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SPEAK 2024 to begin with author Kate Quinn

February 5, 2024 – Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library’s SPEAK 2024 series will begin on March 21 with historical fiction writer Kate Quinn.

Quinn is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of historical fiction. Her most recent novels prominently feature the roles of women as spies, pilots, snipers, code breakers, and other key protagonists in acts of resistance and espionage during World Wars I and II. These books, *The Alice Network*, *The Huntress*, *The Rose Code*, and *The Diamond Eye*, are all best sellers and have had high circulation among EVPL patrons in print, audio, and digital formats. In a book review, *Library Journal* said, “Readers should expect to give up weekend plans once they start any of Kate’s novels.” Quinn has also written four novels in the Empress of Rome Saga, and two books set in the Italian Renaissance period.

Quinn will discuss her research and works on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in Old National Events Plaza Ballroom A. Sponsored by the EVPL Foundation, this event is free and open to all.

A special ticketed reception is planned prior to the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle with Kate Quinn, enjoy light refreshments, and receive VIP seating at the SPEAK presentation. Tickets are \$30, and proceeds benefit the EVPL Foundation.

Additional information about this SPEAK event, upcoming book discussions, reception ticketing, and more is available at evpl.org/speak-2024.

SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series, an evolution of One Book, One Community, is a lecture and discussion series that brings authors and thought leaders to Evansville. More SPEAK featured authors will be announced in the coming weeks. Through SPEAK, ‘EVPL hopes to further our vision of communities united through shared exploration and understanding by supporting and encouraging conversation.’

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