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HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES TRIPLE CROWN DAY Featuring Author of *Secretariat's Meadow*

(Belcamp, Maryland – May 8, 2015) The Harford County Public Library Foundation, in conjunction with Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding (CTR), will present "Triple Crown Day" on Thursday, May 28, 2015, featuring Kate Chenery Tweedy, daughter of Secretariat owner Penny Chenery and author of the new book *Secretariat's Meadow: The Land, The Family, The Legend*.

Kate will be the featured guest at CTR's Soiree at Chesapeake Downs fundraising event on May 29th at The Vandiver Inn, Havre de Grace. "When CTR found out that Ms. Tweedy was coming into town early, they contacted the Library Foundation about hosting a book signing event," said Rebecca Jessop, Director of the Harford County Public Library Foundation. "We so appreciate the opportunity to work with CTR to host such a great event."

A native of Denver, Colorado, Kate is also the granddaughter of Secretariat's breeder, Christopher Chenery. She grew up visiting her grandfather's Virginia farm, The Meadow, and watching his thoroughbreds race at the major tracks of the nation. In 1973, as a college student, she was at her mother's side when Secretariat demolished the field in the Belmont Stakes and captured the Triple Crown.

For several years Kate accompanied her mother to racing events all over the country. Kate and Penny both consulted on the Disney script for the 2010 movie, *Secretariat*, and can be seen as extras in the Belmont scene. These days Kate enjoys speaking about her mother, grandfather, and their magnificent thoroughbred to audiences nationwide.

The Library's "Triple Crown Day" will begin at 12 noon at the Bel Air Library. Attendees will have the opportunity to talk with Kate and ride Equicizers, non-motorized mechanical horses that are controlled by the rider's movement. Equicizers became a popular horse racing simulator for jockeys and were used in the movie *Seabiscuit*. Kate and the Equicizers will then travel to the Whiteford Library at 4pm and on to their last stop at the Jarrettsville Library at 6:30pm. All three events are open to the public but registration is required.

Those that attend all three events will receive a free copy of *Secretariat's Meadow* (one book per family) along with a special gift for the kids! To register, please contact Nina Fahimi at the Library Administrative Office at 410 273 5600 or visit HCPLonline.org.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The Library serves over 191,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 4.1 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established to raise funds to augment the financial resources of the Harford County Public Library and to promote awareness of its services. For more information call 410-273-5601 x2283.

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Photo caption #1: Cover of Secretariat's Meadow