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LIBBA BRAY RETURNS TO DENTON FOR JOYCE THOMPSON LECTURE

Bestselling author and former Denton resident Libba Bray is the guest speaker for the 2007 Joyce Thompson Memorial Lecture at Texas Woman's University. The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 in the Multipurpose Classroom and Laboratory (MCL) Auditorium on TWU's Denton campus.

A reception and book signing will follow the presentation, titled "I'm Trying to Tell You, but You're Not Listening: What It Means to Write for the Teen Audience." For more information, contact Sherilyn Bird, director of the TWU Libraries, at 81-3770 or at sbird1@twu.edu.

Ms. Bray's books *A Great and Terrible Beauty* and *Rebel Angels* have been named to the *New York Times* bestseller list. She also has contributed short stories to the anthologies *21 Proms*, *Restless Dead* and *Up All Night* (HarperCollins, spring 2008). Her third novel in the Gemma Doyle trilogy, *The Sweet Far Thing*, will be published by Delacorte in December 2007.

Ms. Bray's books have been named to the American Library Association's Best Books for Young Adults and the Texas Library Association's Tayshas Reading List. She received the NAIBA (New Atlantic Independent Bookseller Association) Young Adult Book of the Year Award in 2005 and 2006, and was the recipient of the 2007 Iowa High School Book Award. Her plays have been produced in Dallas, Houston, Austin, Los Angeles and New York City, and the movie rights to her trilogy have been optioned by Icon Productions.

Ms. Bray grew up in Denton and, as a student, was active in the Denton Community Theater. She is the daughter of Nancy Bray of Denton, a TWU master of arts graduate and a distinguished teacher who retired from the Denton Independent School District after many years of teaching at Strickland Middle School and Ryan High School.

The 2007 Joyce Thompson Memorial Lecture is hosted by the Friends of the TWU Library. The lecture series highlights American literature and culture and honors the memory of Dr. Joyce Thompson, TWU professor of English from 1975 to 1992.

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TWU DRAMA PRESENTS ‘ALICE IN WONDERLAND’ WITH PUPPETS

The Texas Woman’s University drama program puts a new twist on a classic tale with an adaptation of “Alice in Wonderland” that features puppets and music.

Performances will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8; at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. All performances will take place in the Redbud Theatre Complex, located on the northwest side of historic Hubbard Hall on TWU’s Denton campus. Tickets are \$10 for children, students and seniors and \$12 for adults. For reservations or more information, call the TWU box office at 81-2020.

Based on Lewis Carroll’s *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, this version follows Alice (portrayed by Brandianne Kramer of Haltom City) down the rabbit hole and into a world where she encounters puppets in the roles of the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar and more. Cast and crew will build more than 70 puppets to make Carroll’s whimsical tale come alive on stage.

The TWU performance is only the third production of the adaptation by co-creators Lake Simons and John Dyer, both of New York. The first performance was at Fort Worth’s Hip Pocket Theatre, and it most recently was performed off-Broadway at the HERE Arts Center in New York City. Ms. Simons is the director/choreographer for the production, and Mr. Dyer composed the music.

Professional artist Nikki DeShae Smith will design the lighting, and TWU master’s degree candidate William Walker will design and create the Edwardian costumes for the production. Crystal Holub of Irving serves as stage manager, and Christina Williams is the assistant to the director.

The ensemble cast includes Samantha Bianchini of Keller; Crystal Bratton of Plano; Colleen Carroll of Irving; Tiffany Felty of Denison; Brittany Fowler of Decatur; Georgana Jinks of Sachse; Elizabeth Lambert of Trenton; Jill Laney of Fort Worth; Daniel Pucul of Sherman; Kami Rogers of Watauga; Clay White of Whiteface; and Gerald Young of Denton.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the “People” section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member’s related activities.

NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

The **TWU College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series** will be held at 12:25 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Stoddard Hall room 308. The session, which is free and open to anyone interested, is titled “Global Foreign Exchange Intervention Policy Coordination: Macroeconomic Impact on the Japanese Economy (1985-2003),” with presenters Dr. Michiko Hayhurst and Dr. Mark Tengesdal from the TWU School of Management. For more information about the series, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at 81-2343 or ssouris@twu.edu.

Poetry About 9/11: Mark Smith-Soto’s poem “Manhattan Buddha” will be the topic of discussion during the **Professor’s Corner**, scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Denton South Branch Library, 3228 Teasley. The presenter, Dr. Haj Ross, a linguist from the University of North Texas who works with poetry, will invite participants to share poems they have found or written that were inspired by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at 81-2343 or ssouris@twu.edu.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit “People” items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Condolences are offered to the family and friends of **Kathleen Varner**, a TWU alum and member of the TWU speech therapy faculty from 1947 to 1973. Ms. Varner passed away Oct. 23, 2007 in Dallas. A memorial service was held Nov. 2, 2007, at the Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Dr. **Jake Blosser** (history and government) and his wife, Kathy, on the birth of their son, William Matthias Blosser. The baby was born Oct. 11, 2007, weighing 9 pounds and measuring 20.25 inches long.

