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Virginia native, Lee Smith, to be 2014 All Henrico Reads Author

The Henrico County Public Library, in partnership with Henrico County Public Schools and the Friends of Henrico County Public Library, is proud to host award-winning author, Lee Smith, on Wednesday, April 2, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Glen Allen High School, 10700 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, 23060, as part of its annual ALL HENRICO READS program. Her novel, *Guests on Earth*, the featured title, will be available for sale, as well as some of her other novels. She will autograph books following the program.

Lee Smith was born in Grundy, Virginia, a small coal-mining town in the Blue Ridge Mountains. After graduating from St. Catherine's School in Richmond, VA, she attended Hollins College. Lee Smith is the author of 16 previous books of fiction, including the best-selling novels *Fair and Tender Ladies* and *The Last Girls*, winner of the Southern Book Critics Circle Award. Smith is also the recipient of the 1999 Academy Award in Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The narrator of the featured book, *Guests on Earth*, Evalina Toussaint, is just thirteen when she is admitted to Highland Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. The year is 1936 and Evalina finds herself in the company of some notable fellow patients, including Zelda Fitzgerald, estranged wife of F. Scott, who takes the young piano prodigy under her wing. *Guests on Earth* is a mesmerizing novel about a time and a place where creativity and passion, theory and medicine, fact and fiction, are luminously intertwined by a writer at the height of her craft.

All Henrico Reads is a community reading program that provides an opportunity for individuals to come together through a shared reading experience and discussion.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating will be first come, first served. Doors will open at 6:15 pm. For additional information visit www.henricolibrary.org/AHR

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