

# Middle Eastern and South Asian American Authors Series



**Helen Zughaib**  
**February 16, 7-8 PM**

Lebanese-born author and artist Helen Zughaib will talk about *Stories My Father Told Me*—in which her paintings accompany her father's stories of growing up in Syria.



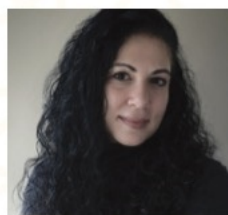
**Nadia Hashimi**  
**May 18, 7-8 PM**

Author Nadia Hashimi will discuss her newest novel—*Sparks Like Stars*—described as a story of America and Afghanistan, tragedy and survival, reinvention and remembrance.



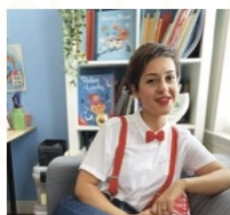
**Hena Khan**  
**March 16, 7-8 PM**

Pakistani-American children's author Hena Khan will discuss *Amina's Song*, the sequel to *Amina's Voice*.



**Susan Muaddi Darraj**  
**June 15, 7-8 PM**

Muaddi Darraj will be discussing her short story collection, *A Curious Land: Stories from Home*, which won the 2014 AWP Grace Paley Prize for Short Fiction and a 2016 Arab American Book Award.



**Rashin Kheiriyeh**  
**April 20, 7-8 PM**

Author/illustrator Rashin Kheiriyeh will discuss her stories and art about the childhood challenges of belonging to a new culture while respecting your own heritage.



**Pauline Kaldas**  
**July 20, 7-8 PM**

Pauline Kaldas will be talking about her own collection of essays, *Looking Both Ways*, as well as her essay in *The Penguin Book of Migration Literature* about departure and return.

In partnership with Montgomery County Middle Eastern American Advisory Group (MEAAG), Office of Community Partnerships. To register, please visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library) and click on **Virtual Events @ MCPL** to select any program.

The series will be moderated by Debbie Trent, chair of the Middle Eastern American Advisory Group (MEAAG) and Karen Leggett, co-chair of the Maryland Friends of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Egypt).

