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Bestselling author ignites new Library Foundation series

Natchez Burning author Greg Iles kicks off Community Conversations

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (August 12, 2015) – Good books make us think; great books make us want to share our ideas. Mississippi novelist Greg Iles writes about racial injustice, corruption and family ties – fuel for conversation – in his new thriller, "The Bone Tree." The Huntsville Library Foundation promises an evening of lively conversation when Iles returns to town on Thursday, Sept. 3, for Community Conversations, the first in a quarterly author series. The event will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the Chan Auditorium on the University of Alabama Huntsville campus. A reception and book signing will follow the program.

Iles will read from "The Bone Tree," the newly-released second book in the "Natchez Burning" trilogy. "The Bone Tree" is a perfect conversation starter for topics that are still relevant today within our own community.

"He created a world in this novel that many of us can relate to, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss the book's themes with him," said Christina Tabereaux, chairperson of the Huntsville Library Foundation. "Greg's book is the perfect choice to start our new Community Conversations series."

Following the reading by Iles, there will be a Q&A session that encourages dialogue not just between the author and his readers, but also among those in attendance.

Tickets to *Community Conversations: Greg Iles* are \$25 for general admission; students with current ID get in free. All proceeds benefit the Huntsville Library Foundation. Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.store.hmcpl.org. Seating is limited; first come, first served. For more information about this event or other programs offered by the library, visit www.hmcpl.org.

About Huntsville Library Foundation

Founded in 1986, The Huntsville Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to advocate for the library and to acquire resources that enhance the library's value to the community. This team of dedicated individuals works year-round to raise funds for the library's 12 branches to better serve Madison County. With a voluntary board of directors, the Foundation

believes that a great library helps make a great community. For more information about the Foundation, please visit www.huntsvillelibraryfoundation.org.

About Huntsville-Madison County Public Library

This is the public's library. Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is a non-profit 12-branch system that serves all of Madison County, Ala. For nearly 200 years, the library has been dedicated to enriching the educational, recreational and cultural lives of communities in Madison County through materials, information and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning. In addition to the collection of over 500,000 items, HMCPL also provides outreach services, a BookMobile and Book Bike, online services, training, an extensive digital collection, public-use computers, free Wi-fi, meeting spaces and much more. For more information about HMCPL and its services, please visit www.hmcpl.org.

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