The St. Louis County Library Ladue Branch will now be named the Clark Family Branch in recognition of the $4 million donation made to the Library and St. Louis County Library Foundation. The $4 million donation will support the new Clark Family Branch, which is expected to be completed in late 2023 and will replace the current Library Headquarters located at 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

An additional gift of $2 million will support curated educational programming that furthers the Library’s mission. This is the largest donation made to the Library and Library Foundation.

The announcement was made on May 24 at the current Library Headquarters. The Clark family, along with Library Director & CEO Kristen Sorth, members of the Library Board and the St. Louis County Library Foundation were in attendance.

“The generosity of the Clark family truly demonstrates their support of the St. Louis County Library, its mission and the region,” said Kristen Sorth, St. Louis County Library Director & CEO. “This gift will leave a lasting impact for generations of library users. The Clark Family Branch will be a modern, spacious building that celebrates the different patrons who use it. We are so grateful for this incredible gift.”

“Community improvement has always been one of my core values, and I am thrilled to help bring this beautiful, modern library to the greater St. Louis community,” said Bob Clark. “The impact of public libraries is evolving, and I am excited to invest in their limitless potential.”

Bob Clark is the Executive Chairman & Founder of Clayco. For more than 30 years, Bob has grown Clayco into one of the top full-service building firms in North America while building Clayco’s commitment to the communities it serves. Most recently, Bob represented the U.S. Department of State as the U.S. Commissioner General overseeing the nation’s presence at Expo 2020 Dubai.

Dr. Jane Clark, a retired partner from Premier Dental Partners and active philanthropist spoke of her love of libraries that began as a little girl. Throughout her life she has volunteered at libraries and said she secretly wanted to be a librarian, but thought this was the next best thing.

Designed by Lamar Johnson Collaborative, the Clark Family Branch is the final project of the Your Library Renewed campaign. Details about the campaign can be found at www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed.
The Beck Ribbon Cutting

“The Beck” as it is affectionately called was officially inaugurated on April 28, 2022. Dr. Lynn Beckwith, Jr., for whom the building is named, has served on the Library Board since August of 2007 and has been the Board President since March of 2010.

Dr. Beckwith has provided guidance and direction to the Library in countless areas, including Your Library Renewed and in particular the acquisition of the administrative building land. He has also overseen numerous new programs and community partnerships that benefit the St. Louis region, and has been a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion in Library programs, policies and services.

He has had a distinguished career as an educator. He is the former director of State and Federal programs for St. Louis Public School District and the former Superintendent of the University City School District. He has also served as the endowed Professor of Urban Education at the University Missouri St. Louis. He has served on the boards of many organizations related to education and civic improvement including the Board of the Riverview Gardens School District.

With family, friends, colleagues and library employees in attendance, Dr. Beckwith spoke with great reverence for his parents and their belief in the importance of education. He and his siblings all attended college, with many advanced degrees to their credit. As janitorial staff of a library, his mother was encouraged by the librarians there to get library cards for her children. “She told us you will get a library card, there was no if you get a library card,” said Dr. Beckwith.

The ceremony ended with Dr. Beckwith quoting a poem from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow before the ribbon was cut and guests were escorted inside to tour the new 75,100 square foot administrative library building located at 1412 S. Spoede Road in Frontenac.

The building serves as the center of the Library’s operations. All materials processing, mobile services, program development, information technology, marketing, and administration for SLCL’s 20-branch system are located at the Beck. The St. Louis County Library Foundation is also at this location.

Library Director and CEO Kristen Sorth alongside Library Board Trustee President Dr. Lynn Beckwith, Jr.

