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34TH ANNUAL MARY CALLETTO RIFE YOUTH LITERATURE SEMINAR

Presented by the Kalamazoo Public Library

ON THE EDGE

READING, TEENS, TRANSFORMATION

AUTHORS @ THE ZOO

Meet bestselling authors **Holly Black** and **Robin Wasserman**. Ask them questions about their books, their lives, and their work as writers. They'll sign their books and tell you how they create their fantastical and horrifying worlds.

Thursday, November 3, 6:30 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St.

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Featuring **Holly Black** and **Robin Wasserman**

How do teens approach reading? Why do they devour dark literature — what one commentator labeled “desperation lit”? What attracts teens to stories about fantastic, bizarre, even horrifying characters, events, and worlds? How do these gritty, unsettling contemporary books compare to those written earlier?

Holly Black and Robin Wasserman, both authors of books for kids and teens, will explore these issues together. During their first conversation, they'll discuss edgy subject matter and the darkness in YA; in the second, they'll talk about strong female characters, sexism and misogyny, and other gender concerns in teen literature.

Registration required; \$40 includes lunch. Call 553-7807 or register online, www.kpl.gov/youth-lit.

Friday, November 4, 2011 • 8:30 am to 4 pm
Registration check in begins at 8 am

Fetzer Center
Western Michigan University



SPEAKERS

Holly Black



Holly Black collaborated with her long-time friend Caldecott Award-winning artist Tony DiTerlizzi to create the bestselling *Spiderwick Chronicles*, adapted into a film in 2008. *The New York Post* called the five-book series "vintage Victorian fantasy." Her other books include *The Modern Faerie Tale* series, *The Good Neighbors* graphic novel trilogy (with Ted Naifeh), and her new *Curse Workers* series.

Robin Wasserman



Robin Wasserman's *Seven Deadly Sins* series, recently adapted into a Lifetime original movie, features seven teens "determined to get what they want when they want it." Other books include *Hacking Harvard*, *Chasing Yesterday*, and the dystopian *Cold Awakening Trilogy*. She's putting the finishing touches on her new novel, *The Book of Blood and Shadow*, a murder mystery that crosses continents and centuries.

Barry Goldblatt

Barry Goldblatt opened his own literary agency in 2000, after twelve years of working in the publishing industry. He represents a wide range of bestselling and award-winning authors, in all age groups and genres, including both Holly and Robin. In his presentation, "The Future's So Bright," Barry will reveal why he believes publishing for kids and teens will continue to thrive.



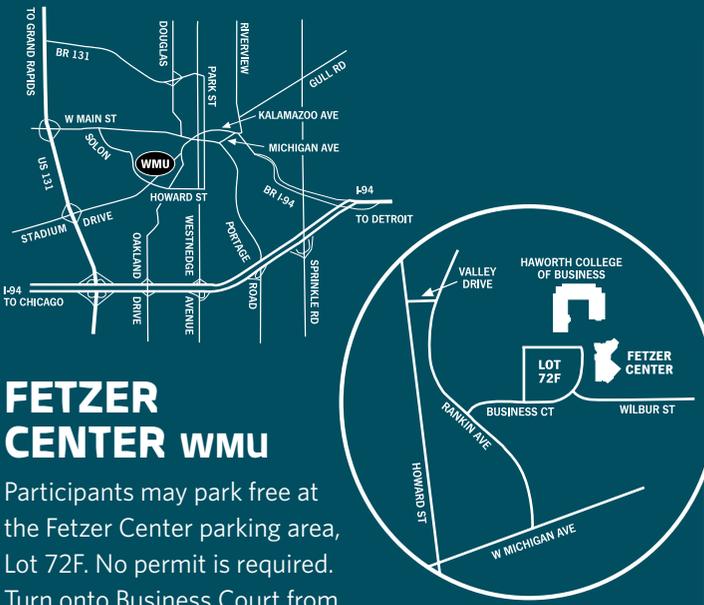
Eli Neiburger

Eli Neiburger, associate director for IT & Production at Ann Arbor District Library and author of *Gamers... in the Library?*, ponders what's changed about reading. In "Text, Teens, and This Century," he'll suggest that this century can simultaneously be the best thing that ever happened to reading and the worst thing that ever happened to books, but maybe, just maybe, it will be OK.



Cindy Dobrez and Lynn Rutan

Cindy Dobrez and Lynn Rutan have each chaired the American Library Association's Best Books for Young Adults committee and the Michael L. Printz Award committee. Cindy and Lynn co-author the Bookends Blog for *Booklist Online* from Holland, Michigan, reviewing and recommending books for preschoolers through teens (<http://bookends.booklistonline.com>). They will reprise their very popular talk about the best recent books and what's on the horizon for tweens and teens.



FETZER CENTER WMU

Participants may park free at the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F. No permit is required. Turn onto Business Court from Rankin Avenue to reach Lot 72F.

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am** Registration
- 8:30 am** Greetings
- 8:45 am** Cindy Dobrez & Lynn Rutan
- 10:00 am** Holly Black & Robin Wasserman
- 11:00 am** Barry Goldblatt
- 12:00 pm** Book Signing
- 12:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:15 pm** Eli Neiburger
- 2:30 pm** Holly Black & Robin Wasserman
- 3:30 pm** Book Signing



REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is required by **Friday, October 28, 2011**. Complete the form below and send with payment. The full \$40 seminar fee includes lunch. College students with valid ID may attend the seminar **ONLY** for just \$10 or seminar plus lunch for \$20. Questions? Please call 269-553-7807.

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