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Elmhurst Public Library Hosts Actress and Activist Marlee Matlin

Elmhurst, IL – is joining libraries across the state of Illinois to host award-winning actress and Illinois native Marlee Matlin. In celebration of Deaf Awareness Month, Matlin will share the highs and lows of her Hollywood career and journeys as an activist. The event will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m.

The youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar for her film debut in *Children of a Lesser God*, Matlin's acting career never slowed down. She went on to receive Emmy nominations for her television work including roles on *Seinfeld*, *The West Wing*, and *Law & Order: SVU*. Most recently, her Apple TV+ film *CODA* swept every category it was nominated in at the 2022 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

In addition to acting, Matlin starred on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*. She has written three children's novels, a bestselling autobiography, and released an app to help teach American Sign Language to millions of smart phone users.

A longtime advocate for deaf rights, Matlin continues to break down barriers for herself and others through her acting, awareness, and writing.

"The only thing I can't do is hear," says Matlin. "The rest is there for the taking."

This inspiring conversation will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter.

This event is presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present, a collaborative effort designed to bring virtual events with bestselling, esteemed, and diverse speakers to library patrons across the state. More than 140 libraries have joined the second season of Illinois Libraries Present which is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

A Conversation with Marlee Matlin will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14. Registration is required to receive information to join the live Zoom event. To register, visit elmlib.org/author. This virtual event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit elmlib.org or call (630) 279-8696.

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[PHOTO ATTACHED] Marlee Matlin

