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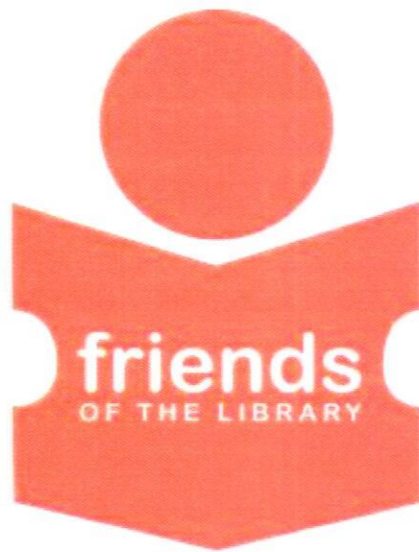


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Best-selling authors booked for Nick Linn series



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Friends of the Library of Collier County has confirmed four bestselling authors for its 2016 Nick Linn Lecture Series.

Since beginning in 2004, the luncheon series has raised nearly \$800,000 for the Collier County Library System.

The 2016 series begins Thursday, Feb. 4, with Kate Andersen Brower, whose non-fiction "The Residence" gives readers a look inside America's first families through intimate account interviews with White House service staff personnel and first ladies from the Jacqueline Kennedy to the Michelle Obama.

The season's second program takes place Thursday, Feb. 18, and features Alafair Burke, author of "All Day and a Night." Ms. Burke's crime novels grew out of her experience as a deputy district attorney in Portland, Ore. In 2014, she was co-author of "The Cinderella Murder" with Mary Higgins Clark.

Dubbed "the medical suspense queen" by Publishers Weekly, Tess Gerritsen, author of "Die Again," is the speaker for Thursday, March 7. A retired doctor, the author wrote the blockbuster book series that inspired the "Rizzoli & Isles" hit television series on TNT.

The 2016 Nick Linn Lecture Series concludes on Thursday, March 14, with Adriana Trigiani, author of "All the Stars in the Heavens." Known by millions of readers around the world for her 15 best-selling novels based on the themes of love and work, Ms. Trigiani is the first author to be invited back by popular demand to the Nick Linn Lecture Series.

Founded by Friends of the Library board member Nick Linn, the ever-popular series attracts a dedicated following of nearly 650 patrons, many who sign up each year before the authors or dates are even announced.

All programs begin at noon at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets range from \$300 to \$550 for the series.

Friends of the Library of Collier County is a nonprofit organization that helps fund the expansion and enhancement of programs and services for the county's 10-branch public library system. Incorporated more than 56 years ago, the organization has contributed more than \$1 million to help fund library programs, books and other services that benefit the community's adults, teenagers and children. For more information, call Marlene Kern at

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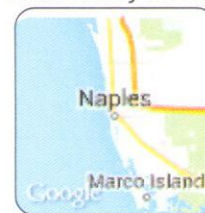


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