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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST BOOK LAUNCH FOR LOCAL AUTHOR

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (December 11, 2013)—Orange County Public Library (OCPL) is pleased to announce a book launch event for local author Barbara Claypole White's novel, *The In-Between Hour*. The launch event will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 5.

The event, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Public Library, will be held at the OCPL Main Library in Hillsborough and is free and open to the public. Claypole White will discuss the book and read passages from it. Refreshments will be served in the style of an English afternoon tea.

The In-Between Hour is the story of two broken families coming together to heal in rural Orange County and includes scenes in the abandoned Occaneechi Village. Among the vibrant characters in the novel is 80-year-old Jacob, who is the result of the author's research with John Blackfeather Jeffries, the retired chief of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

The novel has already received generous praise from reviewers and authors alike.

RT Book Reviews

"Unique characters and realistic dialogue make this fast-paced story fully engrossing. The portrayal of a character with Alzheimer's disease is particularly poignant. The setting comes to life with great descriptions of the Occaneechee Mountain area of North Carolina."

New York Times best-selling author Karen White adds, "Barbara Claypole White has created a tender and emotionally-charged novel in *The In-Between Hour*. Her multifaceted, flawed characters, each with their own wounded heart, are carefully drawn. Ms. White depicts the North Carolina mountain setting with an evocative sense of place, creating a perfect backdrop for this story of life, survival and, ultimately, of love that transcends all."

Claypole White is also the author of *The Unfinished Garden*, which won the 2013 Golden Quill for Best First Book, and introduced the first romantic hero in mainstream fiction with obsessive-compulsive disorder.

A full list of local readings and reviews of *The In-Between Hour* and *The Unfinished Garden* is available at www.barbaraclaypolewhite.com

The OCPL Main Library is located at 137 W. Margaret Lane in downtown Hillsborough. Free parking is available in the Eno River Parking Deck behind the library. Visit the library online at www.orangecountync.gov/library