

Ladies Night Out: Bring Friends to Sip Cosmopolitans with Author Jennifer Close

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Join us in the Louise Parker Berry Community Room Tuesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. for a Ladies Night Out as we sip cosmopolitans and welcome Jennifer Close, author of the new novel [The Hopefuls](#).

From the bestselling author of [Girls in White Dresses](#): A glorious sendup of young D.C. and a blazingly honest portrait of a marriage — the finest work yet by one of our most beloved writers.

When Beth arrives in Washington, D.C., she hates everything about it: the confusing traffic circles, the ubiquitous Ann Taylor suits, the humidity that descends each summer.

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dinner parties, guests compare their security clearance levels. They leave their BlackBerrys on the table. They speak in acronyms. And once they realize Beth doesn't work in politics, they smile blandly and turn away.

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— *Editor's note: Please be careful about drinking and driving (we know, we sound like your mother).*

But when Beth and her husband, Matt, meet a charismatic White House staffer named Jimmy, and his wife, Ashleigh, the four become inseparable, coordinating brunch, birthdays, and long weekends away.

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Then: as Jimmy's star rises higher and higher, their friendship — and Beth's relationship with Matt — is threatened by jealousy, competition, and the inevitable rumors.

Books will be available for purchase at this event. Refreshments will be served.

About the Author

[Jennifer Close](#) is the bestselling author of *Girls in White Dresses* and *The Smart One*. Born and raised on the North Shore of Chicago, she is a graduate of Boston College and received her MFA in fiction writing from The New School in 2005. She worked in New York in magazines for many years. She now lives in Washington, D.C., and teaches creative writing at George Washington University.

About Darien Library

Darien Library is a Library Journal Five Star Library. The library is among the busiest in the state with over 1,300 people visiting on an average day, the highest per capita circulation in Connecticut, with more than 32 items per resident, and nearly a quarter of a million Wi-Fi and computer uses a year.

The library collection includes 125,000 books and 300 newspaper and magazine subscriptions. In addition, the library presents over 1,500 public events annually, hosting a lineup of bestselling authors, the latest in coding and technology classes, and workshops for small business owners and entrepreneurs.

See also:

[Entertainment Weekly interview with Jennifer Close about *The Hopefuls*](#)

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