



Prairie View

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Award-Winning Author to Present at Prairie View Food for Thought

Newton, Kan. – The fortieth anniversary of Prairie View’s Food for Thought series will continue Sept. 21 and 22 with award-winning author Rachel Simon.

Simon is the author of *Riding the Bus with My Sister*, a biographical story portraying the relationship between Simon and her developmentally-delayed sister Beth, specifically after their father unexpectedly passes away and the sisters come together to cope with their loss.

The book was adapted into a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie starring Andie MacDowell as Simon and Rosie O’Donnell as Beth. It was directed by Anjelica Huston.

Simon’s second memoir, *Building a House with My Husband*, was published by Dutton in August 2009. It tells of the experience she and her architect-husband had while renovating a house, and the hard-won rewards of marriage and family.

Locations and times are as follows:

- Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m., Prairie View Recreation Center, 1901 E. First Street, Newton
- Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m., Botanica, 701 Amidon, Wichita

A meal will be served during the first half-hour, and a book signing will occur after each presentation. The cost to attend is \$15 per person.

Registration is due by Monday, Sept. 14. For more information about this event, or to register, contact Brandy Beer at 1-800-362-0180 ext. 6443 or 316-284-6443.

Prairie View is a private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus, including outpatient offices and a psychiatric hospital in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita.