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Novelist will be focus of readers in Bexley

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Ann Patchett, due April 14 at Bexley High School

Ann Patchett, author of *Bel Canto*, has been selected as the 2010 author for the Bexley Community Book Club.

Works by Patchett will be the focus of community and school reading throughout the 2009-10 school year, with the program culminating in an appearance by the novelist on April 14 at Bexley High School.

Patchett is the third author in the annual series; it brought Pete Hamill to the community in 2008 and Tobias Wolff in 2009.

"Bexley Community Book Club was developed as a model for a community-based author initiative to promote reading and lifelong learning," said Linda Kass, chairwoman of the sponsoring Bexley Education Foundation board of governors.

In the seven months before the author's appearance, the Bexley community and all central Ohioans can read and discuss Patchett's works: five novels, a memoir and a long essay.

Bel Canto (2001), the story of a terrorist attack in South America that involves a famous operatic soprano, is the best-known of Patchett's works and won the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize, and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Her other novels are *The Patron Saint of Liars* (1992), *Taft* (1994), *The Magician's Assistant* (1997) and *Run* (2007).

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