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Quincy College to Host 'Meet the Author Night' at Krovitz Library Featuring Stephen Kurkjian, Author of *Master Thieves* and Founding Reporter for Spotlight Team *Event held in conjunction with Plymouth 25th Anniversary Celebrations*

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Plymouth, MA (10/12/2016) - Quincy College Plymouth Campus to host free, open to the community "Meet the Author Night" event at Krovitz Library (36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA) as part of the campus' 25th Anniversary celebrations. Local, notable author Stephen Kurkjian will speak about his title: *Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off The World's Greatest Art Heist* on Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. This event is free and open to the public.

It is a case defined by superlatives - the largest art theft in history, carrying the world's largest reward offer, longer on the FBI's list of biggest unsolved art crimes than any other save one. Two men disguised as Boston Police officers trick their way into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum after midnight, tie up the two night watchmen and make off with an estimated half billion dollars worth of artwork including three works by Rembrandt and a Vermeer masterpiece. Now 25 years after the theft, Stephen Kurkjian who was the principal reporter on the case for The Boston Globe for years, has written a gripping account of the still-unsolved heist of a quarter century ago in *Master Thieves*.

A Boston native, Stephen A. Kurkjian spent 37 years as an editor and reporter for The Boston Globe before retiring in 2007. During his career, he shared in three Pulitzer Prizes and won more than 20 regional and other national awards. Globe columnist Brian McGrory once called him the "most feared and respected" reporter in New England.

Kurkjian was a founding member of The Globe's investigative Spotlight Team, and its editor for 1979-1986. In 1986, he was named chief of The Globe's Washington Bureau and for six years oversaw the work of the paper's 10 reporters in Washington. In addition, while at the bureau he covered the Supreme Court, the Justice Department and the Bush White House during the first war in Iraq.

Quincy College's "Meet the Author Night" has brought notable authors to Quincy each Fall and Spring and have included such talent as Rick Beyer, author of *The Greatest Stories Never*

Told series, Don Hussey, author of *Ticket to Ride*, Stephen Puleo, author of *Due to Enemy Action*, and Casey Sherman, Author of *Boston Strong*.

A question and answer session will follow the Quincy College Meet the Author reading.

For more information about Quincy College Plymouth 25th Anniversary, please visit: <http://quincycollege.edu/plymouth/#celebrating-25-years>.

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Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 21 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu



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