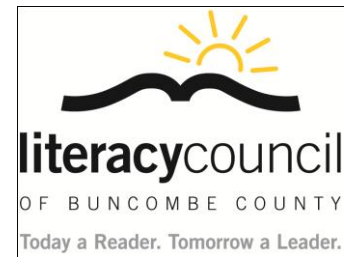


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Asheville resident and *New York Times* bestselling author Elizabeth Kostova will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at Carolina Day School.

Through “Read, Write, Discover—The Circle of Literacy,” Kostova will share her personal journey of travelling the world, becoming an award-winning author, and learning first-hand how literacy opens the door to discovery.

"...what will we someday do, I always wonder, without the pleasures of turning through books and stumbling on things we never meant to find?" said Elizabeth Kostova.

Kostova is the author of *The Historian*, the fastest-selling hardback debut novel in US history when it was published in 2005, and new release *The Swan Thieves*. She will host a book signing following her lecture.

Elizabeth Kostova’s mother, Eleanor Johnson, was a tutor at the Literacy Council of Buncombe County and Elizabeth has presented writing workshops for students at Carolina Day Carolina Day School. Therefore, proceeds from this event will support the Scholarship Fund for Literacy Council students who cannot afford their learning materials and for financial aid for students at Carolina Day School.

The event is sponsored by Bed & Biscuit, Captain’s Bookshelf, and Short Street Cakes.

“Read, Write, Discover—The Circle of Literacy” begins in Carolina Day School’s Upper School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Seating is limited with general admission tickets at \$20. VIP admission (\$40) also includes an intimate reception with the author beginning 6:30. To RSVP, contact Sana Efird at Carolina Day School at 210-9160 or sefird@cdschool.org.