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**Indianapolis Author Will Autograph Book
And Even Gift Wrap It
At Allen County Public Library Authors' Fair Nov. 14**

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 1 — Indianapolis-based author Linda Mansfield will sign copies of her book, "Stories for the 12 Days of Christmas," at the Allen County Public Library's Authors' Fair from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. The library is located at 900 Library Plaza in Fort Wayne.

Ten percent of all book sales during the authors' fair will benefit the library.

More than 70 authors will be featured. Mansfield will be at Table 12.

"Stories for the 12 Days of Christmas" offers a baker's dozen of fictional but realistic stories to provide adult readers with short breaks during the hectic holiday season. It makes an ideal gift, and Mansfield will provide complimentary gift wrapping at the book signing.

Other appearances are listed on LindaMansfieldBooks.com. Additional information is available at "Linda Mansfield — Author" on Facebook and @RestartLMAuthor on Twitter.

The book is also available as an e-book, a paperback and a hardcover worldwide on Amazon.com, BarnesAndNoble.com and at various other outlets.

"I decided to write these stories last Christmas after I watched several stressed-out women in big black SUVs compete for parking spaces at the Fashion Mall in Indianapolis," Mansfield said. "There were so busy and so stressed that they

weren't enjoying Christmas at all, and their driving scared me to death. I thought 'They need a time out!' so I set out to provide 13 short breaks for them at subsequent Christmases. Each story is less than 2,000 words and takes about 10 to 15 minutes to read.

"There's almost an even split between women main characters and men main characters, so the book should appeal to everyone," she said. "Some of the characters live in rural areas and some live in cities; some are rich and some are struggling," she noted. "I really tried to provide something for everyone.

"Hopefully the free gift wrapping will save readers some time and aggravation too," she added. "Come with a list of names; I'll take care of it!"

Susan Schoch, a reviewer for Story Circle Book Reviews, had this to say about the book: "'Stories for the 12 Days of Christmas' is a little like grabbing a cookie or two at a time. There is a sweetness to these stories....These are not children's stories but the language is plainspoken, easy to anticipate, and that makes the book perfect for a busy schedule....Mansfield is not writing little romantic vignettes. She is imagining ordinary people whose lives are changed by choosing love....She is offering you a Christmas break, manageable moments of connection, so that you come away refreshed and ready for more. And maybe with a little sugar high to keep you going. 'Stories for the 12 Days of Christmas' is a small book of loving reminders to be better, do better, and change your life, by choosing love. It's worth noting that it could be a gift you give to others, as well as to yourself."

Due to the success of this collection, Mansfield is hard at work on three sequels centered on spring, summer and fall stories. They will feature the same characters that appear in the Christmas volume.

Mansfield is an experienced journalist, editor and public relations representative. She has worked on the copy desk of a Manhattan publishing house; written numerous articles that have appeared in mainstream and specialty publications, and edited six books by other authors. She owns a motorsports public relations firm, Restart Communications, and her work is regularly featured in Speed Sport magazine. "Stories for the 12 Days of Christmas" is her first work of fiction to be published in book form.