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ELMHURST READS Program To Conclude With Author Visit From Joyce Carol Oates

ELMHURST, IL — Award-winning author **Joyce Carol Oates** visits Elmhurst March 19, 2009. Her appearance will be the culmination of the Elmhurst Public Library's first annual ELMHURST READS program.

EPL and the Friends of the Library present **Joyce Carol Oates in Person!** at 7:30 PM March 19, 2009. Because of the overwhelming interest in Ms. Oates' visit, the library will hold this event at the 1,000-seat Hammerschmidt Chapel on the campus of Elmhurst College.

This event is free, however tickets are required for entry. They may be picked up at EPL from the Welcome Desk or 2nd Floor Information Desk. A valid EPL card must be shown to pick up tickets. There is a limit of 4 tickets per cardholder. For more information about this program, including parking information, visit www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org or call 630-279-8696.

Oates was selected as the author of the first ELMHURST READS series because of the amazing variety and quality of her writing. One of America's most prolific authors, Oates has written novels, plays, poetry, short stories and non-fiction. Her topics have ranged from fictional chronicles of American lives at different points in history to horror, suspense, and even a book on boxing. Several of her works have been made into movies.

Joyce Carol Oates is a recipient of the National Book Award, the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction and the Prix Femina. She is the Roger S. Berlind Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University, and she has been a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters since 1978.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. EPL offers the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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