Two-day Native American Immersion Event Schedule

**Friday, Mar. 22, 10 a.m.**

**Book Discussion—*Even As We Breathe* by Annette Saunooke ClapsaddlePublic Library of Johnston County and Smithfield**Cherokee author Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle’s debut novel, *Even As We Breathe*, was released by the University Press of Kentucky in 2020 and was named one of NPR’s Best Books of 2020. Elizabeth Blair of NPR called it “a novel of intimacy and poignancy but also an exploration of how war and racism affect people’s daily lives.” In 2021, The book was honored with the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award. Clapsaddle is a former high school teacher, former co-editor of the *Journal of Cherokee Studies* and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and as President of the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina Writers Network. Registration of $25 includes a copy of the book. Learn more at JCArtsCouncil.org or call (919) 934-9166 x228.

**Friday, Mar. 22, 5 p.m.**

**Presentation—*Core Cherokee Values* by Annette Saunooke ClapsaddleSmithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center**Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle is an enrolled citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and resides in Qualla, North Carolina with her husband Evan and sons Ross and Charlie. She holds degrees from Yale University and the College of William and Mary. Clapsaddle will give an overview of traditional and modern Cherokee Leadership and its foundational core value system. Clapsaddle is the author of *Even As We Breathe*, which was released by the University Press of Kentucky in 2020 and was named one of NPR’s Best Books of 2020. Presentation is free and open to the public. Learn more at JCArtsCouncil.org or call (919) 934-9166 x228.

**Saturday, Mar. 23, 9 a.m.**

**Writers Workshop—*The Art of Dialogue* by Annette Saunooke ClapsaddleSmithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center**Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle’s debut novel, *Even As We Breathe*, was released by the University Press of Kentucky in 2020 and was named one of NPR’s Best Books of 2020. Elizabeth Blair of NPR called it “a novel of intimacy and poignancy but also an exploration of how war and racism affect people’s daily lives.” In 2021, The book was honored with the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award. Clapsaddle is a former high school teacher, former co-editor of the *Journal of Cherokee Studies* and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and as President of the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina Writers Network. Participants will be presented with exemplar texts in literary dialog, led through an analysis of these texts, and be provided with prompted opportunities to improve their craft of fictional dialog. Registration is $25 for members of Triangle East Writers (TEW); $50 for nonmembers and includes a one-year membership to TEW; and free for students registered at Johnston Community College. Lunch provided. Learn more at JCArtsCouncil.org or call (919) 934-9166 x228.