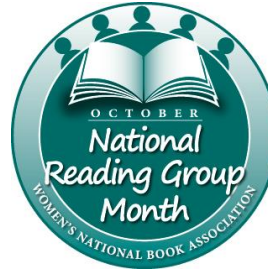


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Novi, MI – The Detroit Chapter of the Women's National Book Association is pleased to present two outstanding authors for an evening of National Reading Group Month Celebration on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 beginning at 7:00 pm. The two authors will participate in a Q & A moderated by Willetta Heising, local author and current president of the Detroit Chapter of the Women's National Book Association. Audience members will be able to purchase authors' works from Book Beat bookstore, which will be set up at the library for the evening. Signing will take place from 8 to 8:45 pm.

LAUREN FRANCIS-SHARMA

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