

St. Louis County Library

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St. Louis County Library Foundation Presents the Third Annual Suspense Night

St. Louis County Library Foundation, Starbucks Coffee Company, and Borders present "Suspense Night: An Evening of Thrills and Chills with Six Renowned Mystery Writers", Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. Top mystery writers Reed Farrel Coleman, Megan Abbott, Ridley Pearson, Scott Phillips, Susan McBride, and Michael Kahn will read from recent work and discuss their craft.

Copies of the authors' books will be for sale at the event from Borders. A question-and-answer forum and book signing will follow the program. Starbucks will provide complimentary coffee and dessert. The program is free and open to the public.

Reed Farrel Coleman is the author of the Moe Prager mystery series that includes "Walking the Perfect Square," "Redemption Street," "The James Deans," and "Soul Patch." His latest installment in the series is "Empty Ever After." Coleman is also the editor of "Hard Boiled Brooklyn," an anthology of mystery stories set in Brooklyn by many of today's hottest crime writers.

Megan Abbott is the author of two Edgar-nominated novels, "Die a Little," and "The Song is You," and a nonfiction study, "The Street Was Mine: White Masculinity in Hardboiled Fiction and Film Noir." Described as a "retro thrill ride," her latest novel, "Queenpin," is a feminist take on classic noir and revolves around a young woman taken under the wing of the infamous Gloria Denton, a mob luminary who reigned during the Golden Era of Bugsy Siegel and Lucky Luciano.

Ridley Pearson's newest thriller, "Killer View," will be published in July. His bestselling adult mysteries include "Killer Weekend," "Cut and Run," "Undercurrents," "The Angel Maker," "Beyond Recognition" and "The Body of David Hayes." With co-author Dave Barry, Pearson is the creator of the popular young reader novels, "Peter and the Star Catchers," "Peter and the Shadow Thieves" and "Peter and the Secret of Rundoon."

Scott Phillips is the author of three of the most highly acclaimed crime novels of recent years. His debut novel, "The Ice Harvest," was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year and was a finalist for the Edgar Awards. "The Ice Harvest" was made into a film directed by Harold Ramis and starring John Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton. Phillips' follow up novel, "The Walkaway," continued his success. His third novel is "Cottonwood."

Susan McBride got the idea for her Debutante Dropout Mysteries while a sorority pledge at the University of Texas, watching the Dallas debutantes practice their curtsies in study hall. The debut of the series, "Blue Blood," won the Lefty Award for Best

Humorous Mystery of 2004 and was nominated for an Anthony Award for Best Paperback Original. The second in the series, "The Good Girl's Guide to Murder," was an Anthony Award nominee and a BookSense Also-Recommended Title. Her latest book, "Too Pretty to Die," is the fifth in the series.

Michael Kahn is a trial attorney and a partner at the St. Louis office of Bryan Cave LLP. He is also the award-winning author of the Rachel Gold mystery series that includes top sellers "Bearing Witness" and "Trophy Widow." His latest, "Mourning Sexton," was written under the pseudonym Michael Baron.

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