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### **Pig Prose & Praise: *Mercy Watson's* Kate DiCamillo in Ocean County Library Virtual Author Talk**

**TOMS RIVER** – If you want to know about a lovable pig named Mercy Watson, ask practically any juvenile reader. If you want to know how the character became a kids' icon, ask creator [Kate DiCamillo](#) during her Ocean County Library Virtual Author Talk, 2 PM Tuesday, July 9.

The chat will coincide with the finale of the award-winning *Mercy Watson* early chapter book series about an adventurous pig with loving owners. Mercy lands in hilarious mischief but Mr. and Mrs. Watson always see the good in her, a marvelous metaphor for parent-child relationships.

Kate will discuss her creation of likeable, identifiable characters and situations in the series and its sequel, *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*. She is also the author of the *Bink & Gollie* and *Orris and Timble* books, available in print, audiobook and eBook versions at the [Ocean County Library](#).

Kate's children's tales garnered the American Library Association's Newbery Medal and Newbery Award, the Theodore Geisel Medal, and the *Boston Globe* Horn Book Award and have been adapted into movies and an opera. The Library of Congress appointed Kate a National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Emerita.

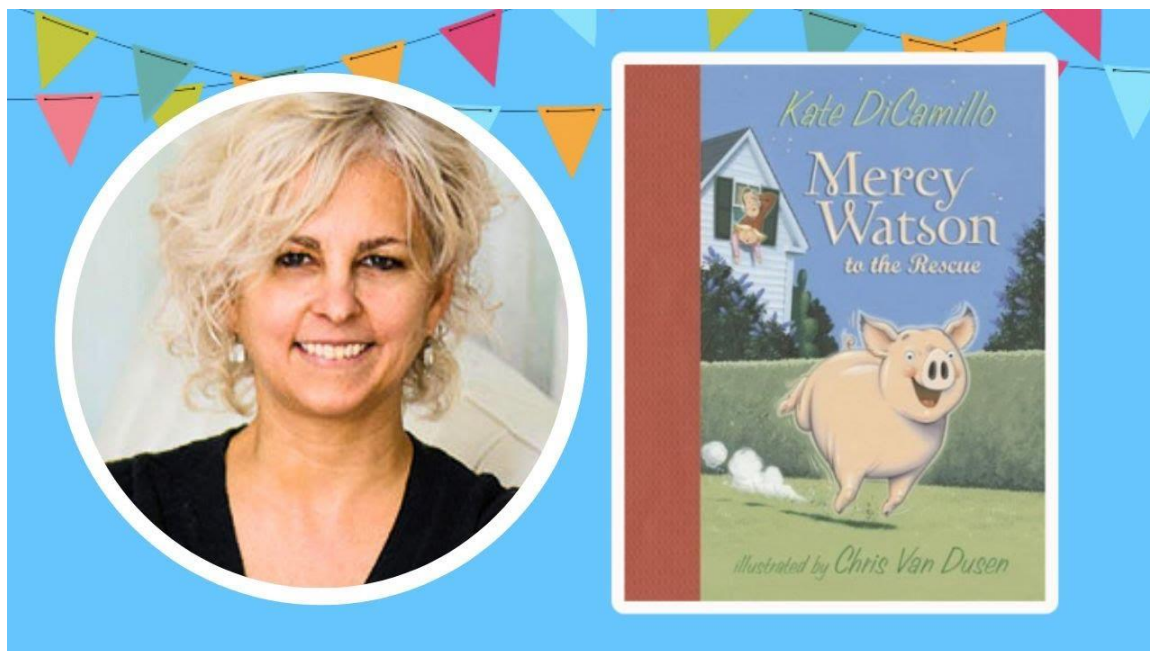
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