



**The Friends of the Smyrna Library** will sponsor a local authors' discussion panel and book signing on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the first floor meeting room at the library. The following participants will be discussing family and school influence and early writing experiences:

**Margaret Johnson-Hodge** is the author of several books that have received national acclaim. She is a winner of the 1998 Reviewer's Choice Award for "The Real Deal". "Butterscotch Blues", made the Blackboard Bestsellers List, the Essence Magazine's Bestsellers List and Black Expressions Book Club Book of the year in 2000.

**Patricia Sprinkle's** roots lie deep in southern soil and form the background for her work. Since 1988 she has written 30 southern mysteries and four southern novels. Her latest novel is **Friday's Daughter**, set in a small college town in the North Georgia Mountains.

Award winning children's author **Diane Z. Shore** says that her short attention span, limited vocabulary, and immaturity prepared her well to be a children's writer.

**Deborah Elizabeth Merriman** was born in Savannah, Georgia in 1949. As a child she lived with many families due to unlovely circumstances. She recently completed her first book: *Hiding Places*, a memoir of her childhood.

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