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Brookings, SD

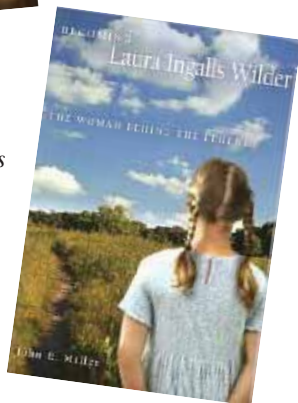
**Wednesday,
April 7
12:00–1:00 p.m.**

John Miller taught American history at the University of Tulsa and South Dakota State University for three decades. Since then, he has been a full-time writer and historian. His seven books include three on Laura Ingalls Wilder and one on small towns in South Dakota called "Looking for History on Highway 14." He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri and his M.A. and Ph.D. Degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He is currently working on a book about small-town boys from the Midwest, including such figures as Sinclair Lewis, Johnny Carson, and Ernie Pyle.



*Laura Ingalls
Wilder and Rose
Wilder Lane*

*Becoming
Laura Ingalls
Wilder: The
Woman
Behind the
Legend*



**Carole
Achterhof**
Spirit Lake, IA

**Wednesday,
April 14
12:00–1:00 p.m.**

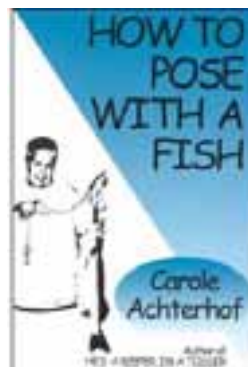


After 22 years and 1144 columns, Carole Achterhof recently retired as a humor columnist for over 50 newspapers in Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. A former high school English and Spanish teacher, she continues to be a public speaker and entertainer. Her most popular keynote topic, "It's Better to Crack Up with Laughter than Crack Up with Stress", has been presented in over 140 cities in 19 states. Carole is the author of five humor books, which are distributed nationally. They include: Never Trust a Size Three, Potato Chips are Vegetables, Life with a Channel Surfer, He's a Keeper, I'm a Tosser, and How to Pose with a Fish. After attending Hope College in Holland, MI, and the University of Iowa, Carole graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She and her husband Roger, the parents of three grown daughters, live near Spirit Lake, IA.



*He's a Keeper,
I'm a Tosser*

*How to
Pose with
a Fish*



The Jackson County Library is hosting six authors and one illustrator during the Jackson Spring Brown Bag programs. This is a great-looking series! They will speak to us, share their books, discuss how they got ideas and involved in writing their books, and what their future plans are. Come and meet them all!

If you would like to bring a sack lunch with you, feel free to do so. We will have coffee and tea available.

We look forward to seeing you at our first author visit on March 10 at noon and the following five programs. All programs are on Wednesdays at noon with the exception of our second program which will be on Tuesday, March 16 from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Due to limited seating, please call the Jackson Library to pre-register at 507-847-4748.

JACKSON LIBRARY HOURS:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday – 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Sunday – Closed

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Jackson County Library

2010 Spring Brown Bag Programs

Author Visits/Book Signings

Jackson Library Meeting Room

**March 10, 16, 24, 31
April 7, and 14**



Jean Tennant

Everly, IA

**Wednesday,
March 10
12:00–1:00 p.m.**

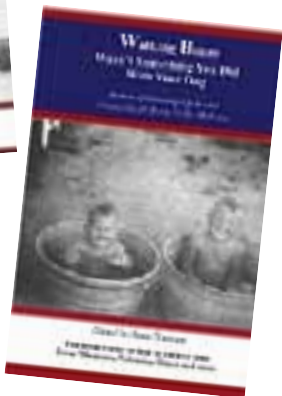


A native Californian transplanted to the Midwest, she was first published in short stories more than thirty years ago. Her first book, a Silhouette YA titled “Playing House,” was published in 1986, followed by six horror novels between 1987 and 1992. She has adapted one of her novels, “Wild Card,” to a screenplay. Though out of print, these books are still available through Amazon.com under the name Jean Simon. After more than a decade of devoting herself to freelance work, and as a news correspondent for the Sioux City Journal, she’s turned to the tough, time-consuming, frustrating and ultimately rewarding world of publishing. Shapato Publishing was founded in 2008 and is going strong. In addition to all of this, she’s a member of the Arts on Grand Writers’ Group, which meets twice a month. She lives in Iowa with her husband, Grover Reiser. They share their home with Kirby, a Westie mix, a Samoyed named Dakota and a calico cat named French Fry, all of which were adopted, either from a shelter or from people who could no longer care for them.



