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**Brad Meltzer to close EVPL's 2023 SPEAK Series**

Evansville, IN, August 31, 2023 – #1 *New York Times* bestselling author with works for all ages, **Brad Meltzer**, will close the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library's **2023 SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series** on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 pm in the Old National Events Plaza Ballroom**.

Brad Meltzer's titles include *The Lightning Rod*, *The Escape Artist*, and *I am Dolly Parton*. His works have explored various genres such as political thriller, legal thriller, and conspiracy fiction. Additionally, he has also created superhero fiction for DC Comics and a collection of short biographies about notable figures for young readers. He is also the host of History Channel's *Brad Meltzer's Lost History* and *Brad Meltzer's Decoded*.

A VIP Reception will be held on Thursday, September 21, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Browning Rooms of EVPL Central. Those who purchase a ticket to the reception will have the chance to meet Brad Meltzer, enjoy light refreshments, and receive VIP seating at the presentation in the Old National Events Plaza Ballroom. **Tickets can be purchased online.**

The **EVPL Foundation** is the underwriting supporter of SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series.

**SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series**, an evolution of One Book, One Community, is a lecture and discussion series that brings in authors and thought leaders. EVPL hopes through the SPEAK initiative to further our vision of communities united through shared exploration and understanding by supporting and encouraging conversation.

The **Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Foundation** is 501(c)3 established to support Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library. Foundation Board Members are engaged and activated community members. Working in partnership with Library Leadership and Library Trustees, Foundation Board Members support the Library through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library has served our community for more than a century. With eight locations throughout Vanderburgh County, immediate access to hundreds of thousands of digital resources, and a dedicated team of library professionals, EVPL strives to create opportunities for you to discover, explore, and connect with your library. For more information, visit [evpl.org](http://evpl.org).

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