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Calling all book lovers: Add *The Historian* to your summer reading list and support literacy in Asheville

Asheville, NC – August 1st, 2008 - The Literacy Council of Buncombe County invites all area book lovers and book clubs to incorporate *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova into their summer reading list. The New York Times best selling author will be in Asheville to present readings from her book at the first annual Authors for Literacy event in September.

“An Evening in Eastern Europe with Elizabeth Kostova” will take place on September 12th, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the UNC-Asheville Reuter Center. Guests will enjoy an evening of Eastern European food, wine, silent auction and friendship and be transported back in time as Elizabeth Kostova reads excerpts from her novel, *The Historian*. This thrilling modern story about Dracula has been translated into 40 languages. Elizabeth Kostova’s mother, Eleanor Johnson, has been a tutor at the Literacy Council of Buncombe County since 2002. Eleanor’s relationship with the Literacy Council lead to her daughter’s collaboration with the agency’s fundraiser.

The first annual Authors for Literacy event is sponsored by Reynolds Mountain. All proceeds from the event will support the work of the Literacy Council of Buncombe County.

The Literacy Council of Buncombe County works to improve the basic education and English language skills of Buncombe County adults by providing them with one-on-one and small group tutoring by trained volunteers. In addition to the Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language programs, the Literacy Council will soon be working with high school students who are at risk of quitting school or have dropped out, to help them improve their basic literacy skills in order to obtain a G.E.D. and employment.

Incorporate *The Historian* into your summer reading list! Come join us and make literacy happen in Buncombe County!

Tickets are available for \$75.00 by calling the Literacy Council: # 254-3442.