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Elmhurst Public Library Hosts Visiting Children's Author

ELMHURST, IL — The Elmhurst Public Library hosts Children's Author Laurie Lawlor as part of its celebration of the fifth anniversary of the library building's grand opening, Saturday, October 4, 2008.

Laurie Lawlor, author of many popular children's and young adult books such as *Addie Across the Prairie*, *He Will Go Fearless*, and *Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit*, will be speaking at the library from 1:00 – 2:00 PM in Meeting Room 2. After her talk, Lawlor will autograph copies of her books, which will be on sale at the program. Attendees may also bring books from home to be signed. The program is for children in grades 1-8 (parents are also welcome). Free tickets are available at the Kids' Library Help Desk with a valid EPL card.

Lawlor's visit is being sponsored by an anonymous donor, who is a longtime Elmhurst resident. Last summer's EPL appearance by author Peg Kehret was sponsored by the same generous donor.

"We're so happy to welcome children's author Laurie Lawlor to Elmhurst Public Library. She's a talented and prolific writer who has published many books appealing to a wide array of readers. It's a special treat for Elmhurst residents and students to meet Ms. Lawlor and listen to her discuss writing and publishing." said Eileen Matthies, Kids' Librarian at EPL.

Laurie Lawlor grew up in a small mountain town in Colorado. She attended journalism school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. For many years, Lawlor worked as a freelance writer and editor before devoting herself on a more full-time basis to the creation of fiction and nonfiction for children and young adults. She is a part-time faculty member at Chicago's Columbia College, where she teaches writing and facilitates teacher workshops. Lawlor lives in Evanston, Illinois.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. The Library provides 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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