

## Young Adult Lit Panel Discussion

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 3 p.m.**

The Book Stall  
811 Elm Street  
Winnetka, IL 60093

The Book Stall at Chestnut Court is pleased to present three authors of young adult fiction reading from and discussing their work. The presenters are **Julie Halpern**, author of *Into the Wild Nerd Yonder*, **Beverly Patt**, author of *Haven*, and **Kristina Springer**, author of *The Espressologist*. *This event is free and open to the public.*

**Julie Halpern** is the author a previous novel, *Get Well Soon*, as well as the picture book *Toby and the Snowflakes*. A Chicago-area native, she works as a school librarian and lives with her husband, author and illustrator Matthew Cordell, and their daughter. The School Library Journal say that *Into The Wild Nerd Yonder* "...is particularly strong in showing how teen friendships evolve and sometimes die away, and how adolescents redefine themselves."

**Beverly Patt** has been a teacher, a teen advice columnist, and a freelance writer. *Haven* is her first novel. She serves as the co-president of "The Class of 2K9," a group of young adult and children's fiction writers who all had a debut novel published in 2009. A picture book, called *Best Friends Forever: A World War II Scrapbook*, illustrated by Shula Klinger, is scheduled to come out in the Spring of 2010.

**Kristina Springer** worked for many years as a technical writer before turning to fiction. Her debut novel is *The Espressologist*. *BookPage* says, "Anyone who's worked in a service-industry job will nod in recognition while reading passages about snarky customers and cranky coworkers—and anyone who's been a teenager will relate to the romantic tension that builds as Jane makes matches for her friends but doesn't realize she's overlooking her own perfect romantic partner." Her second book, *My Fake Boyfriend is Better Than Yours*, is due out in the fall of 2010.

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