

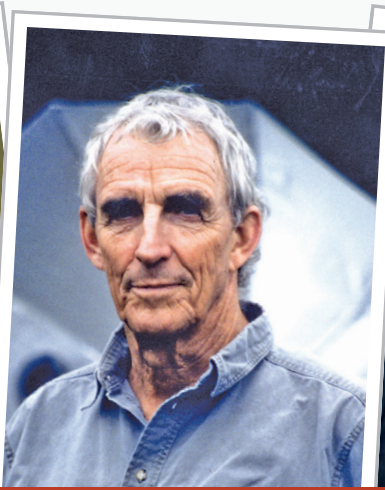


# National Writers Series

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**The NWS 2010 Book Festival**

# Fall Season!

**Downtown Traverse City**

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## LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

On behalf of everyone at the National Writers Series, I'd like to welcome you to our fall 2010 season – more great conversations with America's best story-tellers. This incredible lineup of best-selling authors will close out what's been a truly remarkable year for the Series – and for our community.

In this year alone – only our second – we were privileged to welcome over 15 nationally acclaimed writers, and thousands of readers from around the country, to Traverse City. World-famous news anchor Tom Brokaw spoke eloquently to our local high school students about the possibilities offered by writing, and reflected on his decades of experience covering some of this generation's most significant events to a sold-out crowd at the City Opera House. Memoirist Mary Karr delighted audiences with her crackling wit and trademark humor. Best-selling authors Audrey Niffenegger and Walter Kirn swapped stories of the ups and downs of having their hit novels adapted into Hollywood films. Renowned Food Network star Mario Batali joined nearly 2,000 attendees for an outdoor dinner celebration on the beautiful Historic Front Lawn at the Village at Grand Traverse Commons.

These writers – along with an outstanding roster of authors including Elmore Leonard, Amy Alkon, Rhoda Janzen, Thomas Lynch, Jerry Dennis, Bryan Gruley and the guests featured here in our fall lineup – have made 2010 a spectacular year for book lovers of all ages in Traverse City. Most importantly, they have directly contributed to the success of the National Writers Series mission – supporting young authors through mentorship, educational opportunities and funding by way of the National Writers Series Scholarship Fund. On September 24, three local high school students will reap the benefits of that support, as they are each awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to use toward pursuing a writing education at college.

Of everything we strive to accomplish with this Series – bringing to life great conversations with today's best-selling authors, engaging our community with the world of written words, and supporting writers through book sales and one-of-a-kind, entertaining events with readers – the Scholarship program is of special importance and one of which we are very proud. None of it,

however, would be possible without your support. For that, and for sharing in such a wonderful year, all of us at the National Writers Series extend our heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,



Doug Stanton



Co-founders:

Anne Stanton and Grant Parsons



### OUR MISSION

The Traverse City National Writers Series supports Grand Traverse area high school students pursuing writing careers by bringing to life great conversations with today's best-selling authors.

Net proceeds from events are donated to a dedicated scholarship fund with the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

**T**raverse City is thrilled to host the National Writers Series. Since the spring of last year, Doug Stanton and the Series team have brought nationally-renowned authors of diverse genres to TC to share their work and insights with us. They've brought memoirs, crime stories, poetry, mystery, history, journalism - even cooking tips and relationship advice - to educate and entertain enthusiastic audiences throughout the year.

These programs have enriched our community. They have enriched it not only by bringing visitors here and offering residents a unique entertainment experience, but also by creating an invaluable scholarship program for aspiring young writers.

And they have added another layer of richness to our culture. A well-read city is a more interesting city to live and work in. The late news reporter Edward P. Morgan once said that a book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it, or explore an explosive idea without fear it will go off in your face.

We are so fortunate to have the National Writers Series bringing the creators of these thoughts and ideas to Traverse City to share them with us. I encourage you to attend one of their programs, and wish them great success in the coming season.

Chris Bzdok  
Mayor

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**T**he National Writers Series' mission – to bring quality writers to town to share their love of writing and inspire and support students in pursuit of a writer's life – perfectly supports the schools' desire to nurture strong writers.

The multiple and varied scholarship opportunities provided by the National Writers Series ensure that students interested in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction will have a venue to publish and share their work on an academically and critically prestigious stage. The concrete reinforcement these scholarships provide not only validate writing as an art form, but they validate those who are moved to develop their talents as legitimate writers. There is no other opportunity of this caliber and magnitude available to writing students. Our region is lucky that the Series has chosen writing and our students to support.

