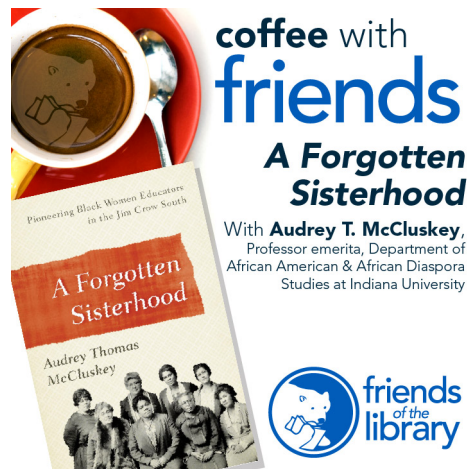


# Coffee with Friends



## ***A Forgotten Sisterhood: Pioneering Black Women Educators and Activists in the Jim Crow South***

**Sunday, November 8**

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Room 2A

Second Floor, Main Library

**Free and Open to the Public!**

In this chronicle of a 'sisterhood of purposeful women,' McCluskey examines the lives of four African American activist women who gained notoriety for their dedication to educating African American youth and their mission to sustain schools among the harsh conditions of the Jim Crow era. Confronted with issues of class, race, and gender 'in an era of harsh racial repression, as well as a social order that constricted and confined women,' Lucy Craft Laney, Mary McLeod Bethune, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, and Nannie Helen Burroughs all succeeded in educating black girls and boys, young women and men. McCluskey presents a powerful story of courage and perseverance as she draws from the letters and writings of the four women and from remembrances of their students to reveal the pivotal significance of this sisterhood's legacy for later generations and for the institution of education itself.

Light refreshments will be served. Please drop in!

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