The design team of Lamar Johnson Collaborative.
We are only half way through 2022 but it already has been a banner year. There’s a lot of good news in this issue. Our administrative team seamlessly moved into our new building in Frontenac at the end of April. We are preparing for the razing of the current Headquarters building later this summer and construction on our new Clark Family Branch to begin shortly thereafter. That doesn’t mean that the programs and events formerly at the Headquarters building will cease. In-person author events will take place at the Jewish Community Center just a few miles north at Lindbergh Blvd. and Schuetz Rd. There’s plenty of parking and a great auditorium. Many thanks to our good neighbors at the J.

The St. Louis County Library system continues to receive accolades, most recently being a recipient of the prestigious National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal for Museum and Library Service is the nation’s highest honor for institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Since 1994, the Institute for Museum and Library Science (IMLS) has presented the award to institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to community service.

More good news…the free summer lunch program at select branches resumed May 31. The lunch program is a joint effort between St. Louis County Library, St. Louis County Library Foundation and Operation Food Search.

The positive impact of the programs of the St. Louis County Library continues to inspire our donors. Be sure and read about Bob Clark, executive chairman and founder of Clayco Inc., and his most generous donation. His personal contribution will be amplified for the next 10 years in the library’s programs. Why did he donate? He says he wants his donation to inspire others to support our libraries in our community because they are making a difference. And he’s right.

The St. Louis County Library Foundation helps your local library do more. As always, we thank you, our Friends and donors. Because of you, the St. Louis County Library is more than you imagined!

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SLCL is thrilled to announce that Jennifer Gibson has been named a 2022 Mover & Shaker by Library Journal. Movers & Shakers profiles up-and-coming, innovative, creative individuals from around the world—both great leaders and behind-the-scenes contributors—who are providing inspiration and model programs for others, including programs developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Jennifer was named an Innovator by Library Journal and we wholeheartedly agree!

During the pandemic, her leadership in small business service helped the library provide over $52 million in value for area entrepreneurs. Her imaginative approach to outreach has helped librarians communicate their value to small businesses, and has ramped up the library’s reference-by-mail services for incarcerated individuals, inspiring librarians near and far to replicate this work.

In February, Jennifer started as the Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives. This new role will advance the Library’s mission, vision and values through the development of integrated and inclusive strategic solutions and efficient planning processes. This position also writes grant applications, proposals and collaborates to source alternate funding streams.

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Note from the President

Brian Davies, Foundation Board President
Patrick Radden Keefe has built a well-deserved reputation for writing riveting narrative nonfiction. In his 2019 book, “Say Nothing: A True Story of Memory and Murder in Northern Ireland,” Keefe untangled the many threads of an open murder case from Belfast in 1972. He clearly presented the many factors at work during the height of the civil war in Northern Ireland and explored how trauma and secrecy played out in families and in the community. This wildly popular book was described as a historical whodunit and a true crime page-turner.

In 2021 Keefe released “Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty.” In another captivating account, Keefe describes how the Sackler family built a fortune in pharmaceuticals, donated generously to universities and museums, and eventually tarnished their good name through reckless promotion of the drug OxyContin, the drug that many believe is the main generator of the opioid crisis in the United States. Keefe pulls back the curtain on his investigative journalism a bit in this account, including the story of the Sackler’s attempts to intimidate him through threatened legal proceedings.

Readers who appreciate Keefe’s ability to present “newsy” stories in such a compelling style will delight in his latest book “Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels, and Crooks." In this book, Keefe, who has been writing for the New Yorker since 2006, collects twelve of his New Yorker pieces, presenting the articles as they ran in the magazine and adding updates at the end. As the title suggests, the common thread through these chapters is an examination of human psychology of those operating outside of the law and societal norms. In addition to being fascinating stories, these pieces illustrate Keefe’s investigative skills and the evolution of his individual style.

The subjects range from using Swiss bank accounts to evade taxes, corruption in Guinean mining rights, insider trading collusion between a doctor and a hedge fund, to a mass shooting by a professor denied tenure. In many cases, the topics will be familiar to readers. Keefe writes about the trial of the Boston Marathon bomber, the capture and escape (and capture and escape) of El Chapo, and the crash of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. But Keefe goes beyond what is generally known about each incident or personality.

