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**Bartlesville Public Library to showcase Oklahoma authors**

The Bartlesville Public Library will host 10 Oklahoma authors during its annual Author Showcase event set for 1-4 p.m. this Saturday.

Citizens can meet and chat with local and area authors on the second floor of the library, located at 600 S. Johnstone Ave. Books will be available for sale, and authors will autograph purchases.

“This is a great event that gives local authors a forum in which they can connect with their readers and showcase their work,” said Interim Transitional Library Director Shellie McGill. “We are very excited to be hosting this event, and we hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity and come out to support these great talents.”

**Authors scheduled to appear:**

**Heather Davis**

Bartlesville resident Heather Davis writes for the Examiner-Enterprise and MetroFamily Magazine, and is the author of five award-winning books, three ebooks and one collaborative fiction novel. Her books include “TMI Mom: Oversharing My Life,” TMI Mom: Getting Lucky,” “TMI Mom: Crazy on Board,” TMI Mom: Girlfriend Rules and Life with Extra Cheese.”

**Jonita Mullins**

Jonita Mullins is author of “Journey to an Untamed Land,” which tells the story of the first mission established in Oklahoma. A frequent speaker on history and its preservation as well as inspirational topics for churches and civic groups, Mullins grew up and attended school in Haskell.

**Sharon Reese**

Sharon Reese is the founder and CEO of Centralized Core, which offers training and mentorship contributing to the growth of centering women to maximize personal breakthroughs and purpose. Reese provides job coaching, mentorship and leadership development using a variety of assessments and methodologies.

### **Danny Alexander**

Bartlesville native Danny Alexander has been writing about music for close to three decades. He's worked for The Kansas City Star and a number of alternative presses, but he's best known in the music industry for his association with rock critic Dave Marsh as an editor of "Rock & Rap Confidential. His just-released "Real Love No Drama: The Music of Mary J. Blige" is the first book-length appreciation of the artist dubbed "Queen of Hip Hop Soul."

### **Margery Kisby Warder**

Bartlesville resident Margery Kisby Warder has told stories her entire life, and had her first book published in 2009. A Christian author and speaker, Warder is the author of several books, including "Christmas Musings," "Elizabeth's Prodigal," "Mary's Journey Back to Bethlehem," "My Very Own Christmas Story," "Twelve Times Through" and "Unto All Generations."

### **Mary Coley**

Mary Coley, a finalist in the 2016 Oklahoma book awards, is the author of four published mysteries: "Cobwebs" in which the featured character discovers her aunt has kept deadly secrets and "Ant Dens," in which she investigates the disappearance of her stepfather, and "Beehives," a tale about a hermit's death and her mother's darkest secret. Coley's fourth mystery is entitled, "The Ravine."

### **Jennifer McMurrain**

Bartlesville resident Jennifer McMurrain is an Amazon best selling author with her historical fiction series, "Quail Crossings." In "Quail Crossings," readers follow Dovie Grant and the Brewer clan as they navigate through the Great Depression, the turmoil leading up to World War II in "Return to Quail Crossings," and the aftermath of the second Great War in "Missing Quail Crossings." McMurrain is also the author of "Winter Song," a contemporary romance.

### **Rita Durrett**

With more than 35 years in the field of education, Rita Durrett has insight and knowledge about American families, their inner turmoil, instability and resilient structure. This, along with living in the Midwest, has exposed Durrett to people as unique and inspirational as the land from which they come. Bits and pieces of each of these

personalities help her to create memorable characters that come alive on the page. Durrett will feature her book, “Keeping Secrets,” at the April 23 event.

### **Christine Jarmola**

Christine Jarmola, the recipient of the 2015 OWFI Lifetime Member award and five FOL awards, has published “Murder Goes to Church,” a murder mystery, “Do-overs,” a time travel novel for Young Adults, and “Kill the Cat,” a collection of cat-inspired short stories. Her work also appears in “Chicken Soup for the Soul: Angels Among Us” and “Chicken Soup for the Soul: Merry Christmas!” She also co-authored the novel, “A Weekend with Effie” and pens the blog, “Devotions from the Resident Heretic.”

### **Marilyn Boone**

Marilyn Boone is an award-winning author, the mother of three and the grandmother of twins. Boone has been featured in the Wordweavers Anthology, the collaborative novel “Weekend with Effie” and “Chicken Soup For The Soul.” Her first novel, “Heartstrings,” is the story of a young woman who is torn between loyalty to her family, her music and, quite possibly, new love.

The come-and-go event is open and free of charge to anyone wishing to attend.