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### **LAKE TRAVIS READS SPECIAL EVENT WITH SARAH BIRD**

Popular cultural education program hosts special event with nationally-acclaimed Austin author

The local "One Book, One Community" program **LAKE TRAVIS READS** will host a special one-time program event with award-winner Austin author Sarah Bird. She was the featured 2010 **LAKE TRAVIS READS** author and she has been invited back to the area to discuss her new novel, *The Gap Year*.

*The Gap Year* tells of a single mom and her seventeen-year-old daughter as they transition to empty nester and college student. According to *Booklist*, "Bird's handling of the familiar parent-teen clash of wills is accomplished with memorable, memorably realistic poignancy." Sarah Bird's other novels include *Alamo House* (1986), *The Boyfriend School* (1989), *The Mommy Club* (1991), *Virgin of the Rodeo* (1999), *The Yokota Officers Club* (2001), *The Flamenco Academy* (2006), and *How Perfect is That* (2008). She has written screenplays for Paramount, CBS, Warner Bros., National Geographic, ABC, TNT, Hemdale Studio, and several independent producers. Her articles have appeared in *O, The Oprah Magazine*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Mademoiselle*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Seventeen*, *Ms.*; and *The Texas Observer*. Bird took over the back-page column in *Texas Monthly* from Kinky Friedman in April 2005.

"One Book, One Community" is a national program created by the Center for the Book in Washington, D.C., and adopted by communities around the nation. Our version, called **LAKE TRAVIS READS**, is sponsored by the libraries and Friends groups of Bee Cave Public Library, Lake Travis Community Library and Spicewood Community Library. The goal of **LAKE TRAVIS READS** is to bring the community together to read and discuss shared literary experiences.

This special evening with Sarah Bird will take place at Bee Cave Public Library on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.laketrisreads.org](http://www.laketrisreads.org), or any of the participating libraries.

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