

News Release
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Time-Traveling with Local History

Underground Railroad Comes Alive

AUSABLE CHASM, N.Y. -- Best-selling local children's author Kate Messner will help celebrate Memorial Day weekend at the North Star Underground Railroad Museum, by shining a light on the North Country in the latest installment of her popular "Ranger in Time" chapter book series.

Messner will highlight the Museum's opening weekend, Sunday, May 29 at 2 p.m., with a short reading and a discussion about her research process for the historical adventure series, published by Scholastic.

Messner's new book, Ranger in Time: Long Road to Freedom, features two fictional heroes, an enslaved brother and sister who escape from a Maryland tobacco plantation and make their way north to freedom, with help from real-life abolitionists who were part of Clinton County's anti-slavery movement in the 1800s.

The North Star Museum, which opened in 2011, presents recently uncovered stories of courageous northern New Yorkers who helped hundreds of enslaved people make their way along the Champlain Line of the Underground Railroad. Messner's latest book draws upon that history.

It is one in a series of four "Ranger in Time" books featuring a time-traveling Golden Retriever, written for young readers in elementary school. The author will follow her talk with a Q&A and book signing.

The Museum, located at 1131 Mace Chasm Rd., at Ausable Chasm, will open for the season on Saturday, May 28. Hours will be 11-4 daily. Admission is free.

In addition, the Museum will once more offer Saturday morning mini-bus tours of local abolitionist sites in the Keeseville and Peru. These 90-minute tours begin at 9:30 a.m. every other Saturday, and cost \$10 for adults.

For further information, and to sign up for the mini-bus tours, please call 518-834-5180, or write ugr@frontier.com.

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