Colleen Ferguson (Lifelong Learning) has been selected as one of the Meeting Professionals to Watch in 2008 by *ConventionSouth* magazine, the South’s leading meetings industry magazine. Ms. Ferguson will be profiled in the December 2007 issue of the magazine. She has been at TWU since 1989 and has overseen the planning and development of hundreds of continuing education opportunities, community enrichment courses and conferences that draw participation from TWU and the Denton community, as well as international visitors.

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John Cissik (Fitness and Recreation) co-authored the book “Training for the 40-yard dash,” published by Coaches Choice.

Joanna Lipoma (occupational therapy-Dallas) was recognized as Academic Educator of the Year at the 2007 Texas Occupational Therapy Association Mountain Central Conference.

Dr. **Sandra Cesario** (nursing-Houston) recently published an article titled “Seatbelt use in pregnancy: History, misconceptions and the need for education” in *Nursing for Women’s Health*, 11(5), 474-481.

Joan Edwards and Dr. **Sandra Cesario** (both nursing-Houston) were delegates at the Women Deliver Global Conference in London Oct. 18-20. Nearly 2,000 people from 109 different countries attended the conference, which celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Safe Motherhood Initiative.

Dr. **Robert Martin** (School of Library and Information Studies) was part of the U.S. delegation to the UNESCO General Conference in Paris Oct. 15-20, where he participated in the unveiling of the World Digital Library, a cooperative program between UNESCO and the U.S. Library of Congress. Dr. Martin is a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and serves on the commission’s Executive Committee.

Dr. **Robert Martin** (School of Library and Information Studies) participated in the 4th China-U.S. Library Conference, an invitational conference organized by the American Library Association and the National Library of China. The theme of the conference, which was held Oct. 23-25 in Dublin, Ohio, was “Cooperation Among Libraries, Museums, and Archives Within and Between China and the U.S.” Dr. Martin presented a paper titled “From Cooperation to Collaboration to Convergence: Evolving Perceptions and Realities of Cultural Heritage Resource Agencies.”

Faisal H Aboul-Enein (nursing-Houston) is part of a team of nurses from around the world who have launched the first-ever Evidenced-based Nursing website called MORE (McMaster Online Rating of Evidence) EBN (Evidence-based Nursing) system. This program was designed by nurses and to be used for nurses. Mr. Aboul-Enein contributed by working as an adviser and reviewer in the launch of this program. This collaborative work is in conjunction with McMaster University in Canada. For more information, visit <http://plus.mcmaster.ca/benplus>

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 5-18, 2007

- Mon., Nov. 5 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Nov. 6 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Joyce Thompson Lecture with guest speaker Libba Bray, 2:30
p.m., MCL Auditorium. Free. 81-3770.
- Wed., Nov. 7 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Thur., Nov. 8 -Library 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Opera presents "Opera Royale, License to Thrill," 7:30
p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.
-TWU Drama presents "Alice in Wonderland," 4 p.m., Redbud
Theatre Complex, northwest side of Hubbard Hall. \$10 children,
students and seniors; \$12 adults. 81-2020.
- Fri., Nov. 9 -Library 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness
and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Opera presents "Opera Royale, License to Thrill," 7:30
p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.
-TWU Drama presents "Alice in Wonderland," 8 p.m., Redbud
Theatre Complex, northwest side of Hubbard Hall. \$10 children,
students and seniors; \$12 adults. 81-2020.
- Sat., Nov. 10 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "Alice in Wonderland," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.,
Redbud Theatre Complex, northwest side of Hubbard Hall. \$10
children, students and seniors; \$12 adults. 81-2020.
-TWU Open House, Denton campus, 8:30 a.m., Hubbard Hall. 81-
3014.
- Sun., Nov. 11 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "Alice in Wonderland," 2 p.m., Redbud
Theatre Complex, northwest side of Hubbard Hall. \$10 children,
students and seniors; \$12 adults. 81-2020.

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- Mon., Nov. 12 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Nov. 13 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Guitar Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Little Chapel. Free. 81-
2500.
- Wed., Nov. 14 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Faculty Spotlight Series, 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. Free.
81-2343. "Global Foreign Exchange Intervention Policy
Coordination: Macroeconomic Impact on the Japanese Economy
(1985-2003)" with Dr. Michiko Hayhurst and Dr. Mark Tengesdal,
School of Management.
- Thur., Nov. 15 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-DanceMakers Fall 2007 Concert, 4 p.m., MJPH. \$8 general, \$6
students/seniors, \$4 TWU students. 81-2086.
- Fri., Nov. 16 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-DanceMakers Fall 2007 Concert, 4 p.m., MJPH. \$8 general, \$6
students/seniors, \$4 TWU students. 81-2086.
- Sat., Nov. 17 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-DanceMakers Fall 2007 Concert, 4 p.m., MJPH. \$8 general, \$6
students/seniors, \$4 TWU students. 81-2086.
- Sun., Nov. 18 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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