

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Library hosts local Authors Night

The Municipal Library is sponsoring its “Authors’ Night,” featuring a panel discussion among four published authors who live in the city. **The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday February 4, 2010, in the library’s second-floor conference room.**

The authors will discuss, among other things, their writing processes, why they wrote on their particular chosen topic and what they think it takes to become a published author. The participating wordsmiths are:

- Drew Hinds, a Riviera Beach police officer. Hinds is the author of *Don’t Spoil Your Appetite: Recipes for Life, Love and Happiness*.
- Rhonda Swan, editorial writer for the Palm Beach Post, and hostess of the blog Rhythm and News. She is the author of three books, including *Speaking My Mind in Poetic Verse* and *Busted*.
- Shawn Taylor, a licensed optician, and the author of *A Call to Order*.
- Steve White, the owner of city-based Protective Hands Communications, a custom book publisher that has helped more than two dozen writers self-publish their books. He is the author of *The 7 Keys to Helping Black Children Reach Their Full Potential* and *From Black Boy to Man: What Does it Take?*

Library Director Cynthia N. Cobb, who came to the city in November 2008, said the event is part of her focus to “create a community of readers” in the city. Before coming south, Ms. Cobb had been director of the 14-branch library system in Lee County (FL) and also did stints in Atlanta (GA) and Fayetteville (NC).

She said as word spreads about the event, she has gotten “untold” numbers of calls from other established and budding writers. “As a librarian, I’m especially pleased with the tremendous support from local authors,” Ms. Cobb said.

All of the authors’ books will be available for sale.



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