

St. Louis County Library **News Release: October 1, 2009**
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Oprah Book Club Favorite David Wroblewski Visits County Library

The St. Louis County Library Foundation is pleased to present internationally bestselling debut novelist David Wroblewski for a discussion and signing of “The Story of Edgar Sawtelle” on Wednesday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

The program is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase at the event from Barnes & Noble.

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

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog renowned for its remarkable gift of companionship. Edgar seems poised to carry on his family's traditions, but when catastrophe strikes he must flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the Sawtelle farm. Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who accompany him, until the day he is forced to choose between leaving forever or returning home to confront the mysteries he has left unsolved.

Filled with breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, a fateful vision rendered in the falling rain—“The Story of Edgar Sawtelle” is a meditation on the limits of language and what lies beyond, a brilliantly inventive retelling of an ancient story, and an epic tale of devotion, betrayal, and courage in the American heartland.

“The Story of Edgar Sawtelle” was a #1 New York Times bestseller, an Oprah Pick, and has spent more than 33 weeks on the list and counting. It was chosen as a Best Book of 2008 by more than a dozen publications, including the New York Times, Washington Post, and the Chicago Tribune.

David Wroblewski grew up in Wisconsin, near the forest setting for the novel. For years, his family owned and operated Cary Valley Kennels. David earned an MFA in Creative Writing in 1998 from the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers. He is currently working on a sequel to “The Story of Edgar Sawtelle.”

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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