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PRESS RELEASE

Two Local Authors to be Honored as Literary Legends Oct. 22

Event Hosted by Albany Public Library Foundation at Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch

ALBANY, NY – Two local authors—Marion Roach Smith and Leonard A. Slade, Jr.—will be honored at the third annual Literary Legends event on Saturday, Oct. 22, hosted by the Albany Public Library Foundation.

The event will start at 7:00 pm at the library's Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch, which is located at 148 Henry Johnson Blvd. [Tickets are \\$75 per person and can be purchased online through the Foundation's website](#) or at the door. The event includes the awards ceremony and remarks by the honorees, a silent auction, live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and wine, beer, and soda.

Roach Smith is a contemporary non-fiction writer based in Rensselaer County whose books include *Another Name for Madness* and *The Memoir Project: A Thoroughly Non-Standardized Text for Writing & Life*. Slade is a professor of Africana Studies and adjunct professor of English at the University at Albany who has published close to two dozen books of poetry, including *Sweet Solitude* and *Nobody Knows*.

The Literary Legends event recognizes outstanding local authors, illustrators, and publishers for their extraordinary contributions to the art of letters. The event raises funds for the Albany Public Library Foundation, which in turn support special projects and programs at the library. In the past two years, the event has raised close to \$60,000. Roach Smith and Slade join previous Literary Legends award recipients Gregory Maguire, Barbara Smith, Paul Grondahl, Amy Biancolli, and William Kennedy.

Additional details about the Literary Legends event are available on the Foundation's website at www.albanypubliclibraryfoundation.org. For more information, please email the APL Foundation at president@albanypubliclibraryfoundation.org.

NOTE TO EDITORS

Photo files of honorees—Marion Roach Smith and Leonard A. Slade, Jr.—and Literary Legends logo are attached.

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