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Harford County Public Library's 'Meet the Author' Program **Features Country Life Farm's Josh Pons**

November 21 event at the Abingdon Library focuses on Pons' new book about his grandfather, Man o' War and the founding of Country Life

Abingdon, Md., November 11, 2024 -- Harford County Public Library welcomes two-time Eclipse Award-winning writer Josh Pons for a Meet the Author program on November 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Abingdon Library, 2510 Tollgate Road.

A Harford County resident, Pons will share his latest literary gem, "Letters from Country Life: Adolphe Pons, Man o' War and the Founding of Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm." An epic story set against the backdrop of World War I, the Great Depression and World War II, "Letters from Country Life" is a fresh look at the Golden Age of horse racing and how the past influences the present.

Drawing upon his popular BloodHorse magazine column, Pons invites readers along as he unearths the voices of Gilded Age tycoons through letters, telegrams and never-before-seen photos.

"Josh Pons is an excellent storyteller who brings history to life. Country Life Farm has been an important part of Harford County's horse history for more than 90 years, and Josh's new book is a fascinating look at horse racing and how the present is influenced by the past. Our customers are in for a treat the evening of November 21," said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library.

Pons is president of the Maryland Horse Library and Education Center and vice president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. He, along with his brother Mike, operates Country Life Farm, a full-service Thoroughbred farm in Fallston specializing in breeding and racing partnerships. Pons and his wife, Ellen live at Country Life, together with an extended Pons family of all ages.

Registration for the program is recommended in advance at <https://programs.hcplonline.org/event/11959906>. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County offering access to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire. Last year the Library interacted with its residents more than 12 million times – borrowing free materials, visiting branches and the website, using free WiFi, and attending classes and events. In 2023 Harford County Public Library received Graphic Design USA's American Inhouse Design Award™ for graphic excellence, the third time in five years. For more information, visit [HCPLonline.org](https://www.hcplonline.org).

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