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Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 21. Cheryl Charles, president of the Children and Nature Network (C&NN) will be speaking at Hill College at 6:30 p.m. Charles is visiting Burleson as part of the Mayor's Book Club 2009 celebration of nature, which is hosted by the Burleson Public Library. A book signing will follow the presentation. Food and refreshments will be provided.

The focus of the Mayor's Book Club is Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*, as well as Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods* and Carl Hiassen's *Hoot*. The three books focus on the environment and the connection, or lack of connection, to the outside world. All three literary works are available for checkout at the Burleson Public Library. Library hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.

Cheryl Charles has worked closely with Richard Louv, the author of *Last Child in the Woods*, to develop training and education for emerging regional leaders in the children and nature movement. Charles is co-chair of the Education for Sustainable Development Working Group of the Commission on Education and Communication, World Conservation Union (IUCN-CEC). She served for nearly 20 years as national director of Project Learning Tree and Project WILD.

The library, located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave., will host weekly book discussions about the selected titles and master gardener programs on composting and rainwater harvesting. April's activities will culminate with Burleson's own "Walk in the Woods of Burleson." Dates, times and places for the discussions and walk will be announced as April draws closer.

For more information about the Mayor's Book Club, the presentation by Cheryl Charles and the Walk in the Woods of Burleson, call the Burleson Public Library at 817-295-6131 or e-mail Library Director Gayla Tennison at [gtennison@burlesonlibrary.com](mailto:gtennison@burlesonlibrary.com). For more information about this release, call the public information office at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.