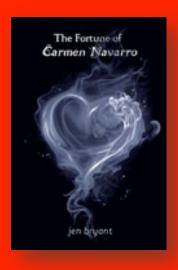
Monday, Sept 26, 2011 7-8:30 pm

Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Strafford PA

Open to all ages. The Fortune of Carmen Navarro is available at the library and is written for ages 12 through adult.



"Perfectly paced and pulsing with . . . desperate obsession. Readers will consume [it] in one hungry gulp."

--Kirkus Reviews

Tredyffrin Public Library presents an evening with Jen Bryant, local author of



A contemporary Philadelphia story based on the popular opera "Carmen" and the novella by P. Merimee



When a high-achieving cadet at the Valley Forge Military Academy falls for a beautiful girl who works at the local convenience store, conflict, suspense, tragedy and hope ensue. Much like *West Side Story, Carmen Navarro* is an updated telling of the classic tale of Carmen, the wily, independent and beautiful gypsy who casts a spell on a



dutiful, law-abiding soldier. This new tale unfolds against a background that Philadelphia area residents will recognize and relish.

This free event will include a slide presentation by author Jen Bryant on her research for, and the inspiration behind, the novel. A

question & answer session and book sale/signing will follow. Jen Bryant is a poet, novelist, biographer and the author of more than 25 award-winning books for all ages. Her most recent novel, *The Fortune of Carmen Navarro*, is set locally and includes familiar venues such as the King of Prussia Mall, the Valley Forge Military Academy, Villanova University, and Wayne.