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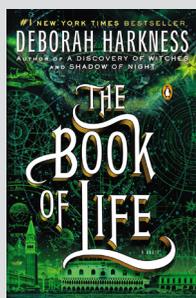
NEWS OF INTEREST FROM THE BROWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



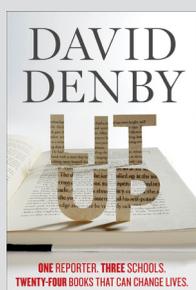
The Broward Public Library Foundation was founded in 1982 to enhance the collections, programs and services of the Broward County Library beyond the means of public funding. The nonprofit Foundation is the catalyst in sparking private funding and endowments to enrich the Broward County Library system.

28th Literary Feast Brings Bestselling Authors to Fort Lauderdale in Support of Library Programming

Literary Feast 2016, the Broward Public Library Foundation's annual celebration of books and authors, will feature 17 celebrated writers at two events taking place on March 4 & 5, 2016.



The authors – including best-selling novelist Deborah Harkness, *New Yorker* critic David Denby and South Florida's own Elaine Viets – represent a variety of genres including biography, history, literary fiction, memoir, and mystery.

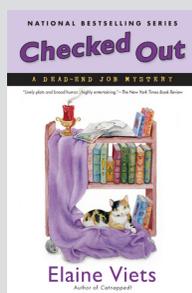


Day for Students Short Story Contest, with more than 300 students participating each year.

On Saturday, March 5, A Night of Literary Feasts starts at 6 p.m. with a Welcome Reception at the Broward County



Literary Feast Co-Chairs Ann Burris and Nila Do Simon are working with some 50 volunteers and teachers plus 34 dinner hosts on the two events that make up Literary Feast. On Friday, March 4, the Feast authors will travel into Broward public high schools to discuss their work with thousands of students. They will announce the winners of the annual Novel



Skye Patrick

Broward County Library is searching for a new leader. Director Skye Patrick has resigned, effective Feb. 9, to lead the Los Angeles County Public Library, one of the largest library systems in the country.

"This decision has not come easy, as I have taken tremendous pride in

leading Broward County Libraries and its wonderful staff," she said. During her 2½ year tenure, Ms. Patrick has brought new technology and early learning initiatives to Broward County's 38-branch library system.

Laura Connors is serving as the Interim Director of Broward County Libraries Division. She has worked for Broward County Libraries for over 24 years, serving as the Assistant Director of Broward County Libraries Division for the

Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. The event will feature book signings by all 17 authors and a silent auction, followed by 13 gourmet dinners with authors and 400 guests at private homes and clubs. Tickets start at \$175.

"We are so excited to bring A Night of Literary Feasts back to the Main Library, now that the library renovations are complete," said Nila Do Simon, who serves on the Library Foundation Board of Directors. "The dollars raised at the event support more than 15 literacy programs at the libraries, everything from the Summer Learning Program, to free computer classes and free SAT/ACT workshops for high school students."

Major sponsors include: the Helen Ingham Foundation, Inc., the Sun-Sentinel, Bank of America, JM

Family Enterprises, Neil Ellenoff, Nova Southeastern University, Ryder System, Inc. and Shutts & Bowen.

To read about this year's authors and dinners and to purchase tickets, visit bplfoundation.org or call 954-357-7382. Follow news about the event on *Twitter* @ *LiteraryFeast* and *facebook.com/bplfoundation*

This year's Feast authors are:

Alafair Burke, *The Ex*
Kate Clifford Larson, *Rosemary*
Liz Cunningham, *Ocean Country*
David Denby, *Lit Up*
Daniel de Visé, *Andy & Don*
Rebecca Dinerstein, *The Sunlit Night*
Helen Ellis, *American Housewife*
Deborah Harkness, *The Book of Life*
George Hodgman, *Bettyville*
Michael Koryta, *Last Words*
Jason Mott, *The Wonder of All Things*
Steve Reddcliffe, *The Essential*
New York Times Book of Cocktails
Michael Riedel, *Razzle Dazzle*
B.A. Shapiro, *The Muralist*
Peter Slevin, *Michelle Obama: A Life*
Michael Springer, *Red Rover*
Elaine Viets, *Checked Out*

Skye Patrick to Lead Los Angeles Library System

last one and one half years.

She has previously served as the Associate Director for Public Services, Assistant Regional Library Manager at the Northwest Regional Library and the Southwest Regional Library and Branch Library Manager at both Deerfield Beach and West Atlantic branches. Ms. Connors also worked as a Librarian I and II at several Regional Libraries and at Main Library, where she was the first Adult Reference Services Trainer.