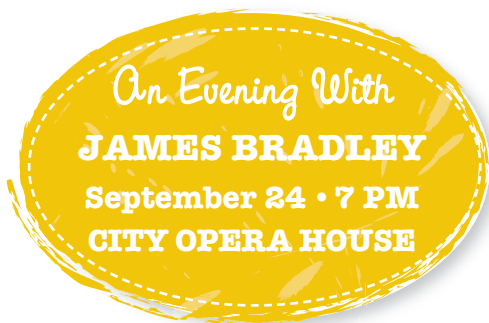
We are committed to working with the National Writers Series to introduce successful writers to our students in an educationally sound forum and we are grateful for the opportunity.

Congratulations on a wildly successful first season and much luck and success as the Series continues to grow. We eagerly look forward to furthering the partnership between the schools and the National Writers Series.



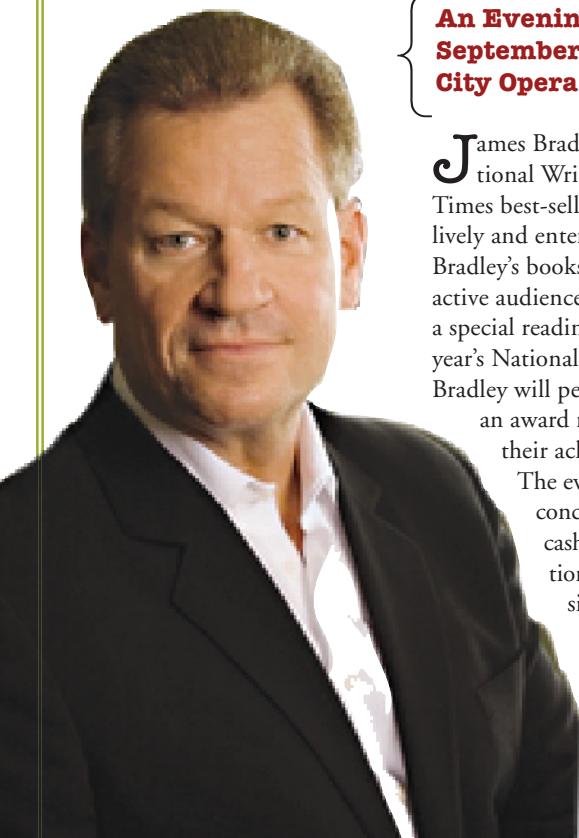
Stephanie J. Long  
TC West Senior High Asst. Principal

**J**ames Bradley is the celebrated author of #1 New York Times best-seller “Flags of Our Fathers,” adapted into a critically acclaimed film directed by Clint Eastwood. The book is the true story of the six men, including Bradley’s father, who raised the flag in 1945 on Iwo Jima, an image made iconic in the most reproduced photograph in history. Stephen Ambrose called the book “the best battle book I ever read,” and Bookpage declared it “a book that should be read by everyone who has even the slightest interest in World War II: it is the best of its kind.”



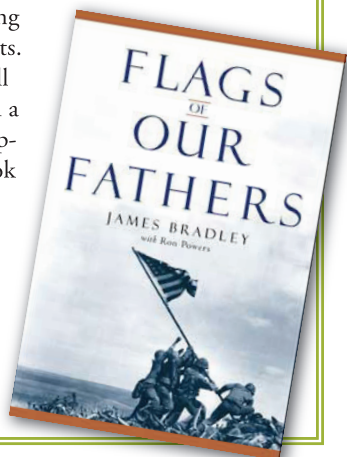
A popular keynote speaker, Bradley is also a renowned scholar and historian. In addition to “Flags of Our Fathers,” the author has also published two New York Times best-sellers: “Flyboys,” a harrowing true story of nine American airmen shot down in the Pacific, and “The Imperial Cruise,” an exploration of Theodore Roosevelt’s foreign policy. Bradley currently resides in New York.

**An Evening with James Bradley  
September 24, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.  
City Opera House**



**J**ames Bradley will be joined onstage by National Writers Series founder and New York Times best-selling author Doug Stanton for a lively and entertaining conversation about Bradley’s books, work and life, as well as an interactive audience Q&A. In addition, there will be a special reading from the student winners of this year’s National Writers Series Scholarship Fund. Bradley will personally present the winners with an award recognizing their achievements.

