

St. Louis County Library ***News Release: April 21, 2008***
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The ‘Buzz’ Westfall Favorite Author Series presents Journalist and Bestselling Historian Cokie Roberts

St. Louis County Library Foundation presents award-winning journalist and New York Times bestselling historian Cokie Roberts who will discuss her book, “Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation,” Wednesday, May 21, 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.

Donn Johnson, Director of Communications for the Missouri History Museum, will serve as the program’s Master of Ceremonies.

In “Founding Mothers” Cokie Roberts paid homage to the women who helped establish our nation. In “Ladies of Liberty,” Roberts reveals the often surprising and compelling stories of additional determined and passionate women who courageously faced the challenges of their times and laid the groundwork for a better society. Drawing on personal correspondence, private journals and other primary sources, and peppered with entertaining gossip from the early days of the capital, this second installment captures the great shift that occurred in American history as the country continued its expansion. Throughout, Roberts captures the heart and soul of the American spirit and offers new insights on the women who have helped make our nation great.

Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News and serves as senior news analyst for National Public Radio. From 1996 to 2002, she and Sam Donaldson co-anchored the weekly ABC interview program “This Week.” Her previous books, “From This Day Forward,” which she co-wrote with her husband, “We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters,” and “Founding Mothers,” went on to become New York Times bestsellers.

The program with Cokie Roberts is a St. Louis County Library ‘Buzz’ Westfall Favorite Author Series presentation. The Westfall series recognizes the many accomplishments of county executive ‘Buzz’ Westfall and features authors of politics, current issues, history, and sports. Past authors in the series include John Danforth, Paul Rusesabagina and Doris Kearns Goodwin. The series is co-sponsored by Fireman’s Fund Insurance Companies; Jack Dubinsky and Sons; McMahan Berger; Piper Jaffray; Plaza Frontenac; Sachs Properties; Brown Smith Wallace LLC; Royal Banks of Missouri; St. Louis Business Journal; St. Louis Bank; and Midwest Library Service.

Books for signing must be purchased from Left Bank Books, at the event, or through the library’s online catalog – www.slcl.org.

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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