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5th Annual Family Read Night with Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

St. Louis County Library Foundation, Delta Dental, and Commerce Bank are pleased to welcome back the amazing young-adult writing duo Ridley Pearson and Dave Barry for the fifth annual Family Read Night. Pearson and Barry will read from and sign their most recent installment in the phenomenally popular Starcatchers adventure series, “Peter and the Sword of Mercy.”

The event will take place at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Barnes & Noble will provide copies of the authors’ books for purchase and signing.

Local radio personality Paul Harris will again serve as the program’s Master of Ceremonies. Delta Dental and media co-sponsor Radio Disney will provide pre-show entertainment starting at 6:00 pm.

The side-splitting authors pick up the storyline of their bestselling Starcatchers series 23-years after Peter and the Lost Boys returned from their last adventures in Rundoon. Since then, nobody on the island has grown a day older. Meanwhile in London, Molly has grown up and married George Darling. When Molly suddenly goes missing it is up to her eleven-year-old daughter Wendy to rescue her mother and keep a secret cache of “starstuff” out of the Others’ clutches. She has heard her mother's stories of a flying boy named Peter Pan, and he may be her only hope in saving the world from a shadowy doom.

Ridley Pearson is the bestselling author of numerous crime fiction novels for adults, including “Killer Weekend,” and “The Body of David Hayes.” He is also the author of the young adult Kingdom Keepers series and “Steel Trapp.”

Dave Barry is a Pulitzer Prize-winning nationally syndicated humor columnist for the Miami Herald. His column appears in more than 500 newspapers in the United States and abroad. He is also the author of more than 20 books for children and adults.

Ridley Pearson and Dave Barry have collaborated on several books for young readers including “Peter and the Starcatchers,” “Peter and the Shadow Thieves,” “Peter and the Secret of Rundoon,” and the stand-alone adventure novel “Science Fair.”

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Contact St. Louis County Library by phone 314-994-3300 or visit www.slcl.org.

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