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Author, editor, television commentator, Shana Alexander, will be the guest author at the Friends of Libraries Annual Luncheon, 12 noon, Monday, June 25, during the American Library Association's (ALA) Annual Summer Conference in Dallas.

Ms. Alexander is the author of Viking's Anyone's Daughter...The Times and Trials of Patty Hearst which will be published in May. She is well known in her role as commentator on Point/Counterpoint on CBS' 60 Minutes. In 1976, she wrote Talking Woman, An Autobiography in Pieces. She has also published The Feminine Eye, reflections on America in the '60's, and Shana Alexander's State-by-State Guide to Women's Legal Rights. From 1969 to 1971 she was editor of McCall's, the first woman in 50 years to hold that position.

Shana Alexander felt that Patty Hearst's abduction was "the journalistic event of a lifetime." She felt that despite heavy media coverage the case was misconceived and misunderstood. The story reflects the age of the early '70's; the twilight of the Nixon years, the end of the Vietnam war, and generational conflict. These are all events that led to the drama that was Patty Hearst. It is hailed as a vivid, sometimes hilarious, often heart-rending book about America today.

The lunch is open to the public. Tickets are $10.50 and available through advance registration by writing Friends Luncheon, ALA/LAMA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, not later than June 15, 1979.