Knee High by the Fourth of July: More Stories of Growing up in and Around Small Towns in the Midwest

Walking Beans Wasn't Something You Did with Your Dog: Stories of Growing Up in and Around Small Towns in the Midwest



Nathan Jorgenson

Fairmont, MN

**Tuesday,
March 16
6:00–7:00 p.m.**



Nathan Jorgenson was born and raised in Minnesota, and still lives in the spectacular lakes region of the North. His first novel, *Waiting for White Horses* won the Benjamin Franklin Award for Best New Voice in Fiction. “The only goal I had in writing *Waiting For White Horses* was to tell a good story, and hopefully to allow my imagination to merge with that of the readers.” In October of 2007 Nathan Jorgenson’s second novel *The Mulligan*, a story of second chances was introduced. It is the story of a good guy, Joe Mix, a man who sought something a little deeper from this life. Joe was unfulfilled by the money and status that came with a successful career. In the end, he just couldn’t reconcile his increasing dissatisfaction with a life he had been living for everyone but himself.



Waiting for White Horses



The Mulligan

Paul Zoch

Jackson, MN

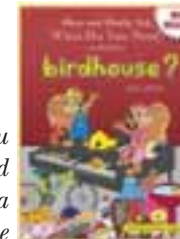
**Wednesday,
March 24
12:00–1:00 p.m.**



Paul grew up in the Twin Cities. He was diagnosed with dyslexia in elementary school and has always struggled with reading and writing. After graduating from high school, he studied dental laboratory technology. In 1980, he moved to Jackson, MN and opened a dental laboratory. Paul credits his wife, Karen of nearly 26 years, for truly teaching him to read. “What Do You Need to Go Camping?” was Paul’s first illustrated children’s book. The story is based on a game he played with his children when they were young. The release of Paul’s second book “What Do You Need to Build a Birdhouse” offers a new adventure. Paul lives with his family where he spends as much time as he can in the forest, enjoying the fresh air, wildlife, and most of all, the beautiful night sky.



What Do You Need to Go Camping?



What Do You Need to Build a Birdhouse?



Blaise Jacobsen, illustrator

Jackson, MN

Blaise Jacobsen is a freelance Illustrator, web designer, and painter. He teaches Art at Southwest Star Concept High School in Okabena, MN and Round Lake High School in Round Lake, MN. He has been teaching for six years and doing commissioned artwork for 12 years. Blaise has a 7-year-old son Gavin, who attends JCC Riverside Elementary, a girlfriend Dustene Campbell who is a dental hygienist, and a bulldog named Bill Brasky. Blaise is a graduate from Jackson High School and Minnesota State University, Mankato with a Bachelor of Science in Art Education. He resides in Jackson, MN.

Chad Lewis

Eau Claire, WI

**Wednesday,
March 31
12:00–1:00 p.m.**



Chad Lewis will talk about his adventures in ghost hunting. Chad is the author of a series of midwestern travel guides with a supernatural slant. Chad Lewis is a Paranormal Researcher and Author. Chad holds a Master’s of Science degree in Applied Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Chad has trekked across the world in search of the paranormal. From tracking vampires in Transylvania and chasing the Chupacabras in Puerto Rico, to searching for the elusive monster at Loch Ness, and chasing ghosts in Ireland’s castles, Chad brings over 14 years of research experience to his presentations. He is also the co-author of The Road Guide to Haunted Locations series.



The Minnesota Road Guide to Haunted Locations



The Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations