

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Bestselling Author Viola Shipman Coming to Fremont Library

The Fremont Area District Library is proud to partner with the Fremont Area Community Foundation to bring bestselling author Viola Shipman (Wade Rouse) to the Fremont Library.

An Evening with Author Viola Shipman (Wade Rouse) - Wade Rouse is the USA TODAY, Publishers Weekly and #1 internationally bestselling author of 20 books, including five memoirs, 12 novels and three holiday novellas. His novels, including *The Charm Bracelet*, *The Hope Chest*, *The Summer Cottage*, and *The Heirloom Garden*, have been translated into over a dozen languages and become international bestsellers. 2025 will be a big year with three books being published, including his latest Viola Shipman novel, *The Page Turner*. This new novel celebrates how books and reading change and save us – takes readers inside the world of publishing today and asks why we judge one another and the books we read by our collective covers.

Wade chose his grandmother's name, Viola Shipman, as a pen name to honor the working poor Ozarks seamstress whose sacrifices changed his family's life and whose memory inspires his fiction. The evening will include a moderated conversation with the author, and Wade will take questions and sign books. Books will be available to purchase, and this event will take place in the library's Community Room on Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m.



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