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### **Author of NIC history book to host book signing**

**Who:** North Idaho College English Instructor and author of “The Gathering Place: A History of North Idaho College” Fran Bahr  
**What:** will host a book signing  
**When:** from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10  
**Where:** at Hastings, located at 101 E. Best Avenue in Coeur d’Alene.  
**How:** Free and open to the public. Books are \$39.95 and a portion of each book sale will benefit student scholarships at NIC. Information: (208) 769-3316.

North Idaho College English Instructor and author of “The Gathering Place: A History of North Idaho College” Fran Bahr will host a book signing from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 10 at Hastings in Coeur d’Alene.

The book was written and released as part of the college’s 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this year. It chronicles the history of the college, which was established during the challenges of the Great Depression. With endorsements by businesses, the local school district, women’s groups, numerous civic organizations and the Coeur d’Alene Press, the college opened its doors in the fall of 1933 with 55 students paying \$35 a semester for tuition.

The book tells of barn dances and a watch making program as well as the addition of the first computers to campus. It follows the success of NIC’s athletics programs over the years and the various expansions of buildings, programs and services campus wide from the 1930s to present day.

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