The evening will conclude with a cash bar reception and book signing with the author.

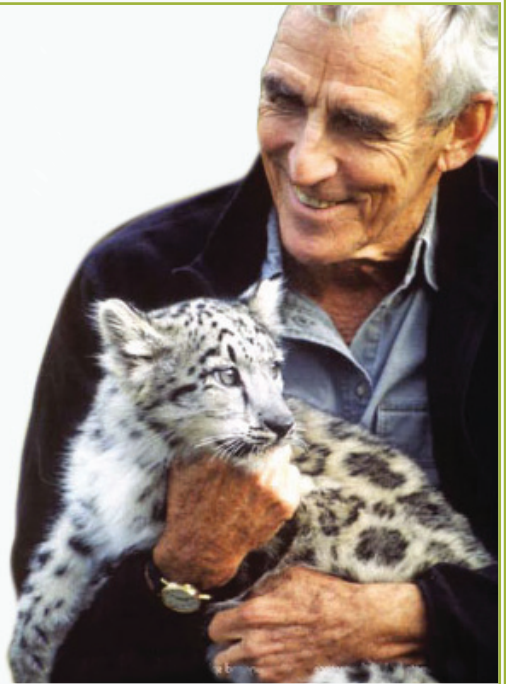


An Evening With

**PETER  
MATTHIESSEN**

**October 29 • 7 PM**

**CITY OPERA  
HOUSE**

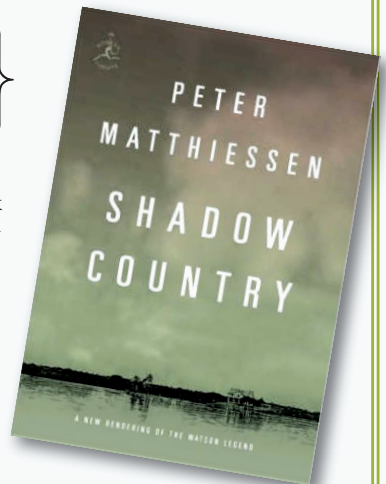


**P**eter Matthiessen is considered to be one of the foremost writers of the twentieth century. A two-time National Book Award winner and three-time National Book Award nominee, the author is both a novelist and non-fiction writer as well as an American Indian rights advocate and former C.I.A. recruit. Matthiessen is also co-founder of the Paris Review, started in 1953.

The National Book Foundation called his 2008 winner, “Shadow Country,” an “epic of American rise and descent – poetic, mythic, devastating.” The book contained Matthiessen’s three famous stand-alone Watson novels, woven together and slimmed down into a modern American epic critics hailed as a “masterpiece.” His other works include the National Book Award-winning “The Snow Leopard,” which has been called a classic of modern nature writing, and “At Play in the Fields of the Lord,” a National Book Award nominee. Matthiessen currently lives in New York.

**An Evening with Peter Matthiessen**  
**October 29, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Opera House**

**P**eter Matthiessen will be joined onstage by National Writers Series founder and New York Times best-selling author Doug Stanton for a lively and entertaining conversation about Matthiessen’s books, work and life, as well as an interactive audience Q&A. The evening will conclude with a cash bar reception and book signing with the author.



**A** graduate of Yale University and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, Karl Marlantes served as a Marine in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Navy Cross, the Bronze Star, two Navy Commendation Medals for valor, two Purple Hearts, and ten air medals. Upon returning home from service, Marlantes began work on an epic war novel that would capture his combat experiences. Thirty years later, in 2010 – after decades of discouraging setbacks, criticism and agent rejection notes – “Matterhorn” finally exploded onto the publishing scene. Hailed by The New York Times as “one of the most profound and devastating novels to come out of Vietnam, or any war,” Marlantes’ debut novel has earned rave critical praise and debuted at #7 on The New York Times bestseller list this year. Marlantes currently resides in Western Washington.

