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Four nonfiction authors lined up for 2015 breakfast lectures



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Friends of the Library of Collier County has confirmed four bestselling authors for its 2015 Nonfiction Author Breakfast lectures. Authors and dates are:

| Jan. 12: Ron Powers, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of "Flags of Our Fathers," a chronicle of six men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima. The book was also made into a movie.

| Feb. 2: Lawrence Goldstone, author of "Birdmen," the story of the intense rivalry that fueled the rise of American aviation.

| Feb. 16: David O. Stewart, lawyer-turned author of "American Emperor: Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America."

| April 13: Walter Kirn, author of "Blood Will Out," a memoir of his friendship with the imposter and convicted murderer Clark Rockefeller, and "Up in the Air," made into a movie starring George Clooney.

Friends of the Library offered two nonfiction author lectures earlier this year to complement its popular Nick Linn Lecture Series, which features fiction authors; and its annual "Bagels & Book Clubs Breakfast," which often includes local authors.

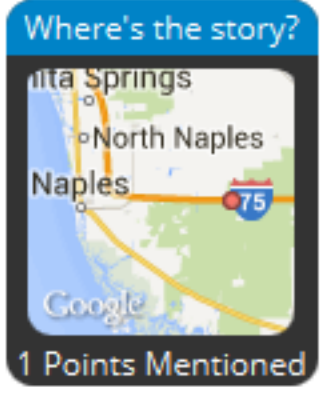
"Since the Nick Linn Lecture Series focuses on fiction writers, we wanted to offer readers expanded choices," says Robert Levin, a board member of Friends of the Library of Collier County. "We tested the waters earlier this year for interest in nonfiction authors with programs by Tom Zoellner, author of 'Uranium: War, Energy and the Rock that Shaped the World,' and Les Standiford, author of 'Last Train to Paradise.'"

An enthusiastic response from patrons led to expansion of the nonfiction series to four lectures for 2015. The programs will take place at the Country Club of Naples from 8:30-10:30 a.m., beginning with a continental breakfast. Patrons can choose to attend either a single lecture or all four. Tickets to each event are \$35 for members of Friends of the Library, \$45 for non-members.

Purchase tickets online at collierfriends.org or call 262-8135.

About Friends of the Library

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-city public library system. Incorporated more than 55 years ago, Friends has contributed more than \$2 million to help fund library programs, books and other services that benefit the community's adults, teenagers and children. |



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