecting with students in classes and at a public lecture on campus on Sept. 13, Nerburn will present a talk at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. To reserve a place at this Twin Cities event, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 507-933-7511 or RSVP online at gustavus.edu/alumni/events. This event is free and is co-sponsored by Gustavus Library Associates.

Books for the Reading in Common program are chosen based on their literary quality, reading manageability, interdisciplinary nature, and the author's availability for a campus appearance. *The Wolf at Twilight* will double as the fall selection for the St. Peter Reads program.

KEEPING UP

On April 16, *Blank Confession*, a young-adult novel by **Pete Hautman**, Author Day guest in 2005, was named winner of a 2011 Minnesota Book Award in the category of Young People's Literature.

Speaking of the Minnesota Book Awards, nearly 2,000 voters across the state weighed in to select the Reader's Choice Award, which went to our upcoming Author Day guest **Laurie Hertzel**, for her book, *News to Me: Adventures of an Accidental Journalist*, published by the University of Minnesota Press. Hertzel, books editor for the *Star Tribune*, has written a memoir about becoming a print journalist in the 1970s in Duluth.

Phil Bryant '73, professor of English at Gustavus, poet, and author of the "jazz memoir" *Stompin' at the Grand Terrace*, was a panelist in April for "Lineage: American Poetry since 1950" at the Open Book in Minneapolis, one of three events co-sponsored by the National Book Foundation as part of its retrospective on American poetry (the other two events were in New York and Oregon).

State of Wonder, the latest novel from **Ann Patchett** (author of *Bel Canto* and Author Day guest in Spring 1998), has been garnering rave reviews—some critics calling it "one of the best books of 2011."

Advocating the Gift of Literacy

Gustavus grads **John Banitt '91** and **Shannon Freer Banitt '93** give back to their community in Florida, specifically Indian River County, where the illiteracy rate among adults, at 20 percent, is 6 percent higher than the national average. That means that 1 in 5 adults in the county can't read and write well enough to fill out a job application.

John was introduced to Literary Services through his position at PNC Wealth Management. He was having lunch with a client and the two got to talking about Literacy Services. At that time, John was asked to serve on the Literacy

Services Board. Today, John serves as the president of the board. Shannon, who previously served as a volunteer tutor with the program, helps plan and organize fundraising events for the now-40-year-old organization. John argues that the organization is so strong because of the hard work and dedication of the tutors. "The volunteer tutors are the ones who deserve all the recognition and credit around here," he claims. Read more on the Gustavus website, at <http://makeyourlifecount.blog.gustavus.edu/2011/04/14/john-banitt-advocating-the-gift-of-literacy/>.



Prolific and creative, the award-winning Erdrich sisters Lise and Heid charmed the April 7 Author Day gathering at Edina Country Club with readings from their poetry and stories, comments on the Native American experience in Minnesota, and sisterly jibes | photo by Dana Lamb

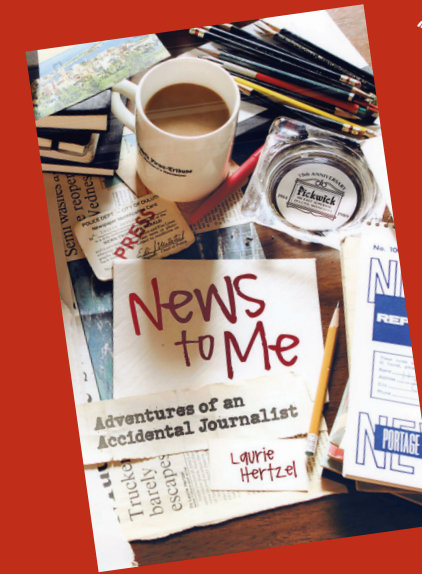
Alumna Librarian Named 'Emerging Leader'

Betsy Appleton '05, electronic resources librarian at George Mason University of Virginia, was recently selected as the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Emerging Leader for 2010–11. The ALCTS annually sponsors one Emerging Leader who has chosen collections and technical services as a career and is a member of the association.

In her current position, Appleton coordinates and manages the university library's electronic resources program through identification, evaluation, licensing,

acquisition, cataloging, and troubleshooting of the electronic resources. In addition, she serves as chair of the University Librarians' Council Professional Development Committee. She volunteers her time by cataloging books for the Lubuto Library Project in Zambia. In 2008 she was the recipient of the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Horizon Award recognizing new leaders in serials.

Appleton won the Patty Lindell Scholarship as a student at Gustavus in 2005.



"When people asked me what I was going to do when I grew up, I told them I was going to go live in a cabin in the north woods of Canada with a bunch of cats, and write. Newspapers slipped my mind . . . until 1976, when I was nineteen and looking for full-time work."

Laurie Hertzel | Author of *News to Me* and the featured Fall Author Day guest

'Accidental Journalist' Will Be Featured at Fall Author Day

MIM KAGOL, Author Day committee

"I was eleven or twelve when I decided that journalism was my future. I loved to write, I loved to snoop, I always wanted to know everything first. Those are pretty much the only qualifications, when you get right down to it. Being only eleven or twelve, I had no immediate job opportunities, but I didn't let that stop me. I launched my own paper and called it, with the imagination of a true journalist, 'Newspaper.' The circulation of this fabulous rag was approximately ten—my immediate family on East Fourth Street in Duluth."

Thus begins *News to Me: Adventures of an Accidental Journalist*. Read even that much, and it's a sure bet you won't easily put this book down, because the author, Laurie Hertzel, really knows how to tell a story. Hundreds of readers agree; they voted it to win the Readers' Choice Award in this past spring's Minnesota Book Awards. And now GLA members will have the chance to hear her.

Hertzel has a warm and personable voice. As you turn the pages of her book, you have the feeling you are sitting right beside

your smart and chatty best friend. She is funny and self-effacing at some times, and objectively serious at others, depending on the story she's recounting. One fluid sentence rolls after another as she recounts her life as a journalist, fiction writer, and editor, starting in the mid-1970s as she served both the morning *News-Tribune* and the evening *Herald* in her beloved Duluth, and growing in her profession—from newsroom clerk to librarian, copy editor, beat reporter, feature writer, news editor, and columnist. Her personal evolution as a writer parallels how journalism and the newsroom were transforming, from then to the present, and we share both journeys, as a series of choices and opportunities brought her to St. Paul and a stint at *Minnesota Monthly* magazine, and finally to her current job as senior editor for books at the *Star Tribune*.

At present, she lives in St. Paul with husband and fellow journalist Doug Iverson and their beloved dogs, Boscoe and Riley. She maintains a lively blog, Three Dog Blog, with daily entries that invite readers to share her thoughts on her love of nature,

walking around the lakes, coping with a head of incredibly thick and curly hair on a humid day ("a Brillo pad, a giant puffball mushroom"), the funeral of a dear friend, the demise of their beloved Toby (the third dog of the blog's title), wild turkeys in the yard, how a banana once saved her life, and so much more.

Besides *News to Me*, she has written two other books: *They Took My Father: Finnish-Americans in Stalin's Russia*, and *Boomtown Landmarks*. She has contributed work to a textbook on feature writing, has published short fiction in various literary journals, and has won numerous national awards for both journalism and fiction writing.

We hope you join us for what promises to be a lively, thoughtful, charming presentation by Laurie Hertzel at GLA's Fall Author Day on October 18. And bring your friends—anyone who loves reading, books, newspapers, dogs, Duluth and the Northwoods, travel, and writing will, we promise, be thoroughly entertained. Watch for your invitation in August.