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**Welcome Radio Book Signings with Author Annie Stillwater Gray**

Author Annie Stillwater Gray has just released her new book, *Welcome Radio: Tales from the General Store*, and it is being well received around the State. Her latest book will be featured at Author Book Signings on Saturday November 21st at the Hartland Public Library from 10:00AM to 11:30AM and at the Newport Cultural Center on this same date from 12:30PM to 2:00PM.

The fictitious northern Maine border town Angel's Notch is the setting for this novel as well as for the companion radio program *The General Store Variety Show*, which has been broadcast for 500 weeks on radio stations across Maine, including WERU 89.9 FM, Blue Hill and 102.9 FM, Bangor on Sundays at 1:00PM, simulcast on the Internet at [www.weru.org](http://www.weru.org). The General Store also airs on WKTJ 99.3 FM, Farmington Sundays at 9:00 a.m., on WMHB 89.7 FM, Waterville Fridays at 6:00 p.m., simulcast on the Internet at [www.wmhb.org](http://www.wmhb.org), and on WRFA 107.9 FM, Jamestown, NY Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m., simulcast on the Internet at [www.WRFALP.com](http://www.WRFALP.com). Annie and her husband Andy Wendell have been producing this show since the spring of 2000 from their home studio Solon, Maine. Her husband Andy is the Engineer, Director and Technical Adviser for the radio show. Next March they will celebrate the program's ten year anniversary. The General Store Variety Show has been compared to Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, but Maine-style and from a woman's point of view. The show is currently sponsored by Polar Bear and Company Publishers.

Both Annie and Andy have their own live radio shows at WMHB. They also play music together and find time to act in local plays, which makes for quite a creative team! Annie has been a licensed DJ since 1974, and has written several books, proving herself to be a talented Author as well. Dale McGarrigle of the Bangor Daily News staff writes, "For the past 25 years, Annie *Earhart* (Stillwater Gray) has been an artist who expresses herself through radio, music serving as her palette and the airways as her canvas. Librarian and avid reader Leona McCartin of the Newport Cultural Center, home of the Newport Public Library, says "This is one of the best books I have ever read!"

If you would like to meet Annie and find out more about her radio show and new book, she will be reading selections from her book and copies will be available at both author book signings on the above dates. For more about the November 21 appearances, contact John Clark at the Hartland Public Library at 938 - 4702 or [wizard@hartland.lib.me.us](mailto:wizard@hartland.lib.me.us) or Joanna Tarrazi at the Newport Cultural Center at 368 - 2193 or [nccdirector@newportmaine.net](mailto:nccdirector@newportmaine.net). The Hartland Public Library is located at 16 Mill Street in Hartland and the Newport Cultural Center is located at 154 Main Street in Newport. If you are unable to attend you can also visit Annie's website [www.welcomeradio.com](http://www.welcomeradio.com) to find more information about her radio show and purchase copies of her book, or email her at [aaandandy@tdstelme.net](mailto:aaandandy@tdstelme.net).