

Internationally known Hoosier author James Alexander Thom joins honorary Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library board

Indianapolis (July 22, 2013) – James Alexander Thom, known internationally for his historical fiction novels (*Follow the River, Long Knife, Panther in the Sky, Red Heart*, more), has joined the honorary board of directors of the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis.

Like Kurt Vonnegut, Thom was a combat veteran – the former from World War II, the latter from the Korean Conflict (Marine Corps).

And like Vonnegut, Thom was born in Indiana – the former in Indianapolis, the latter in Gosport (May 26, 1933). Thom is known for conducting painstaking research for his works, making them incredibly historically accurate. He graduated from Butler University in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He taught journalism at Indiana University and was a contributor to *The Saturday Evening Post*. He and his current wife, Dark Rain, co-authored *Warrior Woman*. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

In addition, Jessie Howenstine of Zionsville, Ind., has joined the Vonnegut Library's advisory board. She is an ambulatory outpatient registration specialist at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Howenstine graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor's degree in English and political science, focusing on American politics and American modern literature and poetry. She also collects funds and organizes events for medical missions.

For information, visit www.vonnegutlibrary.org.

About the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library

The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library is a public-benefit, nonprofit organization championing the literary, artistic and cultural contributions of the late writer, artist and Indianapolis native Kurt Vonnegut. The library seeks to engage people in the written word – especially their own. We are in the historic Emelie Building in downtown Indianapolis (340 N. Senate Ave.), thanks to the support of Katz & Korin, PC. The library is open daily except Wednesdays from noon to 5 p.m. and is closed on all major holidays. Admission is free, donations appreciated. Vonnegutlibrary.org

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