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Inspirational Author Richard Paul Evans Returns to SLCL

St. Louis County Library Foundation presents award-winning humanitarian and internationally bestselling author Richard Paul Evans, who will discuss his latest novel “The Christmas List,” on Wednesday, November 18, 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 6:00 p.m. Borders will provide copies of Mr. Evans’ books for purchase at the program.

With his surprise breakthrough novel “The Christmas Box,” former ad executive and animator Richard Paul Evans began one of the most successful writing careers in recent history. His inspirational stories of faith, family, and love have broken records, regularly topped bestseller lists, and won the author countless devoted followers throughout the world.

Inspired by Charles Dickens’ classic “A Christmas Carol,” Richard Paul Evan’s “The Christmas List” tells the story of real-estate mogul James Kier, who gets the chance to read his own obituary—before he dies. The obituary depicts a ruthless, friendless man: a complete stranger to James Kier. As James struggles to make amends to family, friends, and foes, he discovers the true meaning of forgiveness and the spirit of Christmas.

Evans’ thirteen novels have each appeared on the New York Times bestseller list; there are more than thirteen million copies of his books in print. His books have been translated into more than 22 languages and several have been international bestsellers. He is the winner of the 1998 American Mothers Book Award, two first place “Storytelling World” Awards for his children’s books, and the 2005 Romantic Times Best Women Novel of the Year Award.

Evans has also received awards for his work as the founder of The Christmas Box House International, an organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and protecting battered and abandoned children. His organization has built Christmas Box House shelters throughout his home state of Utah and in Peru.

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, or visit www.slcl.org.

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