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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR & HIS FURRY BEST FRIEND SERVICE DOG, TUESDAY, VISIT LIBRARY

(Bel Air, Maryland – April 15, 2015) Harford County Public Library is honored to welcome former U.S. Army Captain Luis Carlos Montalván and his service dog, Tuesday, to share their story at the Library's Bel Air Branch at 6:30 p.m. April 21.

Capt. Montalván never backed down from a challenge during his two tours of duty in Iraq. Like many service members, Capt. Montalván honorably departed the military as a result of physical and psychological wounds. The war continued for him until a highly trained golden retriever named Tuesday entered his life. Their journey of healing inspired a bestselling memoir and a highly acclaimed children's book.

The inspirational memoir about his hard-fought journey back from Iraq, *Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him*, debuted on the *New York Times* bestseller list in 2011 and returned again in 2012 and 2013. Together, they travel throughout North America advocating for service members, veterans and their families as well as all people with disabilities.

The release of their first children's book, *Tuesday Tucks Me: The Loyal Bond between a Soldier and his Service Dog* (Macmillan, May 2014), offers children and families what their memoir has extended to teens and adults – knowledge, hope and courage. Narrated by his extraordinary service dog, the book tells the story of a day in their lives, educating children about disabilities and entertaining them with doggy fun. The Children's Book Council and the National Council for Social Studies selected this heartwarming "tail" a "2015 Notable Social

Studies Trade Book for Young People," and Amazon.com officially declared it the "Best Nonfiction Children's Book of 2014."

"Captain Montalván and Tuesday are a wonderful addition to our spring programming," stated Mary Hastler, CEO. "There is a need not only to recognize the sacrifices of our veterans, but also to support the continuing work they do for the community and country."

Don't miss this "fur-tastic" read-a-long presentation. See the remarkable bond between this soldier and service dog, and ask questions. Of course, there will be plenty of tail-wagging, golden hugs for everyone!

Copies of *Until Tuesday* and *Tuesday Tucks Me In* will be available for purchase and dedication at the program. Registration is appreciated.

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