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Quick Facts

- Bela Herlong graduated from Winthrop in 1951 with a bachelor's degree.
- She won the S.C. Governor's Humanities Award in 2009.
- Daughter M.H. Herlong's first young adult book, "The Great Wide Sea," was recognized by the Young Adult Library Services Association.

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Mothers, daughters and book enthusiasts will have a chance to bond at a **Winthrop University Friends of Dacus Library-sponsored book talk** by mother-and-daughter team **M.H. and Bela Herlong** on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in **Dinkins Auditorium**.

The featured authors will discuss their writing careers and various books, followed by a book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

Bela Herlong '51, is a former educator with a bachelor's from Winthrop, and master's and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. A life-long Saluda County resident and educator, Herlong received the **Governor's Humanities Award** in 2009, recognizing "outstanding achievement in the humanities."

She has written, produced and directed historical dramas about Saluda County and wrote "**Breaking New Ground: A Pictorial History of Saluda County**," "**Padgett's My Name**" and co-authored the three-volume set "**Where Our Paths Crossed: the Old Edgefield District Settlement of Mount Willing**."

Daughter Madaline H. Herlong is a juvenile fiction author who lives in New Orleans. She holds degrees from the College of William and Mary and both a master's and law degree from the University of Virginia. Her novel "**The Great Wide Sea**" was named one of the **2010 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults** by the **Young Adult Library Services Association**. Her second novel, "**Buddy**," tells the story of a boy who sets out to find his dog Buddy after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

For more information on the Friends of Dacus Library [visit the library's website](#) or call 803/323-2131.

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