



*Robert  
Cormier*

*Reception  
to Commemorate the Establishment of  
The Robert Cormier Collection  
at the  
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Robert Cormier, internationally acclaimed author, is presenting his papers to Fitchburg State College. The College is honored to establish The Robert Cormier Collection to preserve the author's manuscripts and correspondence as a valuable resource for literary scholarship. Under the direction of Dr. Marilyn A. McCaffrey, Professor of English, with the cooperation of William T. Casey, Director of the Library, and Robert Foley, Research Librarian, the papers will become a part of the College's permanent library collection.



Vincent J. Mara  
President  
Fitchburg State College

## CEREMONIES

### HAMMOND BUILDING LECTURE HALL

1:30 p.m.

#### **Welcome**

*President Vincent j. Mara*

#### **Introductory Remarks**

*Dr. Marilyn A. McCaffrey  
Professor of English*

#### **"Robert Cormier: The Author and the Man"**

*Dr. Donald R. Callo  
Professor of English  
Central Connecticut State College*

2:75p.m.

#### **II Cheese, Chocolates and Kids: A Day with Robert Cormier"**

*A film by Frank McLaughlin  
and Ned Eckhardt*

#### **Remarks**

*Robert Cormier*

3:00 p.m.

#### **Reception**

**A Centennial Event sponsored by  
the English Department**



**A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT**

*Robert Cormier*  
**Symposium:**

*Cormier  
in the Classroom*

**Saturday, October 22, 1994**

Dr. Marilyn A. McCaffrey, Director  
Professor of English, Fitchburg State College  
Guardian of the Robert Cormier Manuscript Collection

Exhibits courtesy of Robert A. Foley, Jr.  
Curator of the Robert Cormier Manuscript Collection

Exhibits arranged by Dermot Whittaker,  
Graduate Assistant to the Director

*Seventh Annual Tribute*

**Celebrating Robert Cormier**  
**Readings from his Works**



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Organized by Dr. Marilyn A. McCaffrey  
Guardian of the Robert Cormier Manuscript Collection  
Professor Emerita of English

*Welcome* to the Seventh Annual Tribute to Robert Cormier, the internationally acclaimed author. Each year since 2001, the Fitchburg State College community has come together to celebrate the words of Robert Cormier, as a variety of voices bring to life passages from Cormier's nineteen books. Mrs. Constance Senay Cormier, Bob's widow, has graced our gathering every year with her presence and her support. Bob's daughters, Bobbie and Renee, are readers again this year. Bob's son Peter is doing a reading of his memories of the incident that inspired *The Chocolate War*.

Robert Cormier's association with Fitchburg State College spans more than a half-century beginning in 1943, when he was an FSC undergraduate student. In 1977 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters in recognition of his excellence in writing. His campus involvement included being a Visiting Artist, a yearly judge for the English Department Writing Contest, and a regular guest speaker in undergraduate and graduate courses. The Robert E. Cormier Manuscript Collection is housed at the FSC Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library.

Passages from Cormier's novels will be read today not only in English, but also in Bemba, German, Hungarian, and Spanish.

Readers will go to the podium without introduction, following the listings in the program. Today we will remember Bob Cormier by rejoicing in his words read aloud by many voices.

### *Program Of Readings*

SELECTION

READER

<i>I Am the Cheese</i> .....	Robert Foley, Director Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library
<i>After the First Death</i> .....	Dr. Patricia A. Smith Assistant Professor of English
<i>I Have Words to Spend</i> .....	Janice Ouellette
edited by Constance Senay Cormier	Periodicals Librarian
"Beauty That Lingers"	Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library
Fitchburg Sentinel & Enterprise, Feb 28, 1974	
<i>The Chocolate War</i> .....	Dr. Robert V. Antonucci President of Fitchburg State College
<i>The Chocolate War</i> .....	Dr. Chola Chisunka, Chair
<i>Chokoleti Yalenga Ulubuli</i> (Bemba)	Graduate Programs in English
Translated by Dr. Chola Chisunka	Professor of English

<i>My Most Memorable Moment</i> .....	Peter J. Cormier
by Peter J. Cormier	Son of Robert Cormier
<i>Tenderness</i> .....	Vivian Bomatay
<i>El Síndrome de la Ternura</i> (Spanish)	BA Political Science Candidate
<i>Frenchtown Summer</i> .....	Dr. Roberta E. Adams
"The Goggles"	Professor of English
<i>We All Fall Down</i> .....	Samantha Bridgman
	B.S. English / B.S. Communications Media Alumna
<i>Heroes</i> .....	Mandy Shirley
	BA & MA in English Alumna English Teacher, Narragansett Regional High School
<i>In the Middle of the Night</i> .....	Gary M. Kendall
	Leominster Public Library, Librarian Leominster Cultural Comm. Past Chair
<i>Frenchtown Summer</i> .....	Bobbie Cormier Sullivan
"My Father at Work"	Daughter of Robert Cormier
<i>Tunes for Bears To Dance To</i> .....	Laurel Dejniak
	BA in English Literature Candidate
<i>Fade</i> .....	Michael Hunter, President of the English Club
	BS in English Literature Candidate BS in Video Communication Candidate
<i>Other Bells for Us to Ring</i> .....	Donna C. May, Administrative Assistant
	Human Resources & Academic Affairs MS in Applied Communications Candidate
<i>I Have Words to Spend</i> .....	Renee Cormier Wheeler
edited by Constance Senay Cormier	Daughter of Robert Cormier
"A Time for Trees"	
Fitchburg Sentinel & Enterprise, Dec 20, 1973	
<i>Tenderness</i> .....	Lisa Schrafft
<i>Zärtlichkeit</i> (German)	BS in Exercise Sport Science Candidate

<i>Now and At the Hour</i> .....	Simone E. Blake, Librarian Emerita Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library
<i>I Am the Cheese</i> .....	Zsuzsanna Nagy
<i>Én Vagyok a Hunyó</i> (Hungarian)	Masters in Business Administration Candidate
<i>Beyond the Chocolate War</i> .....	Jaclyn Davis BA English/Secondary Education Candidate
<i>Tenderness</i> .....	Megan Normandin MA in English Alumna English Teacher, Fitchburg High School
<i>Eight Plus One: Stories</i> .....	Patrick Cuff BS in English/Professional Writing Candidate

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***A special thanks*** to Dr. Robert Antonucci, President of the College; Dr. Lisa Gim and Dr. Patricia Smith of the English Department; Robert Foley, Library Director; Janice Ouellette, Librarian; Azure Collier, Public Relations/Publications Specialist; and Gail Wyatt, Administrative Assistant to the President for their support and help with this event.

A copy of Robert Cormier's *Tenderness* is being presented to each of today's readers as a remembrance of their participation. **Random House Children's Books** generously provided these copies. Tracy Bloom the Assistant Manager of Library Marketing at Random House deserves thanks for her help.