



Author Feather Schwartz Foster to Speak About "The New Woman" at Chester Library

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According to the author, "A decade after the Civil War saw women less as the wispy, languishing types of the ante-bellum years, and becoming more like the strong, athletic figures typified by the 'Gibson Girl.'" Education for women had become mainstream, employment opportunities were opening up, and, no surprise, women actually wanted to learn and to work and to achieve."

Ladies: A Conjecture...." is a book of voices. In it, First Ladies between Martha Washington and Mamie Eisenhower tell their own stories – or, to be more exact, whatever they want – in their own words and in their own styles. It crosses boundaries between fact, conjecture and, most importantly, centuries. Through dialogue-boxes, the Ladies talk to each other across Eternity, where anything is possible. The Modern First Ladies, from Mrs. Kennedy through Mrs. Clinton participate in commentary. "The old gals talk to the reader and they talk amongst themselves. They talk about their husbands, and their children, and the White House, and the times they lived in. And, of course, politics.

It is an entertainment, not a tome. "Of course 'LADIES....' Is a work of fiction," says Foster. "After all, it is truly a conjecture of their personalities. But it is all based on the facts of their lives, the lives of their husbands and the times they lived in. Most biographies of First Ladies are dull – full of 'almanac stuff.' This books livens things up – especially when the Ladies cross the centuries through Eternity and talk to each other."

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