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Reading Season at Landmark Center

Landmark Literati, book series, welcomes three local authors

Saint Paul, Minn. (March 1, 2016)—Landmark Center's popular series for book lovers and fans of local authors, *Landmark Literati*, kicks-off its season March 9, followed by events April 21 and May 14. All *Landmark Literati* events are open to the public and free with a reservation.

“Landmark Literati’s focus is on local authors or topics of local interest,” said Judy Brooks, Landmark Center’s Director of Community Programs. “We are fortunate that the Twin Cities has a vibrant literary community, and each season we find new and fascinating stories that we can’t wait to share.”

March 9, Twin Cities' authors Tom H. Swain and Lori Sturdevant will discuss their local bestseller, *Citizen Swain: Tales of a Minnesota Life*, at 12 p.m. in Courtroom 317. Swain has been a mayor, a University of Minnesota vice president, a chief of staff to a Minnesota governor, and a member and chair of numerous nonprofit and civic boards. In his memoir, this community pillar, discusses how his leadership in both business and public arenas have left an indelible mark on the Twin Cities community. The book, written with local journalist and author Lori Sturdevant, has garnered glowing reviews from Twin Cities’ media for its in-depth presentation of the achievements and life of Swain. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and talk with Tom Swain, who will also sign copies of the book, published by the University of Minnesota Press.

April 21, local businessman, historian, and author Jim Stoplestad will be the *Literati* presenter at 12 p.m. in Courtroom 326. Stoplestad’s book, *Custom House: Restoring a St. Paul Landmark in Lowertown*, chronicles the history and revival of the historic Art Deco Post Office and former Custom House building on Kellogg Avenue in downtown Saint Paul. His meticulous research offers beautiful maps, illustrations, photographs, and insights for anyone interested in the history of Saint Paul. Published by White Pine Press, in collaboration with the Ramsey County Historical Society.

May 14, Steve Yoch, a highly rated speaker and author of *Becoming George Washington* will discuss his book at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 326. Yoch’s book has received wide praise and extensive media coverage, including selection as a "fall read" by the *Pioneer Press*. A far cry

from the powdered haired General or President presented in most George Washington biographies, Yoch's engaging work reveals young Washington through repeated harrowing battles in the French and Indian War as well as discussing the highly controversial, although well documented, affair between Washington and Sally Fairfax. Yoch, an attorney and partner at Felhaber Larson, grew up in Minnesota, attended Boston College, and then returned home to study law at the University of Minnesota.

Books will be available for purchase at their respective events or attendees are welcome to bring their own copy for the authors to sign. Admission and light refreshments are free, but due to limited seating, reservations are required. To reserve your space, or for more information, contact Judy Brooks at 651.292.1239 or jbrooks@landmarkcenter.org. *Landmark Literati* is presented by Landmarket Gift Shop and is sponsored by Minnesota Landmarks.

About Landmark Center

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3063 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

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