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Author's Gala 2014 to feature Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author A. Scott Berg

San Mateo – March 26 – The San Mateo Public Library Foundation (SMPLF) is pleased to announce Author's Gala 2014, featuring A. Scott Berg, Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of *Lindbergh* and author of recently released *Wilson*. The Gala, presented by the Foundation's Literary Society, is the Library's signature fundraising event and will be held in the Bayview Dining Room, at the College of San Mateo on May 10th.

"We are delighted that Scott Berg will be this year's featured author," said Antoinette McElroy, Gala co-chair. "His new book, *Wilson*, is a deeply personal and comprehensive biography about our nation's 28th President, and already has received national acclaim as one of the most definite works about this visionary leader, and the politics that shaped our country's future. We couldn't be more excited to have him share his insights and observations with our Gala guests."

Funds raised from last year's Gala, enabled the Main Library to open every summer Sunday, as well as Sundays that precede a Monday holiday, throughout the year. Thousands of people this last year visited the library on Sundays to borrow books, use computers, read, research, work and confer in meeting rooms. Providing the community with increased access continues to be the Library's highest priority. So this year's Gala will again offer an opportunity for both individuals and businesses to play a critical role in keeping the Main Library open on Sundays and possibly in helping to extend hours on other days of the week.

"Gala attendees and supporters have had a direct and measurable impact on improving library access to so many," notes Frank Elliot, SMPLF President. "I am particularly delighted that this year's Author's Gala attendees, in partnership with the City, will help to secure Sunday hours and to play a role in the effort to expand library hours in the coming fiscal year. What a tremendous gift to the community."

Carolyn Johnson, award-winning co-anchor of ABC7 news, will be Master of Ceremonies and lead the conversation with Mr. Berg. The evening will include a live raffle drawing, featuring more than \$12,000 in jewelry generously donated by Tiffany & Co. from its period-inspired Ziegfeld Collection, designed expressly for the film *The Great Gatsby*.

Gala Tickets are \$175 per person. For more information, or to purchase Gala or raffle tickets, call 650-558-9100 or visit <http://www.smlibraryfoundation.org> To learn more about the Gala's featured author visit: www.scottberg.com

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