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Extended hours

July 1 - 7th every day
10 - 7

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Monday	10 - 4
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Greetings!

Summertime brings some of our favorite things. In addition to long days we are enjoying reconnecting with summer friends. Thanks for stopping by. We value your continued loyalty. In return we offer a great selection, lively conversation, attentive service and the sense of community.

Come in and introduce yourself to our newest employee. Cole is with us for the summer until he starts a grad program late August. He recently moved back to the area from Colorado. His interests run toward the non-fiction. You will find him both helpful and charming.

Book Launch Party & Signing

My Extra Best Friend by Julie Bowe

July 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Julie Bowe, author of the Friends for Keeps series, has written the final book in the series: *My Extra Best Friend*. In this book, Ida goes to summer camp and it just so happens that her friend who had moved away at the beginning of the series, in the book *My Last Best Friend*, is at the same camp the same week! Come and listen to part of the story, learn a few camp songs and camp crafts, and enjoy some "s'more trail mix". Julie will be available to sign books immediately following the story time at Redbery Books. For more information and to order, click [here](#).



Singer by Kerry Casey, a Northwoods Favorite

July 7th at 3:00 p.m.

Time digital booklight features a bright 3 LED light on an adjustable arm and an integrated clip to attach the bookmark to the pages of your favorite book.

Best of all, it has a digital timer/clock to get the reluctant reader started.

Just like every work out, start with a small goal and set the timer. Gradually add minutes and see the results. These work great for the reluctant reader!



Click [here](#) to buy

**Redbery Storytime
at The Cable Natural
History Museum
Thursdays 10:00 am**



**July 5
My Extra Best
Friend**



SMALL TOWN LIFE CAN BE EPIC.

In *Singer*, the highly anticipated sequel to *Fall to Grace*, the love of a gifted four year-old boy and his single mother are the only hope for Cory, a hardened young man who can't seem to outrun tragedy. Richly emotional, picturesque, and thought-provoking, *Singer* reunites readers with HomeSky, Pat, and the Sheriff, as well as unforgettable new characters. It's time, once again, to be swept away by Kerry Casey's storytelling. It will leave you laughing, crying, and turning pages late into the night. For more information and to order, click [here](#).

***The Waters of Star Lake* by Sara Rath**

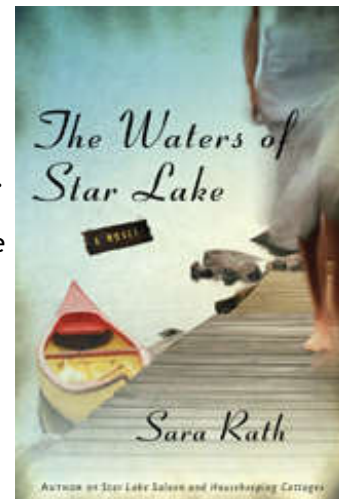
We are disappointed to report that Sara, due to family medical issues, has canceled the signing. You may have seen our ads and press releases elsewhere advertising this event. Please spread the word. We apologize for the inconvenience. We think you'll want to read the book, meeting her or not.

We in the area fortunate to have talented writers who appreciate the northwoods and who write about it. Sara Rath has written a sequel to her *Star Lake Saloon & Housekeeping Cottages*.

She has created another tale peppered with eccentric, delightful, and the occasionally onerous characters. Entwined with the Northwoods lore of gangster criminals her tale captures the quirky nature of us Northwood inhabitants. Many of these characters are so original that I long to see them again soon. Beware the story begins with a wolf and dog encounter: If you caught Sara's interview on WPR she stated that her book club members told her if the dog dies they will not read another book by her. The dog doesn't die.

Another local connection: Sara has consulted with DNR celebrity Adrian Wydeven for the wolf research done for the book. Adrian is listed in the forward of the book.

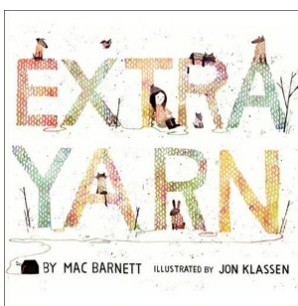
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Summer Reading

How important is summer reading for the children in your life?

