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SPEAK 2024 continues with author Elin Hilderbrand

April 12, 2024 – Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library’s SPEAK 2024 series will continue May 2 as Elin Hilderbrand, “The Queen of the Beach Read”, comes to Evansville.

Hilderbrand will discuss her works at a free event on [Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in Aiken Theatre, Old National Events Plaza](#). Hilderbrand has written 33 novels, most of which are bestsellers set in the summertime of Nantucket. She has sold more than 20 million books and is regularly at the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list. At EVPL, her books have circulated more than 18,000 times, placing her among the top five circulating adult authors at EVPL. Hilderbrand’s final Nantucket-based novel, *Swan Song*, is set for release this summer.

A special ticketed reception will take place prior to the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle with Elin Hilderbrand, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and receive VIP seating at the SPEAK presentation. Tickets are \$50, and proceeds benefit the EVPL Foundation.

Sponsored by the [EVPL Foundation](#), SPEAK events are free and open to all. 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. Two additional authors, [Dr. Anthony DeBenedet](#) and [Victoria Christopher Murray](#), will complete the SPEAK line-up this fall. 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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