Book With Brew to Discuss B.A. Shapiro's "The Muralist"

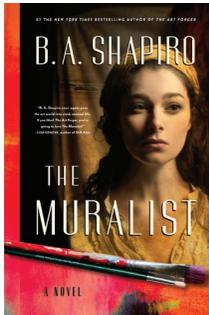
Join BPLF's own Book with Brew group for a discussion of *The Muralist*, the latest novel by B.A. Shapiro which focuses on the early days of World War II, and the dawn of Abstract Expressionism. The discussion will be facilitated by former educator Lisa York.

B.A. Shapiro will be one of this year's featured authors at Literary Feast. She is the bestselling author of *The Art Forger*, an engrossing fictional thriller based on the largest unsolved art heist in history—the theft of over thirteen works of art worth today over \$500 million from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.

The club will be meeting at the NSU Bookstore Café located at One East Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, February 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sandwiches will be available for purchase as well as beer and wine.

This event is hosted by Joseph Goldstein of Shutts & Bowen, LLP and Foundation board chair, Marty Shuham of Shuham & Shuham and Foundation board secretary.

Please call 954-357-7382 to make your reservation. Attendance is limited to 20 people with preference given to Book Lover (and above) members.



Renew Your Membership Today - Please!

Without your participation and dues support, the Library Foundation cannot fulfill its mission to provide Broward County residents access to the books, resources and technology that help them improve their lives.

As you know, your support makes possible all of the valuable programs and services funded by the Library Foundation, including Books 'n' Bears at the Holidays, computer instruction classes, SAT/ACT Workshops for College-Bound Students, StoryBook Festival, and more.

This year alone, the Library Foundation will provide \$185,000 for programs and services that benefit your community. Without your support, these programs will not exist and nearly 95,000 people will not receive the benefit of them. Even when you don't have the time to be personally involved, your membership dues support the efforts of the Library Foundation.

To all who have renewed, many thanks! If you haven't yet renewed for 2016, please do so today so that we can keep offering these vital programs and services. Feel free to call 954-357-7382 if you have any questions about your membership or would like to become a member.

Happiness at the Holidays for Broward Preschoolers

We are sending a big, warm bear hug to the 200 donors who contributed nearly \$20,000 to the Books 'n' Bears at the Holidays programs in December 2015! This was an amazing response to our annual appeal to help out 1,300 toddlers by sponsoring the purchase of teddy bears and board books for each, along with a holiday program and refreshments at 33 Broward County Library branches – triple the number supported in past years.



Special thanks go out to the GB Knecht Foundation for its very generous gift of \$2,000! Second only to Santa, our Books 'n' Bears donors really deliver!

Broward's Big Read: "A Wizard of Earthsea"

The Florida Center for the Book at Broward County Library invites readers of all ages to participate in 2016's Big Read project. The Big Read, a community-wide reading program, is exploring the classic coming-of-age novel, *A Wizard of Earthsea*, with a full calendar of events including book and film discussions, lectures, storytelling, Tai Chi demonstrations, writing and visual arts workshops, and other fun, family-friendly programs.

Ursula K. Le Guin's *A Wizard of Earthsea* is one of the most widely admired American fantasy novels of the past 50 years. *Earthsea* - composed of an archipelago of many islands - is a land of the imagination. A listing of events, which continue through February 29, can be found at www.broward.org/Library/Read/Pages/Default.aspx



Silent Auction Items Needed

Do you have an unused gift card, certificate for a hotel stay or access to a vacation home or unique experience? We are busy collecting items for the Literary Feast 2016 Silent Auction that will be held during the Night of Literary Feasts on March 5, and would appreciate your donations. Please call Lynea Bostic at 954.357.7382 or email her at lbostic@bplfoundation.org. Thanks for sharing!



Some Undercover Assignments Lead to a Dead End

Boca Undercover is the fourth book in the Dirty Harriet Mystery Series and the featured book at **Book With Brunch** on April 13. When patients at a posh Boca Raton rehab center start turning up stiffer than a face full of Botox, it is time for private



investigator Harriet Horowitz to go undercover. She becomes an inpatient to solve the mystery of why patients with the same drug addiction all met their demise at The Oasis rehab.

Author Miriam Auerbach will speak, sell and sign her book at this event, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale (1350 E. Sunrise Boulevard) on Wednesday, April 13th. It is a benefit to Foundation members at the \$50 level and above; nonmembers may attend by paying a \$25 non-refundable fee in advance. Please call 954-357-7382 to make your reservation. Seating is limited to the first 50 registrants.

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