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Wednesday, February 16, 2011 Program

What: Evening with Valerie Albrecht, writer from Australia

When: Wednesday, February 16th: Informal supper and social hour: 6 p.m.
Meeting and Speaker: 7 p.m.

Where: Third Place Books, 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park.
Commons and Food Court and the Meeting Room adjacent to Kitto's in the Commons.

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Seattle Chapter members and their friends are welcome to join the WNBA Board for an early supper date at 6 p.m. in the dining area of the Commons at Third Place Books at Lake Forest Park. Join us for a social hour and get to know Valerie Albrecht, our speaker from Australia, prior to our meeting and Valerie's talk at 7 p.m.

Valerie writes from her home in the rolling green hills of Northern New South Wales, Australia. She has a Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Pathology, with a double major in psychology. She comes to Seattle as a presenter at Seattle University's **Search for Meaning** program on Saturday, Feb. 5th. www.seattleu.edu/stm/searchformeaningschedule.aspx

She heads up a monthly writers' group and workshop in New South Wales, is the author of **Search for Mother**, and will talk with us about "Writing the Trauma out of Your Body." For more information about Valerie before the program, see her website at www.theoceansofenergy.com.

Writing can be a servant of our truth, offering us a way to understand our truth -- no matter where it seems to come from -- be it a memory, a photograph, a musical cadence or bird song, the smell of gardenias, a dream, or a feeling felt deep within the body. As we write, often we find the words cannot be contained -- they flow unchecked, unthinking, in their sense or non-sense, into journals, stories, prose, poetry, memoirs or simply lists of words ... and sometimes even into newly created words! Writing becomes a diligent magic, and, just as our truths do, an take us from muddle to clarity, and from ecstasy to despair and back.

from Valerie Albrecht's website

Nancy Pearl is named *Library Journal's* 2011 Librarian of the Year

In January *Library Journal* named Nancy Pearl the Librarian of the Year. Nancy was instrumental in the founding of the WBNA Seattle Chapter in 2008, and we congratulate her! *LJ* writes that “no one other than Nancy Pearl has so convinced Americans that libraries, books, and reading are critical to our communities. Her passionate advocacy has done that nationwide for thousands of individual readers and library workers in the trenches at the local level.” She also broadcasts on NPR and TV, and teaches skills of collection development and readers’ advisory to the students at the Univ. of Washington’s Information School. She has written seven books about books (*Book Lust* series). She is very busy as the country’s most well-known librarian, and we are grateful for her participation in our National Reading Group Month program. We wish we could see more of her. Check her website at www.nancypearl.com

Current and Upcoming Events

18th Century Intellectual Revived in Current Play

Arts West, 4711 California Ave. SW, in West Seattle is running (through Feb. 20) a new play by Lauren Gunderson, *Emilie: La Marquise du Chatelet defends her life tonight*. Emilie, known for her translation of Newton which is still used in France today, was a brilliant mathematician and probably the first woman physicist. The story of her short life of 43 years (she lived from 1706-1749) was filled with remarkable achievement, especially so for an 18th century Parisian noblewoman. She was Voltaire’s lover and best friend, as well as a huge influence on his thinking and writing. The play is well worth seeing and quite funny and enjoyable. For more information, go to <http://www.artswest.org/?q=node/187>

Masha Hamilton to be given 2010-2011 WNBA Award on March 12 in New York City

Masha Hamilton, author, journalist, activist, and founder of the Camel Book Drive and the Afghan Women’s Writing Project, will receive the 2010-2011 WNBA Award at the Mercantile Library in New York City on March 12. Her award winning and critically acclaimed novels include *The Camel Bookmobile* (2007) about a traveling library in Africa that brings precious books to villagers. Her latest book is *31 Hours* (2009). For more information about her, see www.mashahamilton.com The WNBA Award has been presented continuously since 1940, at first annually, and since 1976 every other year. 2010-2011 will mark the 53rd presentation of the WNBA Award. Other winners include Nancy Pearl (2004), Doris Kearns Goodwin (1998), and Rachel Carson (1963).

