

People & Places: Library's Chapters fundraiser to feature three acclaimed novelists

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Feed your needs for food, literature and conversation — and help ensure that more people will be able to enter and enjoy the world of books — at Chapters: An Evening of Books, Bards and Bites.

This fundraising event, presented by the Tulsa City-County Library and the Tulsa Library Trust, benefits the library's Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service and is held during National Literary Awareness Month.

The 2015 Chapters will have as its featured guests three acclaimed novelists, who will be on hand to talk about their work and sign copies of their books, which will be available for purchase. A portion of the book sales will also be donated to the Hardman Adult Literacy Service.

Tulsa attorney **Lauren Smith** is the author of several series of romance novels, including the “League of Rogues” historical series, a trio of novels that make up the “Surrender” series of contemporary romances and the paranormal romance “Blood Moon on the Rise.”

Keija Parssinen, a graduate of Princeton University and the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she was a Truman Capote fellow, is the author of two novels: “The Ruins of Us,” which won a Michener-Copernicus Award and was long-listed for the Chautauqua Prize, and “The Unraveling of Mercy Louis,” released earlier this year and described by the New York Times as “deliciously dark and sumptuously gothic.” This fall, Parssinen will join the faculty of the University of Tulsa as an assistant professor of English.

Marisa de los Santos is the author of three New York Times best-sellers: “Love Walked In,” “Belong to Me” and “Falling Together.” She also co-wrote with her husband, David Teague, two middle-grade novels, “Saving Lucas Biggs” and the forthcoming “Connect the Stars.”

Supplying appetizers, wine and dessert are Barnes & Noble, Bodean Seafood Restaurant, Creative Catering by Sherian, HoneyBaked Ham of Tulsa, India Palace, KEO Asian Cuisine, Napa Flats,



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Tulsa attorney Lauren Smith has written several romance series. **MATT BARNARD/Tulsa World**

Oklahoma Joe's, Oliveto Italian Bistro, Panera Bread, Pepper's Grill, Ranch Acres Wine & Spirits, Reasor's, Sweet Devotion Cakery, Toni's Flowers & Gifts, Tulsa Library Trust, Whole Foods Market, The Wild Fork and Yokozuna.

Event details: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

Attire: Casual

Sponsors: Charles and Marion Weber Foundation, Gelvin Foundation, Lauren Liles and Dick Ekdahl, Linda and Douglas Farquharson, Susan and Bob Mase, Lynn and Bill Peacher, Dr. Bernard and Marcy Robinowitz, Dr. Bruce and Beverly Dieterlen, Donna and Will Farrior, Terry and Mike Fenner, Janie and Earl Funk, Margaret and Curt Holdridge, Robert J. LaFortune

Tickets: \$50. To reserve, call 918-549-7494.

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