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Popular Children's Authors to Appear at 10th Annual Authors in Chelsea Event.

Beginning Tuesday, March 12, Chelsea District Library (CDL) will present the **10th annual Authors in Chelsea (AIC)**. This two-day event, featuring nationally-recognized children's authors, includes assemblies and workshops for more than 1,000 first through sixth grade Chelsea students along with an opportunity for the public to meet all three authors in an evening event. In celebrating its 10th anniversary, AIC will have brought thirty-one noteworthy authors to Chelsea who have in turn inspired about 10,000 students with the power of writing.

Working with North Creek Elementary students this year is Edgar Award-winning author, Dori Hillestad Butler. Butler's works include three popular series: *The Buddy Files*, *The Haunted Library*, and *King & Kayla*. Newberry Honor Medal winner Cynthia Lord will be visiting third through fifth graders at South Meadows Elementary. She is the author of *The Shelter Pet Squad* series as well as *Rules*, *Half a Chance*, and *A Handful of Stars* to name a few. Beach Middle School sixth grade students will have the opportunity to work with Scott O'Dell Award-winning author of *Trouble Don't Last*, Shelley Pearsall. Two of her other novels, *All of the Above* and *The Seventh Most Important Thing* are ALA Notable Books.

Students in each school have been provided with more than 300 copies of their visiting author's books. These books allow students and teachers to prepare for each author's visit and will become a permanent part of their classroom libraries. The purchase of these books was made possible through a grant from the Chelsea Education Foundation and support from the Friends of the Chelsea District Library. Each authors' books are also available for checkout at CDL.

In addition to their time in the classrooms, this year's distinguished guests will be featured at **An Evening with the Authors**, which is open to the public and free of charge. The event will take place on Tuesday,

March 12 at 6:30pm in the Washington Street Education Center boardroom located at 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to hear each author share their journey into the world of writing, participate in Q&A sessions, and get your books personally signed by the authors. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Just Imagine. The first 20 families to arrive will also receive a free book!

For further information about the Authors in Chelsea program, please visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org/authors-in-chelsea/.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. The Library currently serves 15,010 residents in the Chelsea area including the City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. More than 16,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

About: Chelsea Education Foundation: The Chelsea Education Foundation provides funding for a wide spectrum of educational activities to benefit the residents of Chelsea, Michigan. A non-profit, tax-exempt organization, friends and supporters organized CEF in 1990 to provide a link between school, business, and community to help strengthen Chelsea's future.

About: Friends of Chelsea District Library: The mission of the Friends of Chelsea District Library is to provide financial assistance for special Library programs, and to supplement materials and equipment; to increase the visibility of the Library in the community; provide volunteer aid to the Library; and to recognize Library staff annually.

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