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St. Louis County Library Foundation Presents Bestselling Novelist Tom Perrotta

St. Louis County Library Foundation presents Tom Perrotta, bestselling author of “Little Children” and “Election,” who will discuss his latest novel, “The Abstinence Teacher,” Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. The program is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

John Dalton, Assistant Professor of Fiction Writing at University of Missouri St. Louis and author of the novel “Heaven Lake,” will serve as the program’s Master of Ceremonies.

Left Bank Books will provide copies of Mr. Perrotta’s books for purchase at the program.

Tom Perrotta’s much-anticipated new novel, “The Abstinence Teacher,” exposes the powerful emotions that run beneath the surface of modern American family life and explores the complex spiritual and sexual lives of ordinary people. Elegantly written, it is characterized by the distinctive mix of satire and compassion that have animated Perrotta's previous novels.

Tom Perrotta is the author of five previous work of fiction: “Bad Haircut,” “The Wishbones,” “Election,” and the New York Times bestselling “Joe College” and “Little Children.” Perrotta has taught writing at Yale and Harvard. Additionally he has worked as a screenwriter and has written for several major publications including the New York Times Book Review, Rolling Stone and GQ.

“Election” and “Little Children” were both turned into highly acclaimed and award-winning movies. A film version of “The Abstinence Teacher” is currently in production from the director of “Little Miss Sunshine.”

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Contact St. Louis County Library by phone 314-994-3300, (TDD\TTY) 314-994-9255 or visit www.slcl.org.

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