



Sunday, March 16, 2014 2:30 p.m.

RACHEL RENÉE RUSSELL

with co-creator daughters
Nikki and Erin Russell

Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures and Pittsburgh's Hill House Association present Rachel Renée Russell, the *New York Times* bestselling creator of the wildly popular *Dork Diaries*. The *Dork Diaries* is a collection of journals kept by the series' main character, 8th grader Nikki Maxwell. The series is inspired by the real-life misadventures of Russell, a self-described "dork," and her co-contributor daughters, Nikki and Erin, allowing tween girls to easily identify with Nikki Maxwell's middle school challenges. During the program, Ms. Russell will talk about her life and work, and Nikki and Erin will talk about their roles in creating the *Dork Diaries*. Erin, the series' illustrator, will give a lucky audience member the chance to be "dorkified," or drawn in the cartoon style synonymous with the *Dork Diaries* series. The series includes eight titles that have sold over 10 million copies. The newest title, *Tales from a Not-So-Happy Heartbreaker*, as well as backlist titles, will be available for purchase from Mystery Lovers Bookshop. Snacks and a book signing with the Russells will follow the program.

Carnegie Library Lecture Hall (Oakland)
4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Cost: Adults, \$10; Kids, \$5

