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Valley reads Kantner novel

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I've always loved the idea of a city or a community -- or even just a neighborhood -- all reading the same book. This year the St. Croix Valley chose Alaska writer Seth Kantner's widely praised "Ordinary Wolves" for its Valley Reads selection. Published by Milkweed Editions in Minneapolis, the novel is the story of a boy growing up in an igloo.

Kantner will read at 7 p.m. April 23 in Trinity Lutheran Church, 115 N. 4th St., Stillwater, and will attend a discussion and reception at 6:30 p.m. April 24 at the Aurora Staples Inn, 303 N. 4th St., Stillwater. The reading is free; tickets for the reception are \$10-\$12 and are available from ArtReach Alliance, 651-439-1465.

Also ...

• **Ethan Coen** (yes, the one who has a brother named Joel) has two new books out with Three Rivers Press. "Almost an Evening" (78 pages, \$13) is a collection of plays that have been performed but never published. And "The Drunken Driver Has the Right of Way" (137 pages, \$13) is a collection of

poetry, now out in paperback. Coen grew up in St. Louis Park.

• The April meeting of the **Midwest Independent Publishers Association** will focus on "Publishing Jeopardy: The Game, Not the Reality." Everyone is welcome. The meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Av., St. Paul.

• **Emily Cook** has been appointed U.S. advertising director for Granta Magazine. Cook, who was featured last year in Publishers Weekly as one of the 50 under 40 voices in publishing, is a former marketing director for Milkweed Editions in Minneapolis.

• **Paul Zerby**, former Minneapolis City Council member, has published "The Grass: A Young Man's Journey to the Korean War," with North Star Press of St. Cloud. He will read at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the University of Minnesota Bookstore.

• **Book Architects** will hold a workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday for writers trying to navigate the brave new world of publishing. The workshop, which costs \$50, will be at the studio of artist Marianne Richmond, 3900 Stinson Blvd. NE, Minneapolis. For more

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• **John Minczeski** will lead a four-week poetry workshop for teens beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday and running through April 29. Register at the Rice Street Branch Library, 1011 Rice St., St. Paul, or by calling 651-558-2223. He will also lead a session on haiku at 2 p.m. April 18 at the Highland Park library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul.

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