

Mara Purl

Speeches, Seminars, Awards & Events

SPEECHES & SEMINARS

- 2007 **“What Child Secrets Still Run Your Life?”**
Central Coast Book Festival, San Luis Obispo
- 2006 **“What’s In Your Serial?”**
Central Coast Book Festival, San Luis Obispo
- 2005 **“What Your Heart Knows”**
Centennial Sertoma Club, Colorado Springs
- “Secrets from Childhood – healing Child Abuse”**
Exchange Club, Colorado Springs
- 2004 **“Libraries: Illuminating Past & Future”**
Washoe Library Centennial, Reno, Nevada
- 2004 **“Ten Keys to Creativity”** 4-week sessions
Rampart Library, Women’s Foundation of Colorado
- 2004 **Scripts & Fiction**, Presentation & Panel
Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2003 **“Ten Keys to Creativity”** joined by Linda Seger;
Pikes Peak Writers Conference.
- 2002 **“Drama to Fiction”** Featured Address
Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, VA
- 2001 **“Ten Keys to Creativity”** – Carnegie Library. Frank Lloyd
Wright Institute Taliesin West. The Muir Agency. Palm
Springs Writers Guild.
- 2001 **“Drama to Fiction – from the BBC to the Book Shelf”**
Featured Speaker for Virginia Festival of the Book
- 2001 **“Being a Hyphenate – Using All Your Talents”**
Palm Springs Writers Guild
- 2000 **“Your Creativity – The First of Ten Keys”**
Carnegie Library, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1999 **“Social Investing – Initiate the Flow”**
(co-written & jointly delivered with Erin Gray)
Women’s Peacemaker Foundation, Tampa Florida (Award
recipient)
- 1998 **“The Role of Fiction and the Responsibility of Authors”**,
DAR Colorado Springs Chapter
- 1997 **“Writing to Entertain”**
National Writers’ Conference
- 1988-present
Co-wrote over **100 speeches** with Erin Gray. Topics include:
child abuse, alcoholism, goal setting, building self-esteem,
domestic violence, parental relationships, balancing career and
family, women’s issues, etc.
- 1980 **“Truth in Journalism: If It’s in Print, Is It True?”**
American Chamber of Commerce,
Hong Kong

AWARDS

- 2007 **Evvv Award – Gold**
Closer Than You Think – A Milford-Haven Novel
- 2006 **Benjamin Franklin Award – Silver**
What the Heart Knows - A Milford-Haven Novel
- Evvv Award – Gold**
Act Right: A Manual for the On-Camera Actor
- 2005 **CIPA Merit Book Award**
Christmas Angels - Milford-Haven Short Stories
- 2002 **Woman of the Year**
Los Angeles County Commission for Women
- 1999 **Woman’s Peace Power Award**
- 1997 Co-Producer, domestic violence Public Service Announcement
“Step Forward”
- 1994 **Finalist Award**, Dramatic Program, The New York Festivals
International Radio Competition
Producer, “Milford-Haven, U.S.A.”,
BBC radio drama

EVENTS

- 2007 **Featured Author:** L.A. Times Festival of Books; Central Coast
Book Festival; Santa Barbara Book Festival
- Readers Passport** -- Launch of new literacy initiative
Pikes Peak Library District
- 2006 **Book Expo America** -- Celebrity Book Signing
Washington D.C.
- 2005 **One-Woman Show: Mary Shelley – In Her Own Words**
Broadmoor Theatre, Colorado Springs, CO
American School in Japan, Tokyo
- 2004 **Celebrity Co-Host**, with Clive Cussler, Erin Gray
Washoe Library Foundation Centennial Gala
- 2003 **Gala Co-Chair**, Inaugural Gala,
Colorado Festival of World Theatre
- 2000 **Celebrity Host**, Cosmetologists Gala
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- 1999 **Celebrity Co-Host** with William Devane, Colorado Springs
Film Commission Second Annual Oscar Gala
- 1998 **Celebrity Co-Host** with Erin Gray, Colorado Springs Film
Commission First Annual Oscar Gala