



# Local resident co-authors book on Amelia Earhart

Ritchie County Library hosted a book signing event for Robert "Bob" Wheeler and Harold "Fred" Nicely.

Wheeler, who splits his time between Ritchie County and Florida, and Nicely, who lives in Ohio, researched and wrote a book about Amelia Earhart's disappearance.

Wheeler is a retired military and civilian helicopter and airplane pilot. He is also a certified helicopter instructor pilot and an instrument flight examiner.

He has served the United States with combat tours in Vietnam, Desert Storm and Afghanistan. He has done extensive research helping locate missing helicopter crews in Vietnam.

Wheeler has been researching

the disappearance of Earhart, most famous female pilot history, since 1967. He combined his research ability, well as his 38 years of experience flying with his aviation community contacts to co-author this novel.

Nicely is also a military and civilian helicopter and airplane pilot, as well as a helicopter instructor pilot.

He had an 18-month combat tour in Vietnam from 1967-69.

He states his passion for aviation began while listening to stories his father, a waist gunner on a B-17 during World War II, told him while he was growing up.

Nicely has studied aviation greats since his early years.

He has had a 36-year aviation career and over that time has gained research ability, as well as knowledge of celestial navigation.

Wheeler and Nicely spent the evening signing books at the Harrisville library last week.

The book is not a biography or report of Earhart's life as a pilot, but a book that delves into the mysterious disappearance of her as she was trying to fly around the world.

Wheeler and Nicely ask and to answer the questions if Earhart was on a secret mission to photograph Japanese installations who might have kidnapped her, or if a government cover-up started with president Roosevelt and continues today.

The book, entitled "Amelia Earhart Betrayed", is now available at the Ritchie County Library.

**AUTHOR - Harold "Fred" Nicely,** a retired military and civilian helicopter pilot co-authored a book "Amelia Earhart Betrayed" with Robert "Bob" Wheeler of Ritchie County. The two recently signed copies of their books at the Ritchie County Library, Harrisville.

**BOOK SIGNING - Robert "Bob" Wheeler** co-author of "Amelia Earhart Betrayed" recently signed copies of his book at the Harrisville library. Wheeler, who is a Ritchie County resident, co-authored this book with Harold "Fred" Nicely of Ohio. The two men delve into the idea that Earhart was captured and a government cover up is still going on in the United States to disguise what her true mission was during her flight around the world.

