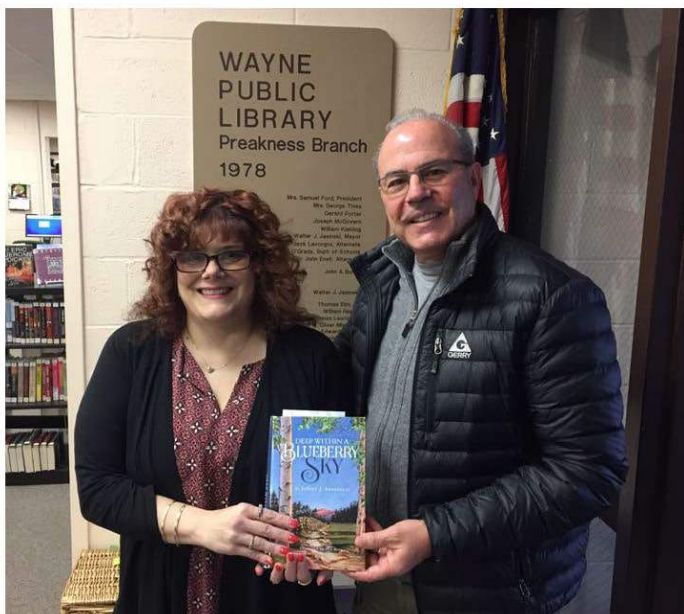
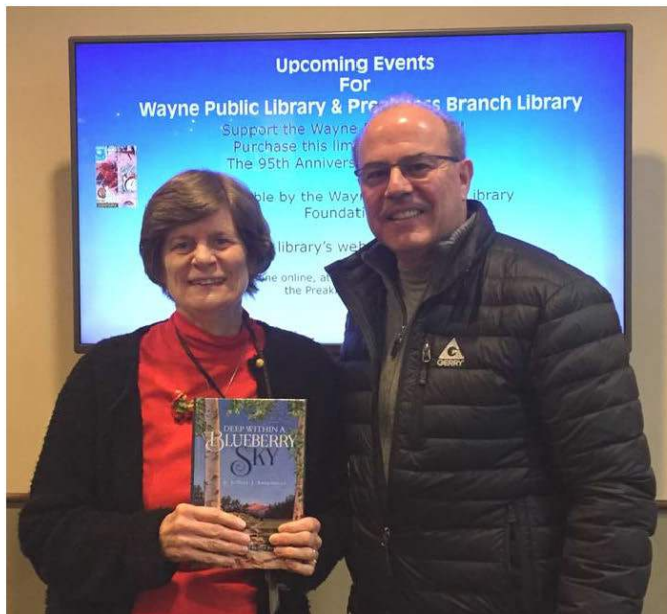


Wayne Author Jeffrey J. Antonucci Donates Books to Wayne Libraries



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Jeffrey J. Antonucci, author of "Deep Within a Blueberry Sky," donates his newly published book to Pat Zerbe, senior librarian at Wayne Public Library (left photo), and to Janette Pardo, librarian at the Wayne Preakness Library (right photo) in mid-December.

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Jeffrey J. Antonucci, a longtime resident of Wayne, donated his newly published book, *Deep Within a Blueberry Sky*, to Pat Zerbe, senior librarian at Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, and to Janette Pardo, librarian at the Wayne Preakness Library, 1006 Hamburg Turnpike, in mid-December.

"I was born and raised in Wayne, attended the Wayne Public Schools, from kindergarten through high school, and after getting married and moving to Clifton for five years, my wife and I returned to Wayne, where we built our home and raised our two children," notes Antonucci. "So, I was very happy to donate my book in the magical realism genre to each of the public libraries in Wayne."

Antonucci's beautifully illustrated hard-cover novel tells the story of a young girl who spends part of each summer in the country with her grandfather enjoying life in the great outdoors and overcoming challenges along the way that shape her life forever. *Deep Within a Blueberry Sky* exemplifies the quintessential elements of what the selfless acts of giving and teaching, both profound offerings of love, really signify, and the tremendous good that comes, as a result.

This story emotionally and intimately immerses the reader into an epic coming-of-age journey that Poppy Tom, and as we come to realize, his now deceased wife Grandma Jennie designed for their granddaughter. The reader is escorted along with Sarah, through a world where good grows on trees like so many green leaves and there are no-limits to what one can do, as long as they believe in themselves, in spite of any challenges they may think they have, and what a jaded world says they have.

As in all journeys in life, no effort is without its trials, tribulations, and setbacks. Sarah's journey is no different. It's by the attributes of this solid, keenly devised, and intricately implemented plan by her caring, dedicated grandparents that Sarah gains the confidence, perseverance and bravery she needs to overcome any challenges, real or perceived, and achieve the ultimate accomplishment.

"*Deep Within a Blueberry Sky*" celebrates all that is good in people and all that is good in all things. It also reveals to the reader by the use of deep, powerful prose, a full range of emotions spanning from the depths of one's soul to the highest mountaintop.

First-time author, Jeffrey J. Antonucci, followed in the footsteps of his father, uncle, and grandfather, all master tradesmen, by working in construction as a bricklayer. It wasn't until the idea for this story came to Jeff, as he tells it, like a slideshow before his eyes, that he ever even thought of writing, what would become, this novel. Up until that point, Jeff's writings consisted of small personal pieces and poems for family members and friends.

The book, published by Woodpecker Press, Livingston, New Jersey, is available at the author's website, www.inspiredworks.net.