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### **A Night Out @ the Library**

Historian and author Alan Pell Crawford will speak at the Jarrettsville Branch of Harford County Public Library (HCPL) on Friday, April 25, 2008. The event begins at 7:00 pm and will include a fireside chat and book signing. Tickets are \$25 each or \$15 with a student ID. Expected to be a sell-out, the event is presented by the HCPL Foundation. Proceeds will benefit Harford County Public Library.

Alan Pell Crawford's recently released biography, *Twilight at Monticello*, focuses on the final years of Thomas Jefferson. The book is an unprecedented and engrossing look at Jefferson as he returns to his beloved Virginia plantation after two terms as president in 1809, to his death in 1826. Crawford, who had a residential fellowship at the International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, had access to thousands of letters from family, friends and Monticello neighbors, some previously unexamined by historians, that he used to depict an intimate portrait of a great American historical icon.

This is the second year the Night Out at the Library event has hosted a relevant and formative writer. "What a fantastic opportunity to see a celebrated author in Harford County," said Vanessa Milio, HCPL Foundation Director. "The HCPL Foundation is certainly excited to once again offer people a great evening of historical discussion, light refreshments and stimulating conversation all at an affordable ticket price." Sponsors for the event include WXCX FM 103.7 and Lucie and Edmund Snodgrass.

The Jarrettsville Branch is located at 3722 Norrisville Road. Tickets for the event are available online at [HCPLonline.info](http://HCPLonline.info) or call 410-273-5600.

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 170,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3,900,000. The mission of Harford County Public Library is to provide access, service and information to the residents of Harford County anytime, anywhere and to create an environment that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization dedicated to enhancing Harford County Public Library services. The Foundation raises funds to augment the financial resources of the Library and works to promote awareness of library services. The Foundation facilitates the library's development as a creative environment within the county that encourages the love of reading.

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*Photo caption: Historian and author Alan Pell Crawford will speak at the Jarrettsville Branch of Harford County Public Library (HCPL) on Friday, April 25, 2008.*