Secret Garden Bookshop’s Book Club to join Seattle Repertory Theatre for March Program

The Secret Garden Bookshop in Ballard is inaugurating a new variation on their popular monthly book club meeting. The March reading will be *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, and during that month (date to be announced) their book club meeting will take place in a special room at the Seattle Rep Theatre in Seattle Center. They will discuss the book and share refreshments and then attend the play version of *Of Mice and Men* in Seattle Rep’s Bagley Theatre. Seattle Rep and Secret Garden are delighted to form this partnership for this event and hope that it will spread to other book clubs and to other plays that are based on popular books. See:

www.seattlerep.org

www.secretgardenbooks.com

By Laurette Simmons, Secret Garden Book Club member and Volunteer for the Seattle Repertory Theatre

Louise Marley to be speaker at March 16 WNBA Program

Louise Marley is a former concert and opera singer who now writes historical fiction, fantasy, and science fiction. She is the author of fourteen novels and a collection of short stories. She teaches for the Long Ridge Writers Group as well as doing writing workshops for adults and young adults. Her topic for the evening will be *The Past as Prologue*, and she will examine how authors use historical detail in fiction. She will also look at the reasons people read historical fiction, what they like to get out of it, and what they expect from it. See

www.louisemarley.com

WNBA Seattle Past Events

Nancy Pearl Moderates Panel of Seven for National Reading Group Month Program at Parkplace Books. On October 26 Mary Harris and Rebecca Swallow, owners of Parkplace Books, hosted a panel of five authors: Jim Lynch (*Border Songs*), Dave Boling (*Guernica*), Robert Dugoni (*Bodily Harm*), Boyd Morrison (*The Ark*), and Carol Cassela (*Healer*), moderated by Nancy Pearl (*Book Lust to Go*). Over 75 attendees enjoyed a lively discussion followed by book signings and refreshments.

Pictured at right: Nancy Pearl and Mary Harris



Holiday Book Fair at Country Village in Bothell

On Sunday, November 21, WNBA Seattle Chapter, the House of Kindness llc, and JJ Books (a new bookstore in Country Village) sponsored a Book Fair featuring over 15 exhibitors and a panel discussion on *The Joys and Jeopardies of Self Publishing*. In spite of snowy weather, it was well attended and enjoyed by all.

*Pictured left: Kendare Blake with Dylan, VP Judy Solberg, and guest Lucinda Clark. Kendare, a new member of the Seattle Chapter, displayed and sold her book, **Sleepwalk Society**. Lucinda from P.R.A. Publishing is a member of the Washington DC WNBA Chapter, and is the publisher of Kendare's book. For more information go to www.kendareblake.com*



*Pictured below: exhibitor Joyce Anderson with her book, **Tellaga and Conred: a Fable for Grownups**, and Seattle Chapter member and exhibitor Marilyn Schoeman with her book **Go! How to Think, Speak and Act to make good things Happen**. More at her website www.GoGreenLightWay.com*

*Pictured below: Treasurer Leslie Adams with exhibitor Paul Hansen and his book, **Turnaround Summer**.*





Pictured above are Judy Solberg, Diane Wright, Barbara Kindness, Marilyn Schoeman, Cathy Rustagi, Judith Strand, and Leslie Adams.

January 19th Tour of New Seattle University Library

On January 19th, the WNBA Seattle Chapter toured Vice President Judy Solberg's new library at Seattle University. Judy told us about the latest trends in university libraries, such as pleasant work environments with the latest computer networks which are open longer hours to students. The multi-storied library features many study and instruction rooms with the latest in instructional technology. After an impressive tour, we ended the evening with dessert in the faculty study room, a beautiful setting with a view of the Seattle skyline. See www.seattleu.edu/library/

WNBA: Who We Are

The Women's National Book Association was established in 1917, before women in America even had the right to vote. WNBA is a broad-based non-profit organization with some 800 members across the country. Our mission: promote reading and support the role of women (and men) in the community of the book.

The purposes of WNBA are educational and charitable. WNBA came into being to inform both women and men about matters relevant to themselves and the book world so that we can inform and help one another.

That's what we still do, through bringing together women and men who are active in the world of books; educating and informing the public about the need to create, produce, distribute, and use books; responding to requests for information about books and the allied arts and generate and support projects that help to disseminate such information; serving as a catalyst for all in the book community who wish to work together, and promoting recognition of women's achievements in the book industry.

For information about joining our organization, contact any of our board members on the front of this Newsletter for a brochure explaining more with a membership form.



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