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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Kathy Flanigan

Finding the Story in Community
and Using Technology to Bring that Story to the Public

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Stiemke Hall, Mount Mary College

Kathy Flanigan has been a newspaper reporter for more than 30 years. She's still learning. Kathy is currently a general assignment features writer at the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* and can be asked to write about anything from Oscar-night red carpet fashions to a family who traded in the crisp winters of Milwaukee to live in the jungles of Costa Rica. Her career started at Chicago's *Suburban Sun-Times* and she has since worked for newspapers in Atlanta, GA, and Orange County, CA, before landing at the *Journal-Sentinel* 15 years ago. Kathy started her career as a news reporter (she spent one Thanksgiving covering a prison riot) and columnist.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Writers Writing About Good Girls and the Real Boys They Love

A panel discussion with authors **Laura Schaefer** and **Simone Elkeles**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. • Helfaer Hall, Mount Mary College

Mount Mary faculty member, Dr. Susie Jans Thomas, will be facilitating this panel of middle grade/young adult novelists. Featured writers will be Madison author, **Laura Schaefer**, who wrote *The Teashop Girls* and **Simone Elkeles**, a Chicago area author of a variety of books, including *Perfect Chemistry*.



Laura Schaefer has been writing almost as long as she's been making tea. She got her start as a contributor to the University of Wisconsin's student paper, the *Daily Cardinal*, and went on to write regularly for the *Princeton Review* and *Match.com*. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin, where she can usually be found dancing the lindy hop. Her favorite type of tea is English Breakfast with lots of milk and sugar.



Simone Elkeles (pronounced Elk-uh-lëss) was a teen in the 80's and still uses words like "grody" and "totally," but resists the urge to wear blue eye shadow and a side ponytail. The first book in her hilarious award-winning series titled *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation* was ranked #3 on the Teens Top Ten list. Her book *Leaving Paradise* is currently a finalist in the Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Awards and her 2009 release *Perfect Chemistry* is a finalist in the Kentucky Bluegrass High School Book Awards and was recently nominated as a Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Readers. Simone was recently named Author of the Year by the Illinois Association of Teachers of English.

Both events are on the Mount Mary College campus and are open to the public at no cost.

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