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Your Lockport Public Library... An Open Door Update

The library will experience its busiest October in recent history with three special events!

The third annual One Book One Community program features author David Ebershoff and his title, The 19th Wife. The bestselling book intertwines two narratives, one a historical thread about the 19th wife of the 19th century leader of the Mormon Church who became an anti-polygamy activist; and the second a modern-day murder mystery set on a polygamous compound in Utah. The program will culminate with an author visit by David Ebershoff who will provide a talk at the library on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm, followed by a book sale and signing. The library will host a book discussion featuring the title on Tuesday, October 13th at the library. All are welcome and no prior registration is required. The Friends of the Library sponsor the program.

The Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting will feature a program presentation by Ann Marie Linnabery of the Niagara County Historical Society, titled "Building Up the Celestial Kingdom: A Mormon Woman's Journey through Polygamy", at the library on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of The 19th Wife are available for purchase at the Library on Floor 2 at a cost of \$10.00. Copies will also be available to purchase the evening of the program.

The inaugural program of the **John S. Koplas Memorial Lecture series will feature readings and commentary by Joyce Carol Oates** on Friday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. The library, in cooperation with the Koplas Family, has established this lecture series in honor of John S. Koplas' devotion to teaching and to celebrate his lifelong passion for learning. Ms. Oates is a native Lockportian who is one of the country's most prolific and versatile contemporary writers. She is the author of more than 70 books including novels, short story collections, poetry volumes, plays, literary criticism and essays. Ms. Oates is currently a Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University. Tickets become available on September 25th at the following locations: Lockport Public Library- Floor 2, Historic Palace Theatre, and Mills Jewelers. Tickets are available at no cost.

The **Outstanding October Used Book Sale** will feature books, audio books, magazines, VHS tapes and DVDs in good condition at fabulously low prices. The Friends of the Lockport Public Library coordinate two book sales annually. This is a great chance to purchase gifts for the holiday season or reading for those cold winter nights at home. Hardcover books will be \$1.00 each and paperbacks are \$.50 each. Children's books will be \$.50 for hardcover and \$.25 for paperbacks. Canvas bags are available free to anyone who purchases at least \$10 worth of materials at the sale. Sale proceeds are used benefit the library by supporting the purchase of new materials or sponsoring programs for the community. Members of the Friends are welcome to attend a preview sale on Thursday, October 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sale hours are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16th and 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17th.

Please check out our newly redesigned Web site for more information on library events and programs, the library catalog, reading recommendations, our monthly newsletter etc., at www.lockportlibrary.org.