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Author's Gala 2015 to Feature Award Winning Author Joyce Carol Oates

San Mateo – April 2 – The Literary Society, in support of the San Mateo Public Library Foundation (SMPLF), is pleased to announce Author's Gala 2015, featuring the distinguished Joyce Carol Oates, author of numerous award winning books and recipient of the National Humanities Medal. The Gala, to be held on April 25th at the Peninsula Golf & Country Club, is the Library Foundation's signature fundraising event.

"We are thrilled to host Joyce Carol Oates as our featured author at this year's Gala," said Tina Crisci, Gala co-chair. "It will be wonderful for our guests to hear from such a versatile and accomplished writer. Her vast collection of literary work, including her most recent book, *The Sacrifice*, touches on some of the most important themes of contemporary life."

Providing the community with increased access continues to be the Library's highest priority. Funds raised from Author's Gala 2014, enabled the library to remain open an extra 10 hours per week, and funds raised the prior year helped keep the library open on all summer Sundays.

In addition to continuing to support expanded operating hours, this year's Fund-a-Need effort will contribute to the library's ability to provide expanded digital access and information technology services to the community.

"Now in its fourth year, the Author's Gala continues to have a direct impact on improving library services, especially in expanding library hours," said Frank Elliott, Foundation Board President. "This year, I am particularly proud that we can address the access issue from a different angle, that being digital access. With this improved access, the library will play a significant role in narrowing the digital divide in our community."

In addition to a special presentation by Joyce Carol Oates, the Author's Gala evening includes cocktails, dinner, auction and a live raffle drawing featuring \$2,500 in jewelry generously donated by Steiners Jewelry among other prizes. Gala special guest, Senator Jerry Hill, will lead the auction.

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