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## EVPL hosting three presenters as part of SPEAK 2023

Evansville, IN, March 20, 2023 – The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library’s [SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series](#) will feature three presenters in 2023.

**DJ Savarese** is an award-winning writer, public speaker, and activist who works to make literacy-based education, communication, and inclusive lives a reality for all non-traditionally speaking people. He is the author of *A Doorknob for the Eye* and his work has been published in several periodicals. He is the writer and co-producer of the Peabody-award winning and Emmy-nominated documentary film *Deej*, which follows his inclusion journey. He will discuss his history, work, and advocacy on [Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 pm in the Browning Rooms of EVPL Central](#).

Mother, scientist, professor, and author **Robin Wall Kimmerer** will present on [Thursday, July 13, at 7:00 pm at the Victory Theatre](#). The author of *New York Times* bestselling [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and Teachings of Plants](#), she is also the founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, whose mission is to create programs which draw on the wisdom of both indigenous and scientific knowledge for our shared goals of sustainability. In 2022, she was named a MacArthur Fellow.

The last presenter of [2023’s SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series](#) is author **Brad Meltzer**. He is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author with works for all ages. His titles include [The Lightning Rod](#), [The Escape Artist](#), and [I am Dolly Parton](#). He is also the host of History Channel’s Brad Meltzer’s Lost History and Brad Meltzer’s Decoded. Brad will discuss his works and research on [Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom of the Old National Events Plaza](#).

[SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series](#), an evolution of One Book, One Community, is a lecture and discussion series that brings in authors and thought leaders. EVPL hopes through the SPEAK initiative to further our vision of communities united through shared exploration and understanding by supporting and encouraging conversation.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library has served our community for more than a century. With eight locations throughout Vanderburgh County, immediate access to hundreds of thousands of digital resources, and a dedicated team of library professionals, EVPL strives to create opportunities for you to discover, explore, and connect with your library. For more information, visit [evpl.org](#).

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