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## Press Release

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## Best-selling author Thrity Umrigar addresses fiction writing at GCPL's Geauga West Branch

**Geauga County – June 29, 2017 -- Thrity Umrigar** visits the Geauga West Branch Wed., Aug. 2, 7 p.m to share why the bar for fiction is higher than the bar for real life. She is the best-selling author of a memoir and seven adult books including *If Today Be Sweet*, *Bombay Time*, and *The Story Hour*; she has also published a picture book entitled *When I Carried You in My Belly*. Umrigar is the Armington Professor of English at Case Western Reserve University and is a renowned journalist and critic.

Born in Bombay, India, Umrigar had literary success as a youth in India, as many of her early pieces were featured in national publications. Umrigar moved to the United States at the age of 21, where she was awarded a Nieman Fellowship to Harvard University. Her works have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, and *Huffington Post*, and her books have been published in over a dozen countries and translated into multiple languages. It is through these works that Umrigar says, "It is always my hope that by writing as specific and honest a novel as I can, I can illuminate some aspect of human behavior for my readers." She's won a Lambda Literary Award, the Cleveland Arts Prize, and the Seth Rosenberg Prize. She has also been a finalist for both the PEN/Beyond Margins award and the Society of Midland Authors award. This event is made possible by the generosity of the Geauga County Library Foundation. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at all GCPL locations. Light refreshments. Mac's Backs will be on-site to sell books.

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### **About the Geauga County Public Library**

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Geauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; two Bookmobiles that serve rural areas and community centers; a Lobby Stop vehicle; a car for homebound patrons; and an administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 750,000 books and ebooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 400 research databases available through its website. GCPL is a member of the Clevnet consortium, giving patrons access to more than 12 million items. Learn more about the Geauga County Public Library at the GCPL website, [GeaugaLibrary.net](http://GeaugaLibrary.net).

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