

## Ann Arbor Book Festival Announces New Executive Director

Ann Arbor, MI, September 7, 2004 – At 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 13, a press conference will be held in the offices of Flint Ink at 4600 Arrowhead Drive, Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor Book Festival board chair, Evans Young will present the new executive director for the Ann Arbor Book Festival, Kathy Robenalt. “We conducted an extensive search and are very excited about Kathy” said Evans Young. “Kathy is a long-term community volunteer with extensive experience in non-profit and community event leadership.”

Kathy Robenalt served on the advisory board and as the author coordinator for the 2004 Ann Arbor Book Festival. “Having been so closely involved in the creation of last year’s event has given Kathy the experience to step right in and ensure the continued growth and success of the Ann Arbor Book Festival,” commented Lori Tucker-Sullivan, a member of the director search committee.

Kathy has asked former director Julia Dickinson to remain involved with the festival from her new home in Chicago. Julia will be serving in a communications and advisory capacity. “I am so glad that Kathy has found a way for me to continue to be a part of the festival even though I have relocated to Chicago,” commented Julia. “I think that Kathy has the vision and enthusiasm to take the festival to the next level.”

Debra Schafrath, marketing manager for Flint Ink, the 2004 children’s pavilion sponsor, stated that although she is sorry to see Julia go, she feels that the success of the 2004 Ann Arbor Book Festival has given the organization a strong foundation. “Flint Ink is proud to have been a founding sponsor of the festival and we look forward to its continued development under Kathy’s leadership.”

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