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**THE [SPONSORING ORGANIZATION] HOSTS MONTANA CONVERSATION “COMMUNITY LITERACY CAFE” WITH HEIDI DESTEFANO**

[City–date]

The [sponsoring organization] hosts Montana Conversation “Community Literacy Café” with Heidi DeStefano on [date of program]. The program is at [location and time of program]. The presentation is free and open to the public. Funding for Montana Conversations is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana’s Cultural Trust, and private donations. We are funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana’s cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.

Community Literacy Café is a literacy presentation for all age groups. In this program, DeStefano collaborates with site leaders to design a single program or mix of presentations tailored to support schools. With Community Literacy Café, workshops with school or class groups topics such as: using figurative language in fiction, focusing students with learning targets, using magnetic letters to clarify word work concepts, and presenting on a variety of poetry and fiction projects. DeStefano teaches poetry, flash fiction, and memory preservation workshops for community groups and enjoys creating engaging learning opportunities for

requested literary topics.

Heidi DeStefano is the author of two middle grade novels: *Chickie Jurin’s Zamboozie Stew* and *Chickie Jurin’s Toad Rodeo*. Winner of the 2022 and 2024 Children’s Literature Wyoming Writers Award, and a frequent winner of Wyoming Writers flash fiction prompts*,* she writes and illustrates novels, poems, and flash fictions that celebrate life and the natural world. Her early reader series, *Meet the Applemans*, features a ranching family in Montana. She has two research projects published in *Young Children* by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. A former elementary school teacher, DeStefano believes readers should have opportunities to see their culture authentically represented in literature.

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