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Women's National Book Association D.C. Chapter Celebrates National Reading Month

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The D.C. chapter of Women's National Book Association will sponsor its third annual National Reading Group Month program with a panel discussion by acclaimed novelists Joyce Hinnefeld, Dolen Perkins-Valdez and moderator Shireen Dodson on October 25, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Busboys and Poets on 14th and V Streets. The event is free and open to the public.

Moderator Shireen Dodson currently serves as Ombudsman for the United States Department of State (DOS). She is the author of "***The Mother-Daughter Book Club and 100 Books for Girls to Grow On, (both by Harper Collins)***". Dodson is a resident of Washington D.C.

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Author Joyce Hinnefeld is an associate professor of English at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. She has numerous writing credits including her highly praised novel ***In Hovering Flight***. Her newest release titled ***Stranger Here Below*** is due to be released in October 2010 published by Unbridled Books.

Author Dolen Perkins-Valdez teaches creative writing at the University of Puget Sound. Her writing credits includes both fiction and essay publications as well as her widely lauded first novel ***Wench***, published this past January by Amistad/Harper Collins. Perkin-Valdez currently splits her time between Washington DC and Seattle, Washington.

National Reading Group Month,(NRGM) was launched in October 2007 by WNBA. It's primary purpose is to increase public awareness of the joy and value of shared reading, encourage libraries, bookstores and organizations to host special reading group events and provide time for reading groups to celebrate their accomplishments and plan for the future. To learn more about (NRGM) visit www.NationalReadingGroupMonth.org.

The Washington, DC, chapter was established in 1978. WNBA, whose purposes are both educational and charitable, promotes reading and literacy, and supports the role of women in the community of the book. For more information visit www.wnba-books.org/wash.