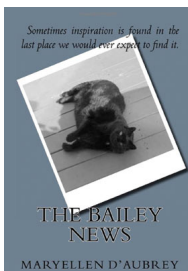


- Special to the Leader & Times

The Liberal Memorial Library will be hosting a book signing of “The Bailey News” by Maryellen Anderson from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday



“The Bailey News” is the heartwarming story about a gentle old cat named Bailey and the pet sitter who came to look after him for a few weeks. One gave the other encouragement to try harder; the other gave the gift of inspiration. Together they forged a special bond that developed between the two of them.

Anderson’s love of the written word began at the age of 12 after reading Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes. She became an avid reader and aspired to become a writer while still in high school. Marriage and raising a family led her down a different path in life but she never lost her love of reading and writing – or of her dream.

It was when her path crossed with a special cat named Bailey that she found the inspiration she needed to follow that dream.

Anderson has also maintained a lifelong interest in family history and genealogy. She dreamed of someday traveling across the United States in a motorhome to do her research.

She finally realized that dream two years ago when she left her home state of Washington to begin the cross-country trek, spending weeks or months to “stop to smell the roses” at places along her itinerary.

It was during this time that she published “The Bailey News” and, most recently, “The Grimm Family of Sheybogan and Taylor Counties, Wisconsin.” Maryellen has lived in 10 states and three years in Japan.