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Library Hosts Book Signing by New Orleans Author

South Bend—The St. Joseph County Public Library will host a book signing by New Orleans author Jo Anne Tardy on Sunday, October 22, 2006, on the first floor of the Main Library, 304 South Main Street in downtown South Bend.

Tardy will be available from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to sign copies of *A Light Will Rise: Growing Up Black and Catholic in New Orleans* (ACTA Publications), part of the publisher's The American Catholic Experience Series.

According to the publisher, "In this poignant and honest memoir, Jo Anne Tardy recounts her experiences growing up in 1940s and 50s New Orleans a young, black Catholic. From the funeral parades playing dirges that rolled down her street, to her close relationship with the Holy Family nuns at her school, Tardy describes a vibrant, emotional and exciting city in which her sense of spirituality developed. She also includes a brief reflection on her old neighborhood in light of Hurricane Katrina."

Ms. Tardy will have copies of the book available for purchase during her appearance.

The St. Joseph County Public Library, founded in 1888, is located at 304 South Main Street, South Bend, and has eight branches serving the residents of St. Joseph County. For more information, visit our website at www.libraryforlife.org.