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Preface and SLO County Reads Announce Upcoming Events

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PREFACE and SLO County Reads 2006 are encouraging Cal Poly students, faculty, staff, alumni and all San Luis Obispo county residents to participate in community book discussions, events, and a presentation by Alice Sebold, author of "The Lovely Bones."

Hailed by the critics as "a small but far from minor miracle," "The Lovely Bones" kept its spot on the New York Times Bestseller List for more than 70 weeks and received a number of national and international awards.

The story unfolds from heaven, where 14-year-old narrator Susie Salmon finds herself after she is murdered while walking home from school one evening. Readers watch with Susie as her family begins to realize what must have happened to her. Susie keeps her compassionate vigil over her family and her friends and acquaintances as the devastating effects of her murder touch each of the lives within a suburban community of the 1970s.

PREFACE has successfully collaborated with the SLO City-County Library to make this year's program San Luis Obispo County 's first "community reads" event. The following community discussion events are free and open to the public:

- Sept. 21 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Los Osos Library
- Sept. 23 2 to 3 p.m. Arroyo Grande Library
- Sept. 26 9 to 10 a.m. Morro Bay Library
- Sept. 27 Noon to 1 p.m. SLO City Library Community Room
- Sept. 27 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. SLO City Library Community Room

PREFACE & SLO County Reads 2006 will also host the following events to coincide with Alice Sebold's Oct. 12 presentation. All are free and open to the public.

Friday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. - "What Happens When the Unthinkable Happens?"

Learn about medical, legal and advocacy resources associated with reporting adult sexual assault at a presentation by the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center of San Luis Obispo County.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. - " Bereavement and the Healing Process"

Hospice Partners of the Central Coast reminds us that dying happens on the last day; every other day is about living. Learn about healing, affirming life and renewing energy at the SLO City Library Community Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 - "CSI What Really Happens in a Crime Scene Investigation"

Find out what detective work is really like from Cal Poly University Police in the Fisher Science Building , Room 287 on campus.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 1-3 p.m. - "Memory Art"

Create a candle or a hemp bracelet at the Cal Poly University Union Craft Center . The event is free and open to the public. Personal mementos can be added to art materials provided.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. - "Life After Life: What Do Different World Religions Believe?"

Hear faith perspectives from religious leaders of the San Luis Obispo community during a panel presentation in The Christopher Cohan Center, Philips Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. - Author Presentation with Alice Sebold

Hear and meet acclaimed novelist Alice Sebold as she talks about the process of writing, the difference between memoir and fiction, and the intuitive approach she takes to her work. Sebold is deeply committed to drawing attention to beauty and hope despite times of uncertainty. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. for the best seats. No tickets or reservations are required for this free event. Alice Sebold will sign copies of the book following her presentation.

For more information, visit www.preface.calpoly.edu or call 805-756-1380.

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