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“Authorspeak” series begins with renowned energy journalist; Robert Bryce will speak May 6 at the Dallas Public Library

Dallas – Robert Bryce, journalist and author of *Power Hungry: The Myths of Green Energy and the Real Fuels of the Future* will be the first speaker in the “authorspeak” series presented by the Dallas Public Library and the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. Bryce’s appearance, which will be followed by a book signing, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6 in the Central Library, 1515 Young St., in the first floor auditorium. A reception will be held at 6 p.m.

Bryce, who has been writing about the energy business since 1989, is the author of *Power Hungry: the Myths of Green Energy and the Real Fuels of the Future*. The American magazine called his book, *Gusher of Lies: the Dangerous Delusions of Energy Independence* “a strong and much-needed dose of reality.” His first book, *Pipe Dreams: Greed, Ego, and the Death of Enron*, was named one of the best non-fiction books of 2002 by Publishers Weekly. His articles have appeared in numerous publications, including the Atlantic Monthly, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and the Washington Post.

Upcoming authors in the series are:

June 14: David Sanger, Chief Washington Correspondent for The New York Times and author of *The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power*. He has been a member of two teams that won the Pulitzer Prize and has received numerous awards for investigative, national security, and White House reporting. A 6 p.m. reception will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by Sanger’s speech and book signing at the Rosewood Crescent Hotel, 400 Crescent Court.

June 22: Luis Alberto Urrea, poet, essayist and author of 11 books, including the best-seller *The Devil’s Highway*, a Pulitzer Prize finalist. His first book, *Across the Wire*, was named a New York Times Notable Book and won the Christopher Award. Urrea’s most recent book, *The Hummingbird’s Daughter*, is the culmination of 20 years of research and writing. The luncheon and book signing will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Central Library, O’Hara Room, seventh floor.

June 30: Ussama Makdisi, author of *Faith Misplaced: The Broken Promise of U.S - Arab Relations, 1820-2003*, which explores the relationship between Americans and Arabs in the 19th and 20th centuries. Makdisi is The Arab American Educational Foundation Professor of History at Rice University. The Carnegie Corporation named Makdisi a 2009 Carnegie Scholar for his contributions to enriching the country’s discourse on Islam. His previous book, *Artillery of Heaven*, won the 2009 John Hope Franklin Prize. Makdisi’s speech and book signing will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Library first floor auditorium. A reception will be held at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for members of the World Affairs Council and the Library Friends and \$40 for non-members. Series ticket prices are \$85 for members and \$145 for non-members. To register for “authorspeak” or for more information, visit www.dfwworld.org or call (214) 965-8412. All authors’ books will be available for purchase after the programs. “Authorspeak” is sponsored by WRR Classical 101.1 FM, Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Univision, Interceramic, Consulado General de Mexico and the Dallas County Community College District.

With the goal of connecting North Texas with the world, the nonprofit, nonpartisan World Affairs Council presents more than 100 events each year and directs the City of Dallas' Office of Protocol, the International Education Program and the International Visitor Program.

For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, visit www.dallaslibrary.org. The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St., 25 branch locations, Bookmarks in NorthPark Center and two Bookmobiles. A library card is free for any Dallas resident.

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