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MEDIA ALERT

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HOOPER-RENEWICK SPEAKER SERIES

WHAT: Come hear Victoria Christopher Murray, one of the country's top African American contemporary authors. Murray is a New York Times and USA Today best selling author of more than 30 novels, including the New York Times Instant Best Sellers, *The Personal Librarian* and *The First Ladies*. She will be joined in conversation by fellow author and good friend, ReShonda Tate.

Also hear from two graduates of the Hooper-Renwick school, Dr. John Maxey and Joyce Moore, about its history and significance to this day.

WHEN: Thursday, February 22, 2024
6:00 pm Cocktail Reception
7:00 pm Program Begins

WHERE: Lawrenceville Arts Center
125 N. Clayton Street
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

ABOUT: Because of the leadership of Peach State Credit Union as the principal founding donor of the Hooper-Renwick Memorial Programming Fund & Endowment and the generosity of many

others, this speaker series honoring those who attended Hooper-Renwick and their achievements is possible. The Hooper-Renwick Speaker Series showcases acclaimed, best-selling Black authors and local champions of racial equity and healing to foster courageous community conversations. One of the stated objectives of the series is to foster empathy toward and among all of Gwinnett County's diverse residents.

The new Hooper-Renwick Library is being built on the site of the county's former black high school while incorporating the 1959 addition to the school into the new library. This 25,000-square-foot-themed library will serve the residents of Lawrenceville and Gwinnett County, preserving and telling the Hooper-Renwick story for generations to come.

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