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Author Chris Czajkowski launches new book *And the River Still Sings*

Williams Lake, B.C. - The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) will be hosting local author Chris Czajkowski at the CRD's 100 Mile Branch and Williams Lake Branch Libraries to launch her latest book, *And the River Still Sings*, published by Caitlin Press. Czajkowski will be at the 100 Mile Branch on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m., and at the Williams Lake Branch on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Czajkowski's was born and raised at the edge of a large village in England, and as a young adult went to Uganda to study farming. After returning to England, she found nothing to hold her attention, so in 1971 she hitchhiked around the world, heading off into remote areas, where she cultivated mountain skills and further learned to appreciate the joy found in solitude.

By 1979, Chris had arrived in Canada, where she travelled to the West Chilcotin and built a cabin deep in the woods. Several years later, she constructed her second cabin alongside a pristine and secluded high-altitude lake and called her home Nuk Tessli. She lived there for twenty-three years, and developed a successful wilderness resort and guiding business.

In 2012, after many contented years of living alone in the bush, Chris sold Nuk Tessli and concluded a pivotal chapter of her life.

And the River Still Sings explores the experiences that led Chris to a solitary lifestyle and details her shift to a life closer to civilization. Although Chris's "retirement home" has easier access to a road and neighbours, she still lives beyond the end of the power line.

Encouraged by Peter Gzowski, Chris first began writing about her adventures in 1980 and published *Cabin at Singing River*, to wide national acclaim. This was followed by other books including *Diary of a Wilderness Dweller* (2005) and *Ginty's Ghost: A Wilderness Dweller's Dream* (2012).

This free event will include a slideshow presentation, conversation, and books will be available for purchase and signing.

Further information about the 100 Mile House event is available by contacting the library branch at 250-395-2332 or email ohmlib@cariboord.bc.ca. For more information about the Williams Lake event, call 250-392-3630 or email wlake@cariboord.bc.ca. Information about this and other CRD Library events taking place throughout the region is available online at cln.ca.

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