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Two Local Grants Awarded to Chelsea District Library for Authors in Chelsea Program

Chelsea, Michigan | February 3, 2017 — The Chelsea District Library has been awarded two grants in support of its 2017 Authors in Chelsea program. Authors in Chelsea brings nationally known authors to Chelsea schools, providing children close contact with award-winning authors to explore the power of writing, and encourages students to read and appreciate literature. Authors in Chelsea takes place each year in March and also includes an evening Author Meet & Greet for the entire Chelsea community.

The Chelsea Education Foundation awarded the Library \$1,500 to help pay for books by the visiting authors for school classrooms and media centers, and the Friends of Chelsea District Library awarded the Library \$2,500 to assist in paying authors' appearance fees. This year's program will see participation from 1,025 children in grades 1-6.

"We could not offer this great program without the financial support of the Chelsea Education Foundation and the Friends of the Chelsea District Library," says Karen Persello, Head of Youth and Teen Services at the Chelsea District Library. "This is our eighth Authors in Chelsea, and it promises to be a very inspiring and memorable experience for the community."

"This year, we are excited to have visits from authors Jennifer Jacobson, Gordon Korman, and Lynda Mullaly Hunt, on March 22 and 23. Because of the generosity of these two local fundraising organizations, Chelsea schoolchildren will be offered the unique opportunity to attend presentations on writing from each author."

About The 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.

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About the 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.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 15,100 residents in the Chelsea district, which includes the City of Chelsea and the Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Sylvan townships. Approximately 16,000 individuals visit the library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

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