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Books and Bites Author Workshop with Milinda Jay Stephenson

(Panama City, Fla.) Milinda Jay Stephenson, author and Creative Writing Professor at FSU Panama City, is teaching a *Writing Your Family Story* workshop on Friday, January 19th at 2:00 p.m. The free workshop will be held in the Bay County Public Library meeting room. It is recommended that writers bring paper and a writing utensil. Light refreshments will be provided. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries as part of the Books and Bites Author Series.

Annie Laura's Triumph, Milinda Jay's family-story-turned-fiction, was published in 2016 by Mercer University Press. This first book of a trilogy tells the tale of Annie Laura who reunites with the grown daughter she was forced to give up at birth. Her daughter's wedding is less than a week away, and the groom is missing. To find him, Annie Laura sets out on a perilous journey that takes her to a peonage labor camp deep in the Piney Woods of Frontier Florida. Determined to guarantee her daughter the happily ever after she herself was denied, she will stop at nothing to bring the groom safely home. *Annie Laura's Triumph* was selected as one of the top "7 Mother's Day Reads for the Literary Mom" by *Parade Magazine*. Books will be available for purchase after the workshop through Books Unlimited.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. Call 850-522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information.

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