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Orem Reads *Gilead*: Pulitzer Prize Winner Marilynne Robinson

Orem, Utah – September 21, 2011 – As part of Orem Reads 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, Marilynne Robinson, will visit the Orem Public Library and read from her work on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm as finale to Orem Reads. Join one of America's finest living authors as she talks about her writing and answers questions from the audience. This is a special opportunity to meet the author around whose novel Orem Reads 2011 was designed.

Marilynne Robinson is the author of the bestselling novels *Housekeeping*, *Gilead*, and *Home* as well as nonfiction including the works *The Death of Adam* and *Mother Country*. *Housekeeping* was a finalist for the 1982 Pulitzer Prize and was included in *The New York Times Books of the Century* as well as listed as one of the 100 greatest novels of all time by the *UK Guardian Observer* while *Gilead* was awarded the 2005 Pulitzer Prize. In 1997 she received a Strauss Living Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

For more information, press photographs of the author, and images of book covers, please contact Eliot Wilcox at 801-229-7174 or ejwilcox@orem.org.

Funding for Orem Reads comes in part from the Utah Humanities Council Book Festival. The Utah Humanities Council promotes understanding of human traditions, values and issues through informed public discussion.

Author Events:

September 29: Orem Reads Kickoff with award-winning essayist Brian Doyle

October 6: Exploring *Home* with Dr. Susan Howe

October 10: Exploring *Place* with Dr. George Handley

October 12: National Book Award Winner Barry Lopez

October 13: Exploring *Family* with Dr. Lance Larsen

October 19: Exploring the *Everyday* with Dr. Patrick Madden

October 20: Orem Reads Finale with Pulitzer Prize Winner Marilynne Robinson

All author visits will be held at 7 p.m. in the library's Storytelling Wing.