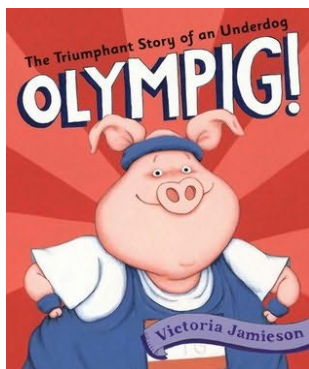
Reading Is Fundamental states "Something is waiting for many children every summer, and their parents don't even know it's out there. It's called the "summer slide," and it describes what happens when young minds sit idle for three months. Children who do not read over the summer will lose more than two months of reading achievement. Summer reading loss is cumulative. By the end of 6th grade children who lose reading skills over the summer will be 2 years behind their classmates."



July 12
Knots of Yarn!



July 19
Let's Go Fishing



July 26
The Summer Olympics

Redbery Storytime is for kids of all ages, filled with stories, songs, poems, crafts, and games. Bring your kids and grandkids!


Redbery Books can help you and your child select books. We also offer a program called grandreads in which a grandparent or other adult can arrange with us to have personally selected books sent to a child on a regular basis. Click [here](#) to learn more.



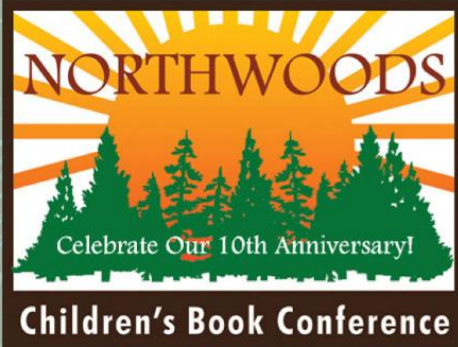
Northwoods Children's Book Conference 2012

Amidst the splendor of autumn, deep in the Northwoods, you'll find an outstanding group of presenters and attendees who come together each fall in a spirit of camaraderie and exploration.

For: Librarians, Media Specialists, Educators, Writers, and Readers




Rob Reid
Keynote Speaker




October 18-19, 2012
Heartwood Conference Center near Minong, Wisconsin
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Marge Loch-Wouters
Two Sessions



Karen Cushman
Skype Book Club



Patti Sinclair
Summer Reading

The Northwoods Children's Book Conference is 10 years-old and there are some exiting changes in store!

Last year, we tearfully said goodbye to T.E.F.I. as a sponsor, and this year we joyfully welcome the new nonprofit organization Agate Woods Education, Inc. Other sponsors include Northern Waters Library Service, Redbery Books, and the Children's Literature Network.

This year's location is the **Heartwood Conference Center** near Minong, Wisconsin. Dates are October 18 - 19, 2012.

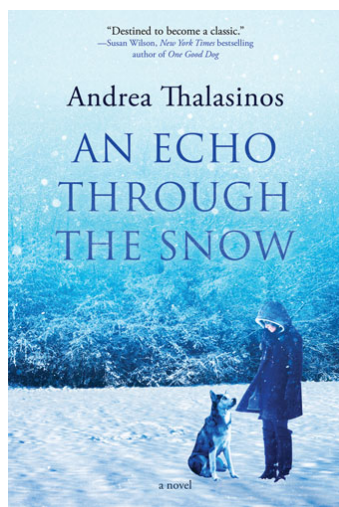
Redbery Books will be hosting a writer's retreat at the conference, hosted by Lisa Bullard, Laura Purdie Salas, and a special guest editor. For more information, click [here](#).

To find out more information about the Northwoods Children's Book Conference or to register, please visit www.northwoodsbooks.org or visit the Facebook page by clicking [here](#).

BOOK BUZZ: Staff Reviews

Jan Recommends...

An Echo Through The Snow
by Andrea Thalasin



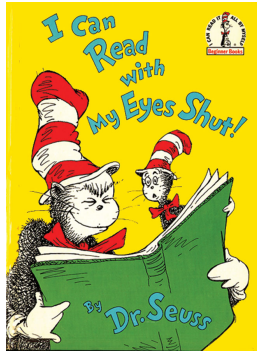
Sled dogs, northern Wisconsin and a good story weaving the past and present makes this book a fast read and thoroughly enjoyable. The author has obviously spent time in the Bayfield area getting to know the people, the area and the love of competitive sled dog racing.

Ms. Thalasinios cleverly ties in a 1929 displaced Siberian family and their devoted "guardian" dogs with a present day heroine and her single act of kindness rescuing a neglected sled dog. This one act sends her on a journey of self discovery and understanding of the past as well as the

possibilities for her future.

I recommend this book to dog lovers as well as people who like reading about "Up North". A great combination! Get your copy [here](#).

Jan is currently spending time at her Idaho retreat but will be back on staff in August. Ask her about her two huskies when you see her. (She also loves to talk about books).