The articles collected here display the advantages of long-form journalism. Keefe describes this style of magazine story as “substantial enough to completely immerse yourself in but short enough to finish in a sitting.” Unlike the shorter pieces readers commonly encounter online, longer features allow the author to explore overlooked details, to interview peripheral people, and most importantly, to check and double check facts.

In the preface Keefe sings the praises of his fact-checking colleagues at the New Yorker. Within the articles he includes details about facts he was unable to verify and exactly how some assertions were corroborated. This elevates the articles from “Listen to this wild story” to “Here is what happened, and here is how we know.” At a time in which many are doubtful of the veracity and good faith of popular media, this transparency is a welcome feature.

The opening chapter “The Jefferson Bottles” is about counterfeit wine and one billionaire’s crusade to unveil wine fraud. It is great fun to read. Keefe presents the gossipy allegations, denials, and rationalizations, and then grounds it all in his research and some simple verifiable facts. For instance, he writes that nineteen magnums of 1947 Lafluer have been sold at auction since 1998, despite the fact that in 1947 the vineyard only bottled five magnums.

Keefe includes a good deal of humor in these stories. Small details about reality television producer Mark Burnett or celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain give the reader a more complete picture of the person we thought we knew. One consistent theme uniting these twelve great stories is that what you think you know about a story is not the whole story.
Readers’ Advisory Reads for Summer

“Island of Sea Women”  
by Lisa See
This decades-spanning tale of friendship and struggle is based on the real all-female diving collective from the small Korean island of Jeju, where the women financially support their families and the men stay home to care for the children.

“Lizzie & Dante”  
by Mary Bly
A Shakespearean scholar’s life is turned upside down when she meets an attractive chef while vacationing on the Italian island of Elba in this steamy and atmospheric contemporary romance.

“The Guest List”  
by Lucy Foley
A celebrity couple’s glitzy destination wedding on a remote island off the coast of Ireland is upended by drama, secrets, and a terrible murder.

“Conquering the Pacific: An Unknown Mariner and the Final Great Voyage of the Age of Discovery”  
by Andres Resendez
A gripping history of the Age of Discovery focuses on a newly uncovered voyage headed by a Black mariner whose ship got separated from the rest of the more well-known expedition.

A LOOK BACK | History & Genealogy

Baseball at Busch Stadium

by Brent Trout, Manager, History & Genealogy

Almost nothing represents summer in St. Louis more than baseball at Busch Stadium. With nearly 150 years of baseball history in St. Louis, there are rarely as many important years as 100 years ago in St. Louis baseball history.

In 1922, both the St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Browns experienced seasons of note, but another St. Louis team embarked on a season filled with success—the St. Louis Stars. The St. Louis Stars, part of the Negro National League, held the distinction of being one of the few teams to have a stadium built solely for a Negro League team use.

Located at the intersection of Compton and Market Street, Stars Park opened on July 10, 1922 with a capacity of 10,000. Unique to Stars Park was the incorporation of a trolley barn into the left field wall of the stadium. With the trolley barn in place, the left field was over 60 feet shorter than regulation fields. To combat Stars Park becoming the headquarters of home runs, the Negro National League occasionally incorporated a ground rule double for home runs. Shortly before the start of the 1930 season, Stars Park added lighting enabling the park to host the first night baseball game in St. Louis.

The St. Louis Stars played in Stars Park until the dissolution of the Negro National League in 1931. The Stars played several successful seasons, even winning the final pennant of the league.

Prior to 1922, the organization was known as the St. Louis Giants. Taken in 1922, this photo represents some of the earliest uniforms for the Stars.
The following is a list of people who joined the Friends of the St. Louis County Library Foundation or who renewed their membership between the dates of February 1, 2022 and April 30, 2022.

