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"We should fight for libraries as we do freedom" ~ Karin Slaughter

BESTSELLING AUTHORS RALLY TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIBRARIES IN CRISIS

International bestselling thriller author Karin Slaughter has gathered other local bestselling authors for "*A Mysterious Evening*" on March 12, 2011, from 7 – 10:30 p.m. at the Decatur Library. Kathryn Stockett author of the publishing phenomenon *The Help*, which is soon to be major motion picture, and legendary mystery writer Mary Kay Andrews will join Honorary Chair Karin Slaughter for this fundraising event presented by the DeKalb Library Foundation and Save the Libraries. The event will be held at the Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore Street, Decatur, Georgia.

The authors, who have combined sold over 30 million books worldwide, will greet guests and sign books that will be available for purchase at the event. There will also be a silent and online auction featuring many one-of-a-kind offerings, including pre-publication advance reader editions of upcoming books by Michael Connelly, Harlan Coben and Neil Gaiman, as well as a round trip ticket to NYC to have lunch with Karin Slaughter's agent and editor. Manuscript evaluations by publishing professionals will also be on offer. All proceeds will go directly to the DeKalb Library Foundation.

The mystery play *Murder Medium-Rare* by Eileen Moushey will be performed in the Decatur Library Auditorium and heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer will be provided by Bridge Catering. Tickets are \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door. You may purchase online at www.savethelibraries.com or visit Support/Foundation at www.dekalblibrary.org. For more information call 404-370-8450 x 2238.

Karin Slaughter's explosive rallying cry "we should fight for libraries as we do freedom" in the AJC on September 10, 2010, struck to the heart of the fiscal crisis the entire American Library system is facing. Slaughter, a longtime library advocate states, "we need to shift our national view of libraries not as luxuries, but as necessities. Keeping libraries open, giving access to all children to all books is vital to our nation's sovereignty. As charitable citizens, we must invest in our library down the street so that the generations serviced by that library grow up to be adults who contribute to not just their local communities, but to the world."

Karin is doing her part by encouraging other authors and professional associations to hold fundraising events to support their local libraries through SaveTheLibraries.com. The DeKalb Library Foundation acknowledges the generous support of corporate sponsors: A.S. Turner & Sons, Victoria Sanders & Associates and Harshman Phillips & Co. Join us for "A Mysterious Evening" to benefit the DeKalb County Public Library.