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Hot Topics: Informal Community Author Talk
Hosted by Southside Community Partners @ Sycamore Rouge
ENTER THE RAFFLE TO WIN A KINDLE

Hopewell, VA -- Renowned speaker and co-author of *The Charismatic Organization: Eight Ways to Grow a Nonprofit that Builds Buzz, Delights Donors, and Energizes Employees*, **Shirley Sagawa** comes to the Tri-cities to help kick-off Southside Community Partners' newest offering, a series of book discussions and author talks.

Participate in lively discussions about current trends at the first Southside Community Partners Author Talk Cocktail Hour at the Sycamore Rouge Theatre in Petersburg. The event is free and open to the whole Southside community. The goal of this event is to bring the community together in a learning and idea sharing environment and to promote the value of books and reading in strengthening our community. The atmosphere of the event is designed to be fun and informal to encourage networking and provide an opportunity to meet new Southside neighbors.

Hot Topics with Shirley Sagawa will take place on Thursday, September 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sycamore Rouge, 21 West Old Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. Light refreshments will be provided. Cash bar also will be available. Books will be on-hand for purchase.

NEWLY ADDED RAFFLE – Attend this event and get a chance to WIN a FREE Amazon KINDLE with Shirley Sagawa's book already loaded – a \$200 value! Free raffle tickets available at the door.

This event is free with pre-registration requested. Please register at <http://tiny.cc/lmmtpt>. For more information, contact Shari Henry at shenry@scpartners.org or 804-458-6329 X 1018.

Shirley Sagawa, co-founder of the Sagawa/Jospin consulting firm, was named a "Woman to Watch in the 21st Century," by *Newsweek*, and one of the "Most Influential Working Mothers in America" by *Working Mother*. She is currently a fellow with the [Center for American Progress](http://www.centerforamericanprogress.org). Shirley has served as a presidential appointee in both the first Bush and Clinton Administrations. Ms. Sagawa is a graduate of Smith College, the London School of Economics and Harvard Law School, where she served on the Harvard Law Review.

If you'd like to read *The Charismatic Organization* prior to the event, you may check out a copy from the Appomattox Regional Library System's Nonprofit Resource Center located in the Hopewell Library or through the online catalogs of ARLS (www.arls.org) or Petersburg Public Library (www.ppls.org).

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