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**Conversations with Kristen**

**Thursday, September 8, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Zoom**

Conversations with Kristen is a chance for the Friends of the Foundation to receive first-hand library information and be able to ask questions directly of our Director and CEO. **Email with registration information coming soon.**

**Gifts Received**

We appreciate all those who have donated to the Foundation in support of Library programs and services.

**April**

Dr. Arthur Gale, $100,000 in support of the Arthur Gale Medical Arts Lecture Series.
The St. Louis County Library Foundation is committed to enhance and enrich the library’s educational and cultural mission by securing financial support beyond public funding, sponsoring programs and special projects, and serving as a library ambassador.

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SLCL Wins National Medal for Library Service

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced on June 7 that St. Louis County Library is one of six recipients of the 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. The award will be presented at a ceremony in Washington, DC.
Book Discussions

Love discussing mysteries, we have a group for you. Prefer a mocktail when you read, we have a group for you. Want to discuss books from the comfort of your favorite reading chair, we have a group for you. SLCL offers a wide variety of book discussion programs both virtually and in-person. Find the one that is right for you by visiting www.slcl.org/events

Mock Tales Book Discussion
Monday, July 11, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Virtual Program
Learn how to make delicious mocktails while discovering new titles. Share and discuss books that pair well with a different signature mocktail each month. Bring your reading recommendations and mocktails to share. Theme: Independence.
Adults. Registration required.
Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Mystery Lovers Book Discussion
Thursday, July 7, 10:00–11:00 a.m.
Daniel Boone Branch, 300 Clarkson Rd.
This month we are reading “Eight Perfect Murders” by Peter Swanson. Copies can be requested from the catalog or via Overdrive/Libby and via Hoopla.

Novelty Book Club
Thursday, July 7, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Virtual Program
Love to talk about books? This group meets to share the books we love with a different discussion prompt each month. No required reading!
Adults. Registration required.
Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Book Bingo
Thursday, July 21, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Thornhill Branch, 12863 Willowyck Dr.
Play bingo, have fun, win books.
Adults. Registration required.
Groups, please contact the hosting branch for registration and to inquire about space availability for all summer programs.

Tuesday Evening Book Club
Tuesday, July 26, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Bridgeton Trails Branch, 3455 McKelvey Rd.
This month we are reading “Saving CeeCee Honeycutt” by Beth Hoffman. Copies available at the Service Desk.
Adults. Registration recommended.

Women Leading the Way

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Great St. Louis hosted their 14th Annual Table for Four luncheon at the Ritz Carlton on April 14. Several Foundation Board Members and the Foundation’s Assistant Director of Advancement attended in support of fellow Foundation Board Member and event Co-Chair Karen Jordan.
Paula Knight, Karen Jordan, Jackie Hamilton, Mary Gira and Amanda Schmitt; left to right.
More than $12,000 Raised on Give STL Day

Thank you to all those who gave on Give STL Day. The Library Foundation raised more than $12,000 to benefit St. Louis County Library.

Jodi Alfermann
Colleen Anderson
Alonzo & Nancy Audet
Mary Ballou
Karen Bellville
Ronny Borrok
Sarah & Jason Bowman
Lesley Buermann
Judith Campbell
Apollo Carrey
Louise Cenatiempo
Lee Clement
Marie Conlin
Brian & Jennifer Davies
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Laura Dierberg Ayers
Mary Dinauer
Linda Eikerenkoetter
Laura Farkas
Rachel Flanagan
Alice & Kirk Fritsch
Dot Gacioch

The Gallardo Family
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Joe & Mary Gira
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Wayne & Mary Walker
Michael Whitley
Sharon Wice
Lou Ann Wilcox
Kristen Wild
Katherine Wilson
Lauren Wiser
Courtney Wood
Jim Wood
Tiffany Woodard

Honors and Grants Received

The library was awarded a grant for $40,000 in March 2022. The library also received five honors and awards.