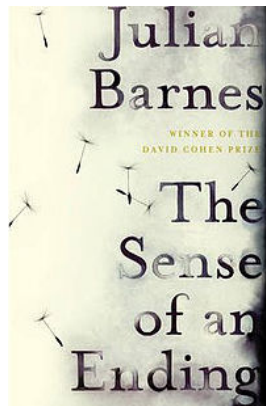


"The more that you read
The more things you will
know. The more that you
learn the more places you'll
go."

Dr. Seuss

Jane Recommends...

The Sense of An Ending by Julian Barnes



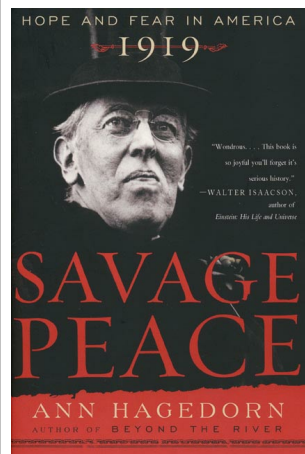
This year's Booker Prize winner (Britain's Best Novel of the Year award) is as startling as it is provocative. Seemingly prosaic memories from college days lead Tony Webster to adhere to erroneous conclusions about bygone events and relationships. Through this skewed lens, Tony's awareness of nuances are obscured and he plows blindly on. Through Tony's misreadings, Barnes, in this richly written tale, insightfully probes the question of how we remember and who we think we are. Read it [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

- *July 5, 10:00 am
Redbery Storytime &
Book Launch with Julie
Bowe
- *July 7, 3 - 5 pm
Book Signing with author,
Kerry Casey
- *July 12, 10:00 am
Redbery Storytime
- *July 19, 10:00 am
Redbery Storytime
- *July 26, 10:00 am

Cole Recommends...

Savage Peace: Hope & Fear in America, 1919 by Ann Hagedorn



Ann Hagedorn brings the year 1919 to life in her compelling portrait of America in that tumultuous year. She begins with the immediate aftermath of WWI and focuses on Woodrow Wilson's struggle to create the League of Nations and ensure everlasting peace; she examines the extensive networks of domestic spies and the fanatic fear of Bolshevism or any revolutionary mentality; she recalls the censorship and even imprisonment of those who publicly challenged the government; she confronts the brutality of life for black Americans who still faced horrific lynchings and institutionalized racism; she even touches on some of the extraordinary scientific and


technological achievements occurring at the time. Her broad sampling of events renders the historical moment in high-definition and imparts a

Redbery Storytime

*Oct. 18 - 19

Northwoods Children's Book Conference

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A Link Worth Your Time.

Have you caught up with [Ted's Blog](#) on our web page? Ted facilitates our men's group. He also recently served on the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award Committee. This year the award went to *Fire Season: Field Notes From a Wilderness Lookout* by Philip Connors. Connors is a former Wall Street Journal editor who, by whim and serendipity, left his financially secure New York office job to become a seasonal (April to August) fire lookout stationed in a mountain-top tower in New Mexico's Gila National Forest. He's still there, and Fire Season is his month-by-month account of why.

Read Ted's thoughtful and informative review of why the book was selected for this honor [here](#).

powerful sense of what it was like to be here in 1919. The story moves at a pace befitting the epic drama, at times becoming a page-turner sure to hold your attention.

In the end, Hagedorn excels at capturing America - not the mythologized, infallible "city on the hill" - but a battleground of ideas, principles and lifestyles, fought by a people torn between the lofty rhetoric of the founding documents and fear of new ways of structuring society. The stories she tells and the narrative she weaves paints a world eerily familiar to our own: domestic surveillance, immigration, militarism, racism, radicalism, fear and ignorance. Her work makes it easy to see that while technology might continually progress, we're still fighting battles that have raged for ages. Highly recommended! Get your copy [here](#).

Now it's time to sit on the dock, under a tree, or in a hammock with a good book. We think Roald Dahl got it right with this quote from *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*:

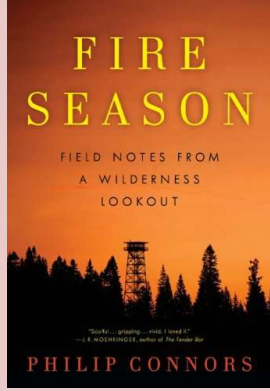
"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

Thanks for reading our newsletter. If you found something here you like, we hope you will click through to OUR webpage to order rather than an online competitor or stop in the store.

Sincerely,



Bev, Cole and the rest of the staff.



Fire Season
by Philip Connors

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