



City of Hampton

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Literary Consortium to present author David Baldacci free to the public

David Baldacci, the No. 1 New York Times bestselling novelist, will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, at Thomas Nelson Community College. His appearance is free to the public, but tickets are required.

Best known for his political thrillers and his series “The Camel Club” and “King and Maxwell,” all of Baldacci’s 16 novels have become national and international bestsellers. His newest book, “First Family,” will be released April 21.

Baldacci will share humorous tales of his experiences in researching and writing his novels under the title, “Life Between the Pages.”

Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session and book signing are available beginning Sept. 15 at the sponsoring libraries of the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which consists of the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and York County and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College.

Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to two per person while supplies last. Open seating at the event, to be held in the Dr. Mary T. Christian Auditorium in Templin Hall, is limited, and attendees are advised to arrive early. Ticket holders will be seated first. Any remaining seats will then be open to the general public.

The Baldacci event is the third free author event sponsored by the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which presented the best-selling authors Amy Tan in 2007 and Walter Mosley in 2008.

For more information, contact Karen L. Gill, community relations and programs coordinator for the Newport News Public Library System, at 757-926-1357, or kgill@nngov.com or visit <http://library.cnu.edu/vplc.html>

More About Baldacci

Internationally-acclaimed bestselling author David Baldacci burst on the literary scene

in 1996 with his incredible first novel, "Absolute Power." Since then he has written 15 additional bestselling works: "Total Control," "The Winner," "The Simple Truth," "Saving Faith," "Wish You Well," "Last Man Standing," "The Christmas Train," "Split Second," "Hour Game," "The Camel Club," "The Collectors," "Simple Genius," "Stone Cold," "Divine Justice," "The Whole Truth," and the recently released "First Family." He has also started a novel series for young readers, "Freddy and the French Fries."

Born in Virginia where he continues to reside, Baldacci received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and law degree from the University of Virginia. Before going on to be a successful author, he practiced law for nine years in Washington, D.C., as both a trial and corporate attorney.

Baldacci's works have been translated into more than 45 languages and sold in more than 80 countries. All of his books have been national and international bestsellers, and more than 60 million copies of his books are in print worldwide.

Baldacci participates in numerous charitable organizations and is currently the U.S. ambassador for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He also sits on boards at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Virginia Commonwealth University. His greatest efforts are currently dedicated to his family's own Wish You Well Foundation, supporting family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting new and existing programs.

The Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium brings together the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and York County and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College, collectively serving all residents of the Virginia Peninsula. Programs presented by the Consortium are free and open to the public. For more information on Consortium programs, please call 757-926-1350 or visit <http://library.cnu.edu/vplc.html>.