March

The Missouri State Library's Technology Ladder Grant provided $40,000 to support an update of the software that runs the Library's website. The Drupal software is being upgraded to a new version and will allow the website to continue functioning to serve the public and connect them with library resources, services, and events.

The Library received the following awards and recognitions:

• Special Recognition Leadership Award, North County Incorporated–GrandPads Initiative

• National Medal for Museum and Library Service Winner, Institute of Museum and Library Services—Extraordinary and innovative approaches to community service

• Library Journal Mover & Shaker Award—Jennifer Gibson, Assistant Director, Strategic Initiatives


• 2022 Best of Florissant Awards, Library Category—Florissant Valley Branch
Upcoming author events

**Introducing SLCL Authors @ the J** | During construction of the new Clark Family Branch, St. Louis County Library’s nationally-renowned Author Series will be hosting many events in partnership with the Jewish Community Center and the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival. SLCL Authors @ the J events will take place at the J’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center at 2 Millstone Campus Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free and open to the public.

**Virtual Viewing Opportunities** | Special thanks to our partners at HEC Media who have assisted with the library’s virtual event programming throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to offer hybrid virtual/in-person programming throughout 2022. There will be a virtual event component for many of the events listed—typically viewable on the library’s and HEC’s social media the week following the in-person appearance. Please visit www.slcl.org/authors for a list of virtual events.

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**July**

**Wednesday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.** | Daniel Boone Branch
Linda Castillo, “The Hidden One: A Kate Burkholder Mystery”

**Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.** | SLCL Authors @ the J
Dr. Jay Wellons, “All that Moves Us: A Pediatric Neurosurgeon, His Young Patients, and Their Stories of Grace and Resilience”
Arthur Gale Medical Arts Lecture Series

**Thursday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.** | SLCL Authors @ the J
Jason Kander, “Invisible Storm: A Soldier’s Memoir of Politics and PTSD”
In Conversation with Missouri State Senator Jill Schupp

**Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.** | SLCL Authors @ the J
Daniel Silva, “Portrait of an Unknown Woman”

**August**

**Thursday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.** | SLCL Authors @ the J
Martin Walker, “To Kill a Troubadour: A Bruno, Chief of Police Novel”

**Monday, August 15, 7:00 p.m.** | SLCL Authors @ the J
Elliot Ackerman, “The Fifth Act: America’s End in Afghanistan”

**Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 p.m.** | Grant’s View Branch
Elaine Viets, “Late for His Own Funeral”

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**Virtual event**

**Saturday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.**
Christina Soontornvat, “All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team”
Reading Garden Series for Young Audiences
Full Name: Conrad Bowers

Place of Employment and Job Title:
Electronic Data Systems- EDS and elected official (Council and Mayor)—Retired

Friend of the Foundation Since:
My wife Linda and I have been members of “Friends” since 1999 and have attended many events sponsored by the Foundation.

Your library branch: Bridgeton Trails

Favorite Author or Genre of Books?
Historical Non-Fiction and Suspense (Mystery and Crime)

Traditional book or eBooks:
Traditional, however we do enjoy eBooks when traveling.

Best part about the library?
Many resources and helpful staff. Usually spend one-half day a week at my local branch reading newspapers (Wall Street, Barron’s, Business Journal, Local) and periodicals. Staff will assist in obtaining special books even if necessary to borrow from a remote library system.

Author you enjoyed seeing as part of the Author Series and why?
Enjoyed presentations by many suspense authors: (C.J. Box, Danial Silva, Jeff Deaver, Phillip Margolin, Ridley Pearson, Jonathan Franzen,). However, since I like reading non-fiction historical works, I enjoyed meeting and hearing Eric Larson.

What is the one classic novel you always meant to, but never got around to reading?
None—would like to revisit some classics that have stood the test of time and that I initially read many years ago.

