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Henrico County Public Library, in cooperation with Henrico County Public Schools, will host the nationally acclaimed author, Julia Alvarez, on Tuesday, October 7, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Deep Run High School, 4801 Twin Hickory Road, Glen Allen as part of the community ALL HENRICO READS. Selected titles will be available for sale and she will autograph her books.

Julia Alvarez was born in New York City in 1950, but as an infant returned with her family to the Dominican Republic where she remained for 10 years. Life there became extremely difficult under the dictatorship of Generalissimo Trujillo, and in August 1960, her family moved into permanent exile in the United States. After many years of teaching and writing, she now lives in rural Vermont with her husband and is writer-in-residence for Middlebury College, VT.

Her novels, stories, poems, and essays written for every age group examine the challenges facing all expatriates with their themes of immigration, alienation, heritage, and identity, all in the context of family relations. She has won many distinguished literary awards, and in 1992 her first novel, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, was selected by the American Library Association as the most notable book. Her story, *In the Time of the Butterflies*, has been made into a major motion picture.

This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. For additional information, go to www.henricolibrary.org.