

## News Release

# Author Sherry Roberts Highlights Banned Books Week

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The University of Minnesota Crookston will celebrate Banned Books Week from Monday, September 26, through Friday, September 30, 2016. Visiting author Sherry Roberts from Minneapolis will be on campus to discuss her novel, *Book of Mercy*. The public is invited to attend activities during Banned Books Week. All events are free and parking on campus is free.

On Tuesday, September 27, a read-out featuring public readings from banned books will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center.

On Thursday, September 29, a high tea and selected readings from the *Book of Mercy* will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. featuring Author Sherry Roberts in the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center.



Roberts combines humor and unforgettable characters in an exploration of the issues of the day. *Book of Mercy* features a mother-to-be who wages a battle against censorship in her town. Roberts was a 2011 Midwest Book Awards finalist.

After years as a newspaper reporter and magazine editor, Roberts started her own company with her husband, The Roberts Group Editorial & Design. They write, design, and build websites as well as create newsletters, brochures, press releases, manuals, and more. She blogs at [www.sherry-roberts.com](http://www.sherry-roberts.com).

Banned Books Week events at the U of M Crookston are sponsored by the Academic Success Center on campus. For a complete listing of the events taking place during Banned Books Week, visit [www.umcrookston.edu/today](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today).

### Background

Banned Books Week is an annual national event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. Learn more at [www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek](http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek).

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