If you could have dinner with one author dead or alive, who would it be and why?
Dead: Mark Twain, a great author but an outstanding humorist. Would enjoy his thoughts on the current political environment.
Alive: Bret Baier, author of “To Rescue The Republic” Ulysses S. Grant. His thoughts comparing past political environments with the current.

What is one book you wish they would turn into a movie or one book that was better than the movie?
Not a great movie fan and always prefer the book that was the basis for the movie. The book always has more information and one can hit the pause button to reflect on content.

Best vacation you have ever taken and why?
Linda and I enjoy European Riverboat cruises and our favorite was on the Seine River from Paris to Normandy with an extended stay in Paris visiting Museums.

You lend one of your favorite books to a friend. They return the book with a cracked spine and dog-eared pages. Do you address the issue? Please select one answer.
A. Who cares! It’s a Friend after all. My approach—but some special books with personal attachment would never consider lending.
B. No, I wouldn’t say anything, but it would annoy me all day.
C. Yes, I would be upfront with my disappointment.
D. Irrelevant, I would never lend a book.

Not only did you forget that book club is at your house, you didn’t even read the book. What do you do? Please select one answer.
A. Don’t admit anything. Maybe no one will notice
B. Peruse the book club discussion questions to piece together a plotline.
C. Admit it you haven’t read the book right out of the gate. My approach
D. Confess you haven’t read the book, but out another member of not reading the book as well.

Do we have your email?
Sign up to be on our email list to make sure you can reserve seats to your favorite author events, receive invitations to upcoming Foundation events and learn more ways you can support your library. Email friends@slcl.org with your preferred email address.
Gifts and Tributes

The Library Foundation offers a special opportunity to honor and remember a loved one, friend or colleague. A donation to the Foundation recognizes and expresses your love and respect for a beloved individual while enhancing the Foundation’s early childhood literacy programs. Please consider the Foundation for a tribute or memorial gift.

The following is a list of people who gave gifts or tributes between the dates of February 26, 2022 and April 30, 2022.

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“Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library.”

–Walter Savage Landor (1775–1864. English writer and poet)

Give STL Day Gifts Made in Tribute

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Library Happenings

Music and Movement at the Mid-County Branch.

MetroMarket Kickoff at the Lewis & Clark Branch.

Bestselling author, Adriana Trigiani at Library Headquarters.

Grab & Go Meals at the Parkview Branch.

Seeds for Summer at the Weber Road Branch.

Kristin Baver and Daniel Jose Older headline Star Wars Fan Fest at Grant’s View Branch.

Who knew Chewbacca likes John Grisham novels?

Star Wars Fan Fest at Grant’s View Branch.

Don’t forget new library cards sponsored by the St. Louis Cardinals are still available in celebration of the new shared catalog with St. Louis Public Library.

St. Louis County Library offers notary services free to all patrons at all locations. Notary services are available Monday through Saturday during normal library hours, but not less than 15 minutes before closing. Service is dependent on staff availability.

To learn more visit: www.slcl.org/using-the-library/notary-services
New Event Series: SLCL Authors @ the J

Tuesday, July 12
7:00 p.m.
Dr. Jay Wellons
“All that Moves Us: A Pediatric Neurosurgeon, His Young Patients, and Their Stories of Grace and Resilience”
Arthur Gale Medical Arts Lecture Series
Photo by Susan Urmy, courtesy of Vanderbilt University Medical Center

TICKETED EVENT
Thursday, July 14
7:00 p.m.
Jason Kander
“Invisible Storm: A Soldier’s Memoir of Politics and PTSD”
In Conversation with Missouri State Senator Jill Schupp

TICKETED EVENT
Thursday, July 21
7:00 p.m.
Daniel Silva
“Portrait of an Unknown Woman”
Photo by Marco Grob

Thursday, August 11
7:00 p.m.
Martin Walker
“To Kill a Troubadour: A Bruno, Chief of Police Novel”

Go to foundation.slcl.org/events for more information about these and other author visits.