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Visit with "Joy for Beginners" author Erica Bauermeister



National bestselling author Erica Bauermeister will read from and discuss her newest novel, *Joy for Beginners*, at the Olympia Timberland Library on Saturday, November 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. This event takes place after hours; no other library services will be available.

“At an intimate, festive party in Seattle, six women gather to celebrate their friend Kate’s recovery from cancer. Wineglass in hand, Kate strikes a bargain with them: to celebrate her new lease on life, she’ll do the one thing that’s always terrified her: white-water rafting down the Grand Canyon. But if she goes, each of them must promise to do one thing in the next year that is new, difficult, or scary—and Kate gets to choose their challenges.” –from book jacket

The challenges will be very different from one another. Daria, a gifted but restless potter, must learn how to bake bread. Sara must travel alone to Venice. Caroline must sort through her ex-husband’s library. Hadley must tend her garden. Ava must complete a sixty-mile walk to raise funds for breast cancer research. And Marion must get a tattoo.

Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, wrote: “Moving, touching, wonderfully written, *Joy for Beginners*... proves that sometimes what we really need to inspire us to change is a good, firm shove.”

Bauermeister lives in Seattle with her family and is the author of the national bestselling novel, *The School of Essential Ingredients*. She also co-authored *500 Great Books by Women: A Reader’s Guide* with Holly Smith and Jesse Larsen and *Let’s Hear It For the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14* with Holly Smith. Her website is www.ericabauermeister.com.

The [Olympia Timberland Library](http://www.olympiatribunalibrary.org) is at 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia. For more information, please call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to www.TRL.org.