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## **AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS HEADLINE 3RD ANNUAL MIDWEST LITERARY WALK IN CHELSEA, APRIL 16**

CHELSEA, MI | March 2, 2011—Several current and past Michigan Notable Book Award winners and a former National Book Award nominee will be among the authors reading their work on Main St. at the 3rd Annual **Midwest Literary Walk**, Saturday April 16. Local poets and authors will have the opportunity to read their own work at the Open Mic part of the program. The public is invited to enjoy the sequential readings at venues up and down Main St. from noon to 6 pm.

Poet ML Liebler will again emcee the event. Liebler is being honored with a 2011 Michigan Notable Book Award for the anthology he edited, *Working Words: Punching the Clock and Kicking Out the Jams*.

Sponsors of this year's **Midwest Literary Walk** are the Chelsea District Library and Chelsea Center for the Arts, with generous support from the Chelsea Community Foundation. Community partner River Gallery also contributed to the event. The featured authors' books will be available for purchase throughout the day.

The complete line-up includes:

12 pm, Library: **Laura Kasischke** (2011 Michigan Notable Book Award winner for her historical novella, *Eden Springs*) and **Keith Taylor**

1 pm, River Gallery: **Jeff Kass** and **Scott Beal**

2 pm, Zou Zou's: lunch break with live music from The Shelter Dogs

3 pm, Just Imagine Bookstore: **Bonnie Jo Campbell** (2010 National Book Award nominee for her short story collection, *American Salvage*) and **Zilka Joseph**

4 pm, Open Mic at the bookstore

5 pm, River Gallery: **ML Liebler** and **Bonnie Rose Marcus**. The last reading will be followed by a dance party with the rock band **October Babies**.

Open Mic readers can sign up the day of the event; readers will be limited to three minutes per reading.

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*The Chelsea District Library is nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. The Library's state-of-the-art facility is an access point for information including: books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, downloadable e-books, subscription databases as well as access to the Internet. In addition to providing dynamic services to complement and support local schools and other important community needs, the Chelsea District Library strives to present timely, interesting and high-quality programs and events to engage and enrich the Chelsea community.*

*Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA) is the only professionally staffed arts center in Washtenaw County outside Ann Arbor, serving primarily the communities of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, Pinckney, Saline, Stockbridge and other nearby areas. It organizes instruction, individually or in groups, by highly accomplished practitioners for learners of all ages. It manages and maintains space for an art gallery, teaching studios, theatrical rehearsals, and occasional special lecture or performance events. It also provides artist-recruiting, administrative, and marketing services to other Chelsea-area organizations engaged in producing community cultural events and public art projects.*

*River Gallery Fine Art Your resource for all things fine art, located in the heart of downtown Chelsea.*

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