



The Forest Lyceum

A Lecture Series at the Douglas, Hunt, and Norfolk Libraries
January through March 2014 – **Reservations are required.***

February 8 — Douglas Library, North Canaan
4 pm reception, 4:30 pm book talk and signing

Robin Wall Kimmerer, Ph.D.

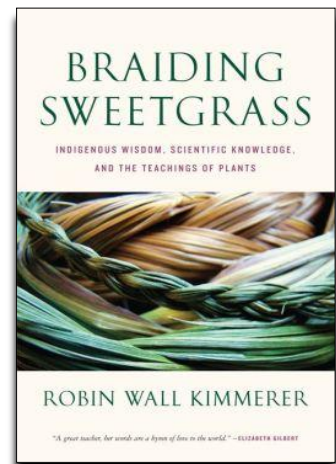
Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental Biology,
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Braiding Sweetgrass

Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants



Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, a mother, and a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. In a rich braid of reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgement and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return. (Milkweed Editions, 2013; books available for purchase)



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