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Summary: In addition to her work as a writer, Kolaya serves as coordinator in the Office of Grants Development.

(January 21, 2011)-The Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) will host fiction writer and Morris resident Chrissy Kolaya for a short reading from her novel project, *Charmed Particles*. Bring your lunch to the brown bag event scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2011, from 12:10 until 12:50 p.m. at the PRCA located at 630 Atlantic Avenue in Morris. Beverages and a sweet treat will be provided. The reading is free and open to the public.

Kolaya's novel is set in a fictional prairie town in which the two overarching industries are a colonial American living history facility and a National Accelerator Research Laboratory that conducts experiments in high-energy particle physics. The novel tells the intertwined stories of two fictional families, but it is based on real conflicts that occurred in the late 1980s in communities under consideration as a site for the Super Conducting Supercollider, a project eventually begun in Waxahatchie, Texas, but never completed.

After the reading, Kolaya will lead an informal Q & A on the book project, the writing life, and tips for beginning, emerging, and experienced writers.

In addition to her work as a writer, Kolaya serves as coordinator in the University of Minnesota, Morris Office of Grants Development.

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