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AUTHOR DANIEL STASHOWER DISCUSSES BOOK AT BEL AIR LIBRARY

(Belcamp, Maryland – February 12, 2015) Three-time Edgar Award-winning author Daniel Stashower discussed and read from his latest book, *The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln before the Civil War*, at the Bel Air Library on Sunday, February 8th.

The Hour of Peril tells of the little-known conspiracy to assassinate Abraham Lincoln before he became president. The book follows detectives Allan Pinkerton and Kate Warne as they seek to unravel the "Baltimore Plot" to kill Lincoln as he travels by train to his inauguration in 1861. Stashower related the tale to an enthusiastic audience of nearly 100 attendees including a history buff of only 7 years old, who eagerly joined in a question-and-answer session with the author.

Stashower observed that many readers and writers are interested in the topic of Lincoln. "As some of you may know," Stashower said, "my book is not the first one to feature Abraham Lincoln. Not only have there been acres of books written about Abraham Lincoln, but you could build a bridge from here to Springfield, Illinois, with these books," he estimated.

Despite Stashower's humbleness, his book stands out in its field. Not only does Greg Tobin call the author's account a "swift and detailed rendering" in a review for *The New York Times*, but the Mystery Writers of America recognized Stashower's book with the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime work of 2014. Customers can reserve *The Hour of Peril* or search for other sources of information about the 16th president by visiting hcplonline.org.

Books were available for purchase at the event, which was supported by the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and part of Harford County Public Library's Charm City Sunday: Meet the Author series. Deanna Killoren, who attended Stashower's book talk, said she and her husband frequent many of the Library's author visits in order to connect with others who share their intellectual interests. "They're a great way to talk with other people and learn about a topic," she commented.

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*Photo caption: Author Daniel Stashower signs a copy of his latest book, *The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln before the Civil War*, for readers at the Bel Air Library Sunday, February 8th.*

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