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Historical and Christian Fiction Author Victoria Christopher Murray to Conclude 2024 EVPL SPEAK Series

Evansville, Indiana – Victoria Christopher Murray, a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author or co-author of more than 30 novels, will conclude the [2024 EVPL SPEAK](#) series on [Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m. at Ivy Tech Evansville](#).

With almost three million books in print, Murray is one of the country's top African American contemporary authors. She is the author of *The Personal Librarian* and *The First Ladies*, both of which were *New York Times* Instant Best Sellers. *The Personal Librarian* was a *Good Morning America* Book Club selection and named a Best Book of the Year by NPR. *The First Ladies* was Target's 2023 Book of the Year. Murray is also a Christian fiction writer, and five of her *Seven Deadly Sins* novels have become Lifetime movies produced by TD Jakes, Shaun Robinson, and Derrick Williams. *The Personal Librarian* has been optioned by AI Roker Entertainment to become a mini-series.

"Murray's broad literary appeal makes her the perfect concluding author for our SPEAK 2024 series," said Erika Qualls Barnett, Programming Manager, EVPL. "SPEAK 2024 is about intentional enjoyment, and Murray's novels tell the kind of compelling stories where readers can truly 'get lost in a good book.'"

Sponsored by the [EVPL Foundation](#), SPEAK events are free and open to all. Additional information about this SPEAK event, upcoming related book discussions, and more is available at [evpl.org/speak-2024](#).

SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series, an evolution of One Book, One Community, is a lecture and discussion series that brings authors and thought leaders to Evansville. Earlier this year, authors Kate Quinn and Elin Hilderbrand spoke about their bestselling novels. In September, Dr. Anthony DeBenedet spoke about the importance of play for people of all ages. Through SPEAK, 'EVPL hopes to further our vision of communities united through shared exploration and understanding by supporting and encouraging conversation.'

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