Libraries are for Lovers

11:30 AM
Author talk and moderated discussions followed by a catered box lunch and book signing.

THE VENUE
The Mansion at Strathmore is a magnificent Georgian mansion overlooking centuries-old manicured gardens. This intimate setting offers the perfect opportunity to meet the authors over lunch and even one-on-one.

THE MANSION AT STRATHMORE
10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda, Maryland 20852

Free and convenient parking or a short walk from the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station on the Red Line.

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The Series

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY has hosted many wonderful authors over the years to share their works, love of literature and unique approaches to crafting the written word at our Annual Literary Luncheon Series. This year’s speakers promise to be the best yet, and feature a new twist that is sure to please our dedicated attendees as well as entice new ones. We have chosen the theme Libraries are for Lovers, so we have brought together authors who know something about love, all of whom have been married for a combined total of more than 100 years. Join us this season as we celebrate this age-old theme and get up close and personal with these intriguing and inspiring speakers.

The Speakers

October 22, 2009

MARITA GOLDEN, author and anthologist of It’s All Love: Black Writers on Soul Mates, Family, and Friends, shares the story of meeting her husband along with poetry and stories from other black writers. Two contributing authors will accompany Ms. Golden to discuss their works, as well as how the book came to be.

November 19, 2009

DAVID O. STEWART, an accomplished attorney and historian, will speak with his wife County Council-member (D-At Large) NANCY FLORENS. David is the author of Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and The Fight for Lincoln’s Legacy. Both are avid library supporters, and will bring insight about their lives together as an author and politician.

March 18, 2010

DIANE AND JOHN REHM, co-authors of Toward Commitment: A Dialogue about Marriage in 2002 have been married for 50 years. Diane Rehm, a nationally syndicated talk show host, and her husband John, a lawyer in both the government and private sectors, will share their learning process through writing and how they continue to work through challenges together.

April 15, 2010

COKIE AND STEVE ROBERTS met through their families in 1962, and have been happily married for more than 40 years. Each a successful journalist in their own right and very active in Washington society, the Roberts wrote From This Day Forward to share their stories on how they met, grew together, and have kept their marriage strong in spite of their different backgrounds and demanding careers.

“...of course, it might have something to do with the fact that we both adore our strange family. At least we share a common aversion to normal.”

DAVID STEWART