Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times bestselling author whose writing spans young readers, teens, and new adults. Combined, her books have sold more than 8 million copies. She has been twice nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Two of her books, Speak and Chains, were National Book Award finalists, and Chains was short-listed for the prestigious Carnegie medal. Laurie was selected by the American Library Association for the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award and has been honored for her battles for intellectual freedom by the National Coalition Against Censorship and the National Council of Teachers of English.

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**LET’S ALL READ...**

*Speak* and *The Seeds of America Trilogy* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**MEET THE AUTHOR!**

**Monday, October 15, 6:30-8pm**
Fairport Public Library  
1 FAIRPORT VILLAGE LANDING, FAIRPORT, NY 14450, 585-223-9091  
Registration begins September 3rd.

**Tuesday, October 16, 6:30-8pm**
Irondequoit Public Library  
1290 TITUS AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14617, 585-336-6060  
No registration necessary.

**Wednesday, October 17, 4-5:30pm**
Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County  
B-HIVE PROGRAM ROOM, 2nd Floor, Bausch & Lomb Public Library Bldg.,  
115 SOUTH AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14604, 585-428-8451  
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*Speak*
Melinda Sordino busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops. Now her old friends won’t talk to her, and people she doesn’t even know hate her from a distance. The safest place to be is alone, inside her own head. But even that’s not safe. Because there’s something she’s trying not to think about, something about the night of the party that, if she let it in, would blow her carefully constructed disguise to smithereens. And then she would have to speak the truth.

*Chains*
As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight… for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.

*Forge*
In the desperate circumstances of the Valley Forge winter, Curzon the boy becomes Curzon the young man. In addition to the hardships of soldiering, he lives with the fear of being discovered as an escaped slave passing for free. Isabel is also at Valley Forge—against her will. She and Curzon have to sort out the tangled threads of their friendship while figuring out what stands between the two of them and true freedom.

*Ashes*
As the Revolutionary War rages on, Isabel and Curzon have narrowly escaped Valley Forge—but their relief is short-lived. Before long they are reported as runaways, and the awful Bellingham is determined to track them down. With purpose and faith, Isabel and Curzon march on, fiercely determined to find Isabel’s little sister Ruth, who is enslaved in a Southern state—where bounty hunters are thick as flies. Heroism and heartbreak pave their path, but Isabel and Curzon won’t stop until they reach Ruth, and then freedom.

Don’t miss these free events:
- Teens can enter to win book prizes
- Limited quantities of books will be available for sale
- Laurie will sign autographs after the event
- Refreshments provided

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