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LOUD LIBRARIANS LEAD! - February Vlog

with Jennifer Widman (SD Center for the Book, SD Humanities Council) and Jean Patrick (Mitchell Public Library)



Listen to Jennifer Widman, Director, SD Center for the Book housed in South Dakota Humanities Council, and Jean Patrick, children's author and Children's Services Librarian from the Mitchell Public Library, share their knowledge and experiences related to One Book South Dakota. Join in the excitement of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the South Dakota Humanities Council along with other important milestones!





Jennifer Widman, South Dakota Center for the Book Director since 2012, manages the Festival of Books, One Book South Dakota, and Young Readers Initiative for the South Dakota Humanities Council. Having worked in public relations and taught both high school and college English, she loves language and serves as SDHC's unofficial editor. A true bookworm with a special fondness for literary fiction, she met her favorite author (and the subject of her master's thesis), Louise Erdrich, at a Festival four years before joining SDHC. Destiny! Widman lives in Brookings with her husband, Rich; their adult daughter, Lara, lives in Chamberlain. She grew up on the Missouri River in Pierre, where she spent hours sunbathing and waterskiing; she no longer does either of those, but she can still survive some pretty wild tube rides.



Jean L.S. Patrick is the author of twelve books for children. She has served on the South Dakota Humanities Council's Speakers Bureau since 2004 and loves leading book discussions for readers of all ages. She also is the Children's Services Librarian (with help from Gilly the Goat) at the Mitchell Public Library in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Jean grew up in the Chicago area with two goals: to play for the Chicago Cubs and to read every book in the library. Although she didn't reach these goals (alas!), she is happy to live near Mitchell with her veterinarian husband and two German wire-haired pointers. Her three adult children and their families live in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Canada.

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