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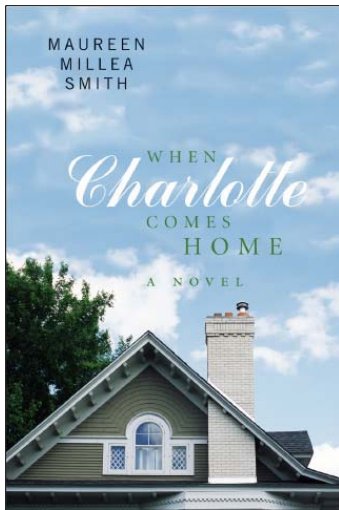
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Meet the Author! Maureen Millea Smith Sunday, July 30, Main Library, 2:00 p.m.



Former Cincinnati and author Maureen Millea Smith will discuss her first book, *When Charlotte Comes Home*, on July 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street in a **Meet the Author!** book signing and tea. “The book is a novel of family, love, and loss set in the 1960s and 1970s,” said Ms. Millea Smith. “*When Charlotte Comes Home* is set in 1960s Omaha, Nebraska, and is narrated by Fred Holly, looking back on those years when he came of age and his youngest sister, Charlotte, fell ill.”

Ms. Smith will read from her novel and take questions from the audience. Copies of Ms. Millea Smith’s novel will be available for purchase, and a book signing and tea will immediately follow the program.

About the Author, Maureen Millea Smith

Ms. Millea Smith lived in Cincinnati for a number of years, and worked at the Main Library at the former Information Desk and later in the Fiction & Young Adults Department, as well as children’s librarian for the Deer Park Branch. “I really came of age in Cincinnati,” said Ms. Smith when reminiscing about her years here. “The Library and my community of colleagues were invaluable mentors and teachers for me, and trained my mind to help me develop my professional habits. I loved my job in Fiction and it was there that I really began to think about writing seriously. After taking some writing classes at Women Writing (for) a Change, I knew I wanted to write my first book.”

Since moving to Minneapolis in 1994 with her husband, Ms. Millea Smith has worked part-time at the Edina Library for the Hennepin County Library system, and finished an MFA in Creative Writing at Hamline University in St. Paul. “Currently, I am working on a second novel set in Cincinnati,” she said.

For more information, call (513) 369-6918.

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