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*Literary enthusiasts will enjoy readings, workshops, and discussions with nationally and internationally recognized authors.*

MORRIS, Minnesota (October 7, 2016)—The sixth annual [Prairie Gate Literary Festival](#) (PGLF) will be held Friday and Saturday, October 21–22, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The festival aims to build the role of the literary arts in Morris and the surrounding community.

The mission of PGLF is to provide the University of Minnesota, Morris and Lake Region of Minnesota unique opportunities to learn from and interact with published writers and other professionals in the field of literary arts through such activities as readings, workshops, and panel discussions. Invited authors are chosen partly for the diversity of their backgrounds and styles and are meant to appeal to a wide variety of audience members.

This year PGLF will welcome fantasy writer Sarah Monette (who has also published under the pen name Katherine Addison), short-story writer John Jodzio, and poet David J. Daniels. The festival also will feature interactive literary community-building activities led by Hazel & Wren, an online literary community based in the Twin Cities.

Activities will take place in the Student Center and main floor of Briggs Library. Readings, workshops, and discussions are available at no cost to participants. Participants will have the opportunity to join the authors for lunch on Saturday in Oyate Hall, at a cost of \$8. For more information and to register, visit [morris.umn.edu/prairiegate](http://morris.umn.edu/prairiegate) or email [litfest@morris.umn.edu](mailto:litfest@morris.umn.edu).

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund. In addition, PGLF is sponsored by the Office for the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Briggs Library Associates, Briggs Library, the University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association, the Commission on Women, Friends of the Morris Public Library, the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs, the English Discipline, the Division of Humanities, and private donations.

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, October 21**

7–8 p.m., Hazel & Wren presentation ([2nd Floor Briggs Library](#))

**Saturday, October 22**

9:30–10 a.m., Workshop registration ([Student Center Lobby](#))

10–11:30 a.m., Workshop Session 1 (David Daniels: Prairie Lounge, John Jodzio: Moccasin Flower Room)

11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., Lunch ([Oyate Hall, Student Center](#))

1:15–2:15 p.m., Moderated panel/Q&A with all authors/presenters ([2nd Floor Briggs Library](#))

2:30–3:15 p.m., David Daniels reading ([2nd Floor Briggs Library](#))

3:30–5 p.m., Workshop Session 2 (Sarah Monette: Moccasin Flower, Hazel & Wren: Alumni Room of Oyate)

7:30–9:30 p.m., John Jodzio and Sarah Monette readings ([2nd Floor Briggs Library](#))

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