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ELMHURST READS: Joyce Carol Oates

ELMHURST, IL — Award-winning author Joyce Carol Oates is coming to Elmhurst March 19. Her appearance will be the culminating event in the Elmhurst Public Library's first annual ELMHURST READS program, which is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. This new program will get people talking about books and authors in a different way. Starting in February, several Elmhurst College faculty members will explore the major themes of Oates' writing in a series of public programs at the library that will include lectures, film and book discussions, and even a dramatic reading of two of her short stories.

Oates was selected as the subject 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.

See the list below for the schedule of events and check www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org or call the Information Desk at 630-279-8696 for program updates. Tickets for **Joyce Carol Oates in Person!** may be picked up at any of the Elmhurst Reads programs (see next page for details) or starting March 1st at the Welcome Desk or 2nd Floor Information Desk. Tickets are free, however a valid EPL card is required. There is a limit of 4 tickets per cardholder.

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ELMHURST READS: Joyce Carol Oates 2009 Events

All events held in Meeting Room 2 at the Elmhurst Public Library unless otherwise noted

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 @7:30PM and Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 @2:00PM

Why Joyce Carol Oates Matters

Dr. Ron Wiginton, associate professor of English at Elmhurst College, will kick off ELMHURST READS: Joyce Carol Oates with a presentation exploring the importance of her works in American culture.

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 @7:30PM

Dramatic Reading of *Hi! Howya Doin!* and *Valentine, July Heat Wave*

Directed by Elmhurst College Assistant Professor Janice Pohl, and featuring Professor Dr. Lance Wilcox and students.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 @7:00PM

Showing of *Smooth Talk*

The film version of *Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?* Discussion afterward.

Thursday, March 5, 2009 @7:30PM

Discussion of *The Museum of Dr. Moses*

Dr. Janice Tuck Lively leads a discussion of Oates' 2007 short story collection.

Thursday, March 12, 2009 @7:30PM

Discussion of *The Gravedigger's Daughter*

Dr. Dianne Chambers leads a discussion of Oates' 2007 novel.

Thursday, March 19, 2009 @7:30PM

Joyce Carol Oates in Person!

Author Joyce Carol Oates visits Elmhurst to give a reading and lecture. Held at Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel on the campus of Elmhurst College.

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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