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***One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Divakaruni to be 2016 All Henrico Reads Featured Title**

The Henrico County Public Library, in partnership with Henrico County Public Schools and the Friends of Henrico County Public Library, is proud to host internationally bestselling author, Chitra Divakaruni, on Wednesday, April 13, 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, *One Amazing Thing*, the featured title, will be available for sale, as well as some of her other novels. She will autograph books following the program.

Chitra Divakaruni was born in Kolkata, India. She came to the United States for her graduate studies, receiving a Master's degree in English from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Divakaruni currently lives in Houston, Texas, and teaches in the nationally ranked Creative Writing program at the University of Houston. She has won numerous awards including the American Book Award, the Pushcart Prize and her work has been included in the Best American Short Stories, The O'Henry Prize Stories, and two Pushcart Prize Anthologies. Her novels have been included in several other city-wide read initiatives.

Her novel and the featured All Henrico Reads title, *One Amazing Thing*, tells the story of nine men and women of diverse ages and backgrounds who are trapped in the Indian Consulate of an unnamed American city after an earthquake. As they wait to be rescued, each person is challenged to tell "one amazing thing" from their lives that they have never told anyone before. *Booklist* describes *One Amazing Thing* as "a wise and beautifully refined drama..." and the *Houston Chronicle* proclaimed the novel as, "Hauntingly beautiful....*One Amazing Thing* is a page-turner with high drama [and] elegant writing."

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