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### South Branch to Host Sisters in Crime, Again!

The South Branch of Berkeley Public Library presents its **Second Annual Mystery Writers Panel Discussion** with four local 'Sisters' and one 'Brother' in crime. The authors will share their mystery writing experiences in a free exchange on Thursday evening, March 20, 2008 from 6-7:30 pm.

Sisters in Crime author **Rita Lakin** writes the Gladdy Gold series: *Gladdy Gold, the Oldest Living Private Eye in Florida, Death Takes a Holiday* and *Women in Chains*. She also created the TV show *Flamingo Road*. **Peggy Lucke** was nominated for an Anthony Award for Best First Mystery Novel for *A Relative Stranger*. She also writes scripts for mystery weekends, short stories, feature articles and book reviews. **Penny Warner** has written over 50 fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children. Her newest mystery is *Dead Man's Hand* featuring Connor Westphal, a deaf reporter who solves mysteries in the California gold country. **Simon Wood**, a male member of Sisters in Crime, is an Anthony Award winner. He has written four books and over 150 published stories and articles. His mysteries include *Working Stiffs, Accidents Waiting to Happen* and *Paying the Piper*. As Simon Janus he also writes thrillers and horror fiction.

Sisters in Crime are a world-wide organization for female mystery writers and their supporters. Their mission is: to combat discrimination against women in the mystery field, educate publishers and the general public as to inequities in the treatment of female authors, raise the level of awareness their contributions to the field, and promote the professional advancement of women who write mysteries.

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