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Catherine Lee Brinkley Memorial Lecture Series: A Librarian's Legacy

NORFOLK, VA – Slover Library is proud to feature author Robert D. Putnam for the third and final installment of the Catherine Lee Brinkley Memorial Lecture Series: A Librarian's Legacy. Catherine "Kate" Lee Brinkley was a professional librarian at the City of Norfolk's Kirn Memorial Library. She was dedicated to educating the citizens of Norfolk through the many services and programs of the Norfolk Public Library system. This new three-part lecture series, in honor of her, was sponsored by Jane Batten to keep the spirit of community discourse about current events alive and to celebrate recently published books of national note.

Robert D. Putnam-Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis – April 4, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Robert D. Putnam, described as the "poet laureate of civil society" by *The New York Times*, has authored *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, a *New York Times* bestseller. The new book has been described as "a passionate, urgent" (*The New Yorker*) examination of the growing gap between rich kids and poor kids in America. Visit Slover Library for our evening reception, lecture, Q&A, and book signing in Room 650. Free and open to the public.

About the Author Robert D. Putnam:

Robert D. Putnam is the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the British Academy, and past president of the American Political Science Association. In 2006, Putnam received the Skytte Prize, the world's highest accolade for a political scientist, and in 2012, he received the National Humanities Medal, the nation's highest honor for contributions to the humanities. Notable publications include *Making Democracy Work* and *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, both among the most cited (and bestselling) social science works in the last half century. His most recent book, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, a *New York Times* bestseller, chronicles the growing gap in opportunity for American youth. Putnam is now working on a major

empirical project about 20th century economic, social and political trends and the implications for American culture.

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About Slover Library:

Slover Library blends traditional library functions with the best of contemporary library resources and services. The innovative space design creates a vital and dynamic center of community learning, leading-edge technology and civic engagement, available to all citizens of the region. More than just a public library, it is known as an attraction for residents and visitors alike.

Slover Library is located in beautiful downtown Norfolk on the corner of Plume and Atlantic Street near MacArthur Square and the MacArthur Memorial. Call (757) 431-7491 for more information.

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