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NEWS RELEASE

"Silver Linings Playbook" Author Matthew Quick to speak at St. Mark's High

New Castle County Reads 2014 will host Matthew Quick, author of "The Silver Linings Playbook", for a talk on his bestselling, debut novel on Thursday evening at St. Mark's High School.

An Evening With Author Matthew Quick is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2014 at St. Mark's High School, 2501 Pike Creek Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. County Executive Tom Gordon is scheduled to introduce Quick. The event is **free and open** to the public.

"We're very fortunate to have an author of Matthew Quick's caliber visit us here in New Castle County," the Executive said. "I commend Acting Community Services General Manager Diana Brown for her work to make this happen. We expect a big crowd."

New Castle County Reads is a program with the NCC Department of Community Services' Division of Libraries. The book discussion will offer everyone a great way to share their thoughts and reactions to this year's featured title.

Quick's novel, "The Silver Linings", was interpreted as a film starring Jennifer Lawrence, who won the Oscar for Best Actress, and Bradley Cooper. "The Silver Linings" is a poignant story of how one man regains his memory and comes to terms with his wife's betrayal. Protagonist Pat Peoples believes his happy ending will be the return of his estranged wife, Nikki. As Pat searches for his silver lining, he meets widowed and clinically depressed Tiffany, who offers to act a liaison between Pat and his wife.

Quick's novel made The New York Times Best Seller list.

Quick spent the first few years of his life in Philadelphia before being raised just across the Delaware River in Oaklyn, New Jersey. He graduated from Collingswood High School (class of 1992) and La Salle University (class of 1996), where he double-majored in English and secondary education. In 2004 Q made the difficult decision to leave teaching and pursue his dream of becoming a fiction writer. He received his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Goddard College in 2007 and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from La Salle University in 2013. He lives with his wife, novelist/pianist Alicia Bessette, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.