An Evening With  
**KARL  
MARLANTES**  
November 12 • 7pm  
**CITY OPERA  
HOUSE**

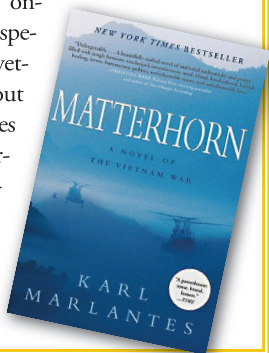
**PHILIP CAPUTO - GUEST HOST**

**P**hilip Caputo’s writing career first took off in 1973 when he shared in the Pulitzer Prize for reporting on election fraud at the Chicago Tribune. Four years later, “A Rumor of War” – a memoir of his service during the Vietnam War as a marine lieutenant – became a national best-seller. The book has since been hailed as a classic of modern literature, with several million copies sold since its publication in 1977. Caputo’s most recent novel is “Crossers.” He is also the author of more than 10 other books, including “Acts of Faith,” “Horn of Africa,” “DelCorso’s Gallery,” “Indian Country,” “Means of Escape,” “Equation for Evil,” “Exiles,” “The Voyage,” “In the Shadows of the Morning,” and “Ghosts of Tsavo.” Caputo lives in Connecticut.



**An Evening with Karl Marlantes  
November 12, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.  
City Opera House**

**K**arl Marlantes will be joined on stage by acclaimed writer and special guest host Phil Caputo for a riveting and intimate conversation about writing, war, and the works and lives of both authors, as well as an interactive audience Q&A. The evening will conclude with a cash bar reception and book signing with the authors.



# 2011 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TC National Writers Series supports Grand Traverse area high school students in the five-county region interested in pursuing writing careers. Net proceeds from the Series are donated to a dedicated scholarship fund, which awards scholarships to junior and senior high school students planning to attend college for writing. The Series also provides free mentorship workshops, Q&A sessions for students with visiting Series authors and publication in the Dunes Review.

## CATEGORIES - POETRY • FICTION • NONFICTION

## AWARDS - THREE \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS

### ELIGIBILITY

Must be residents of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau County and attend public, private or home school at the 11th or 12th grade level.

### JUDGING

Manuscripts will be judged by the National Writers Series Scholarship Committee, comprised of Michigan Writers members judging in their areas of specialization.

### SUBMISSIONS

Student submissions will be accepted in late winter 2011; dates will be announced soon. Visit [www.nationalwritersseries.org](http://www.nationalwritersseries.org) for more information.

*The awards contest was created by the Writers Series of Traverse City, the nonprofit arm of the National Writers Series with support of the Community Foundation and in cooperation with Michigan Writers.*

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Writers Series of Traverse City

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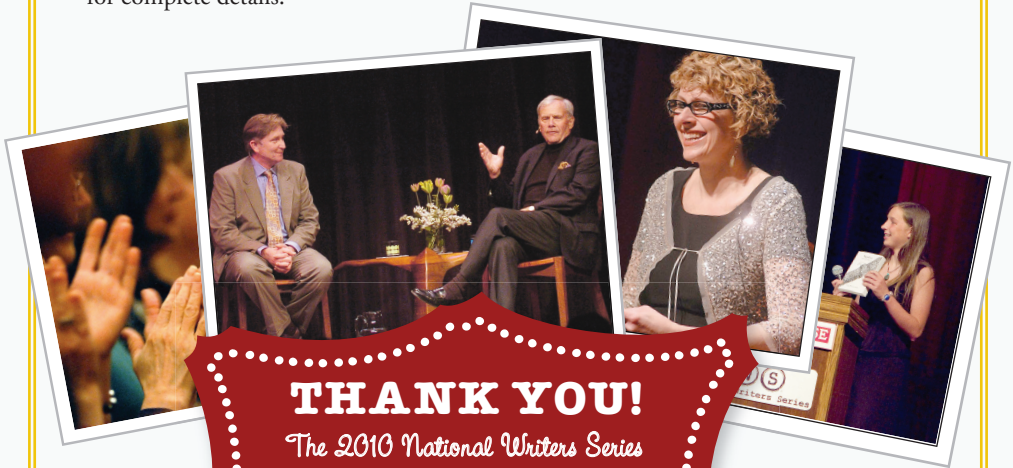
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# COMING UP IN 2011

*Dates to be Announced*

Stay tuned for the exciting line up of our 2011 Winter/Spring Season of the National Writers Series!

Visit [www.nationalwritersseries.org](http://www.nationalwritersseries.org) or follow us at [www.twitter.com/TCWritersSeries](http://www.twitter.com/TCWritersSeries) for complete details.



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