



# News Release

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Henrico County Public Library's Tuckahoe Area Library located at 1901 Starling Drive, Henrico, will host Richmond author, David L. Robbins, on Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm. His program, "Prisoner of the Japanese," will provide the historical background for his latest book, *Broken Jewel*, that *Kirkus Reviews* has described as "a remarkable story, brilliantly told." Mr. Robbins will discuss the brutality, open murder, and sexual slavery suffered by the Allied soldiers and civilians who were prisoners of the Japanese Imperial Army in Manila, the Philippines, from 1942 to liberation in 1945.

Robbins received his B.A. from William & Mary in theater and drama, followed by his law degree in 1980. After a brief time as an environmental lawyer, he soon turned to free lance writing, and in 1990 began writing fiction. Robbins is the author of eight novels, and has founded the James River Writers, a local non-profit group that helps aspiring writers. He is currently engaged in co-founding The Podium Foundation, a non-profit, which will bring writing and critical reasoning programs to the students of Richmond City's high schools. He also teaches advanced creative writing at the College of William & Mary.

This event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. For additional information, go to [www.henricolibrary.org](http://www.henricolibrary.org) or call 290-9100.