

**Cavalcade of Authors  
Three Rivers Community  
Foundation**



Dear Patrons,

Cavalcade of Authors is collaborating with WSU Tri-Cities, Three Rivers Community Foundation, and Barnes and Noble to present a literary/writing conference for middle and high school students in Eastern Washington. The program is comprised of two components: 1) students reading novels from 16 featured authors and 2) a writer's conference led by these featured authors to be held at WSU Tri-Cities, April 21st, 2018.

Approaching its 11th year, the Cavalcade of Authors has grown from 70 students and one middle school in Richland with a \$4,000 budget to 750 students from 30 secondary schools in all of Eastern Washington. We are looking to raise nearly \$40,000 this year to help pay for our 16 authors and to seed for the following year. To meet the demand of the increased numbers of schools and students that want to participate this year while working to minimize the amount of money schools must pay, we are requesting sponsorships of up to \$5,000.

Adolescent literacy is a significant need in our community and this program promotes reading and writing skills in an engaging and unique way. The response from students, teachers, as well as the authors has been positive and encouraging. It is our hope that the program will grow and expand to become a statewide event with satellite events in multiple cities across Washington.

Please join us in promoting literacy in our community and state. We want to pass on the love for books in our world that is slowly be-ginning to devalue the wonder of reading: We love feeling the heft of the book in our hand, turning the pages, escaping for a mo-moment into an imaginary world, the satisfaction in completing a literary work, and the lifelong treasure trove of books we line up upon our shelves. We want this for the future generation. The Cavalcade of Authors is the very lifetime experience that will in-spire the love of the printed word deep in the hearts of our children giving us hope for the generations to follow. Please join us in keeping this love alive!

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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