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Pulitzer Prize-Winning Fiction Writer Edward P. Jones Visits County Library

The St. Louis County Library Foundation is pleased to present the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “The Known World,” Edward P. Jones for a reading and signing of his short fiction collection “All Aunt Hagar’s Children” on Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

The program is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Left Bank Books will provide copies of Mr. Jones’ books for purchase at the program.

K. Curtis Lyle, Culture Critic for “The St. Louis American,” will serve as the program’s Master of Ceremonies.

At 1:00 p.m. on October 18, Mr. Jones will participate in an education project sponsored by the St. Louis County Library and the Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis. Mr. Jones will discuss the process of fiction writing and answer the questions of English students from numerous area high schools via a live video conference. The video conference will take place at the Cooperating School Districts’ headquarters at 1460 Craig Rd.

Edward P. Jones is the author of the “New York Times” bestselling and critically acclaimed novel “The Known World,” which tells the story of black slaveholders in the Antebellum South. “The Known World” won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and was a finalist for the National Book Award. Mr. Jones’ first collection of short fiction, “Lost in the City,” won the Pen/Hemingway Award and earned the author a Lannan Foundation Grant. Mr. Jones has taught literature and writing classes at a wide range of universities, including Princeton.

Mr. Jones’ latest short story collection, “All Aunt Hagar’s Children,” has already been nominated for the Pen/Faulkner Award. The 14 morally complex stories focus on African American characters that have migrated to Washington DC as an escape from the legacies of slavery and Southern segregation. Moving throughout the 20th Century, the stories create a rich tapestry of lives and experiences and reveal poignant generational changes.

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Contact St. Louis County Library by phone 314-994-3300, (TDD\TTY) 314-994-9255 or visit www.slcl.org.

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