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Award-winning author Ann Patchett to speak at Fayetteville Public Library

Celebrated author Ann Patchett will give a talk at Fayetteville Public Library Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Patchett is the author of seven novels and three nonfiction titles. “Bel Canto,” published in 2001, was the recipient of both the Orange Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. Her most recent novel, “Commonwealth,” spans five decades and explores themes of inspiration, interpretation and the ownership of story. The book was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Prize. In addition to her books, Patchett has written for numerous publications, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, “GQ” and “Vogue.”

Patchett is also the cofounder of Parnassus Books, an independent bookstore in Nashville. Patchett founded Parnassus with friend Karen Hayes in response to the city’s lack of a local bookstore.

Patchett currently resides in Nashville with her husband, Karl VanDevender, and their dog, Sparky.

Patchett’s talk is in conjunction with the library’s FPL Author Series, which aims to bring high-interest authors to the community. Recent speakers in the series include Erik Larson, Bob Woodward and LeVar Burton.

For more information about Patchett’s appearance at the library, contact Willow Fitzgibbon, director of library services, at 479-856-7210. You can also email her at wfitzgibbon@faylib.org.

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