

RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Central Library's Curtin Auditorium

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Keynote 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

“Vulgarity, Filth and Me”

by **Sonya Sones**

followed by a book signing

SONYA SONES has written four novels-in-verse.

Her first book, *Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy*, received a Christopher Award, the Myra Cohn Livingston Award for Poetry, the Claudia Lewis Poetry Award, a Gradiva Award, and was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize.

Her second book, *What My Mother Doesn't Know*, was chosen a Best Book for Young Adults and a Top Ten Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers by the American Library Association. But the coolest honor that book received was when the ALA included it on their list of the Top Ten Most Challenged Books in 2004, and then again in 2005.

Her third and fourth books, *One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies*, and *What My Girlfriend Doesn't Know*, won loads of prizes too, including the “Omigod, Having a Mother Who Writes Teen Novels is SO Embarrassing” Award from her daughter, Ava.

Several of Sonya's novels have nearly been turned into movies, and have been translated into French, German, Korean, Indonesian, Danish, Dutch and Pig Latin (ust-j, idding-k). You can find out way more than you ever wanted to know about her at www.sonyasones.com.

Music by Brian Dobreski, University of Rochester Librarian

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