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Annual Book and Author Luncheon on May 8th

New Braunfels, TX – The New Braunfels Public Library Foundation will host the sixth annual *Book and Author Luncheon* at the Marriott Courtyard on Thursday, May 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Featured at this event will be best-selling authors The Casserole Queens, Farrah Braniff, Mark Pryor, and Leila Meacham. Tickets are \$45 for open seating, and \$360 for a reserved table that seats eight, and are available for purchase at the New Braunfels Public Library (NBPL). Event proceeds support the purchase of a bookmobile for NBPL.

The *Book and Author Luncheon* allows members of the community to interact with contemporary writers, while supporting the NBPL. The New Braunfels Public Library Foundation has contributed to the renovation of the Children's Room, the installation of a Starbucks™ Coffee Machine, and other capital projects for the library.

Austin-based Crystal Cook and Sandy Pollock, known as The Casserole Queens, are authors of two New York Times best-selling cookbooks. Their most recent publication, *The Casserole Queens Make-a-Meal Cookbook: Mix and Match 100 Casseroles, Salads, Sides, and Desserts*, features 100 recipes in the duo's retro-chic cooking style.

Published by Bright Sky Press, photographer Farrah Braniff's guide on family photography entitled *Moments That Matter: Real life photography techniques for capturing the wonder of childhood*, offers technical and non-technical instructions for creating family photographs. Braniff's studio is located in Houston's First Ward Arts District.

Mark Pryor was at last year's *Book and Author Luncheon* and is an assistant district attorney for Travis County in Austin. Pryor authored the non-fiction crime book, *As She Lay Sleeping*, as well as the popular Hugo Marston series of mystery novels, including his most recent, entitled *Blood Promise*, which published in January.

New York Times best-selling novelist Leila Meacham recently authored *Somerset*, as well as two other Texas novels, *Roses* and *Tumbleweeds*. *Publishers Weekly* called *Roses* “an enthralling stunner...A compelling saga with echoes of *Gone with the Wind*.”

“This event has become a greatly anticipated library support program. What better way to celebrate the library and raise money for literacy efforts than by combining great food, a great location, and great words (and even pictures)?” comments Library Director Gretchen Pruett. “This year, our date’s proximity to Mother’s Day makes it a great event to share with your mother, and perhaps honor her with a timeless gift of great words.”

For more information about tickets or this event, contact Lindsey Miller at 830-221-4317.

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