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### **Kentucky Authors to Discuss Recent Books at Library**

**SHELBYVILLE, Ky.**—Kentucky natives and authors Steve Flairty and Kim Michele Richardson will discuss their recent books *Kentucky Everyday Heroes, Vol. 5*, and *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, respectively, at the Library later this summer.

Steve Flairty's series, *Kentucky Everyday Heroes*, highlights Kentuckians who work for the good of their neighbors and the community without seeking—or receiving—recognition for their good deeds. Flairty will discuss volume five of this series, which includes a section about Shelbyville-native Jessica Collins and her philanthropic efforts. Collins, who founded the organization A Place to Sleep, will be at the event to autograph copies of the book and 40% of the proceeds will go to A Place to Sleep. In addition to serving as a venue for literary discussion, the evening serves as part of A Place to Sleep's ten year anniversary celebration.

“The worst-kept secret about librarians is that we love books. That's why we at the Library are always happy when we can introduce the community to some of their favorite authors and spark a little knowledge of and excitement for lesser-known authors,” said Adult Services Librarian Shana Schack. She continued with: “Steve (Flairty) calls attention to people who do great things without asking for attention and we're happy that Jessica Collins will be in attendance at Steve's discussion.”

Kim Michele Richardson's book, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, tells “a powerful message about how the written word affects people—a story of hope and heartbreak, raw courage and strength splintered with poverty and oppression, and one woman's chances beyond the darkly hollows.” (Quote from Richardson's [website](#).) Richardson's website describes her as a best-selling author, native of Kentucky, and an advocate for the prevention of child and domestic abuse.

Library Director Pamela Federspiel said “The Brown Bag Book Club will read *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* for our August meeting. The club members are excited to be able to meet the author of what promises to be a great book! We're proud and excited to join the ranks of other libraries like the Los Angeles Public Library, who interviewed Kim (Michele Richardson) about her book on May 16 of this year.”

Discussion of Flairty's book will be held on July 29 at 6 PM in the Carnegie Library Center and Richardson's discussion will be held on August 26 at 6 PM, also in the Carnegie Library Center. The Library asks that attendees register online ([scplibrary.net](http://scplibrary.net)) or by calling the Library at (502) 633-3803. The Library will give away four copies of each book the night of the appropriate discussion to randomly drawn names of those preregistered.

The Shelby County Public Library is located at 309 Eighth Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky. The Carnegie Library Center, the Library's event space, is located at 731 College Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky. SCPL was built in 1903 as a result of a grant from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The SCPL campus provides more than 30,000 square-feet for public use. Library cards are free for every resident of Shelby County, and allow the cardholder access to more than 50,000 items including books, audiobooks, DVDs, and numerous online resources.

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