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Children's Books on the Slate for this Week's Writer's Journey Seminar

HANCOCK, MI – Local children's book author Terri Martin will present the next Finlandia University Writer's Journey seminar Thursday, February 19, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the university's Chapel of St. Matthew, Hancock.

Through discussion and group participation, Martin will cover children's book writing, and fiction writing in general, giving special attention to discovering the writer's voice. She will also share tips on forming a critique group and information about helpful websites.

The title of Martin's seminar is, "Discovering the Writer's Voice Within."

Terri Martin has published a middle-grade children's novel, "A Family Trait" (Holiday House, 1999). She has also written and published numerous outdoor-related and humorous articles and stories which have appeared in publications such as *Michigan Out-of-Doors*, *Country Living*, *Backpacker*, and *Porcupine Press*.

Originally from Michigan's Lower Peninsula, Terri and her husband, Wayne, moved to the Upper Peninsula in 2000. Terri is employed at Finlandia University where she works as assistant to the provost and teaches a freshman orientation class. She is also pursuing a masters degree in English at Northern Michigan University.

Martin's book will be available for purchase following the seminar.

The seminar is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Suzanne Van Dam, Finlandia assistant professor of English, at 906-487-7515 or suzanne.vandam@finlandia.edu.