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Dallas Public Library to launch Authorspeak 2007

Next year's event will again feature profound insights and fascinating discussions

DALLAS, TX – Two popular Dallas writers will officially kick off the Dallas Public Library's highly popular 2007 Authorspeak series on Friday, Dec. 1, at the Central Library, 1515 Young St. The event will start at 10 a.m., featuring local writers Harry Hunsicker and Will Clarke, who will read excerpts from their work and answer questions.

Hunsicker is the fourth generation of his family to call Dallas home. The Private Eye Writers of America nominated his debut novel, *Still River*, for a Shamus Award for Best First Novel published in 2005. When not working on the next Lee Henry Oswald mystery, Hunsicker works as a commercial real estate appraiser and speaks on creative writing.

Clarke is the author of *Lord Vishnu's Love Handles* an off-kilter spy novel set in Lakewood, and also recently published *The Worthy*. Both have been purchased by major studios, and are set to become feature films.

The local authors are the second event in the Authorspeak series, and will be featured on Thursday, April 5, along with Dallas writer Mark Gimenez, author of *The Color of Law*. The book was nominated for a "Thriller" Award for Best First Novel by International Thriller Writers, Inc. and was number eight on Amazon's Top 10 Mystery and Thrillers list for 2005, the only first novel to make the list.

Other authors in the series are:

Feb. 15 - Suzan-Lori Parks. Parks won the Pulitzer for her play, *Topdog/Underdog*. She also wrote the screenplay *Girl 6* for director Spike Lee, and has been commissioned by Oprah Winfrey to write the film version of Zora Neale Hurston's classic, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

June 7 - Elisha Miranda. She is the author of *The Sista Hood: On The Mic*, and is currently developing *Sangria Street*, a show aimed at young adults, for Nickelodeon. She has also directed the short films *Corporate Dawgz* and *Blind Date* and is working on *Outside the Wall*. Miranda is a graduate of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT.

All Authorspeak programs will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Library; a reception with the author will be held prior to each presentation for series ticket holders. The Authorspeak series is supported by The Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Inc. and benefits programming at the library. Tickets are \$30 for each program or \$75 for the series and are available online, starting Dec. 1, at www.ticketweb.com.

"Once again, Authorspeak will be providing a forum for nationally known authors to speak about their craft and their passion for literature and literacy," said Miriam Rodriguez, Dallas Public Library Assistant Director.

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