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Dexter, Missouri - Patty Miller Gard, a Dexter native, has recently given away nearly 400 books she authored. The Keller Public Library offered the books in a beautiful display during the holidays.

Her first book entitled "I Saw Heaven!" was written just a few years ago in 2010. It's an inspirational story about her conversations with her brother after his near death experience. Richard Miller fell into a deep coma in 2001, but he defied the odds and one day woke up to talk about his experience of seeing Heaven. Richard passed away in 2004 and she realized that God was in control. Her book "I Saw Heaven" is a testament to a way God often works.

"Those conversations changed my life," Patti said about her brother. "It was God's plan and I am just following that inspiration."

With a better understanding of writing and publishing her first book, she decided to write another book in 2013. It is entitled, "Living Right Side Up in an Upside Down World."

"I couldn't have imagined the places the success of these books have taken me," commented Gard.

"This community has been very good to me and I am blessed to live here," Gard said. "I have been many places, but this will always be home."

Patti believes she was called to write these two books, perhaps God had a very special plan for her, but she knew she needed to offer these books to anyone. She and Pam Trammell, Keller Library Director, set up a display and the books began to fly away in the hands of patrons during the holiday season.

Both books are available. Patti will be glad to get you a copy. Just stop in the library and if they are not readily available, please leave your name at the desk.

Patti plans to have a book signing at a later date and there will be another opportunity to receive her special gift and visit with her.

"I just love my hometown," continued Gard. "I have such fond memories as a child, I remember my classmates and I just have wonderful memories of Dexter growing up. I wanted to do something for the community and giving away my books just felt right."

She writes her books under the pen name of Dunham.

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