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## “THE WOMEN OF THE ARAB SPRING”

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 E. Janss Road

7:00P.M-8:30P.M.

Among the most dramatic developments of the Arab Spring has been the key role of women in organizing and leading the various rebellions. They have shattered traditional stereotypes and forging their own new identities in the process. We are pleased to begin our three-part series on “Understanding the Arab Spring” with a presentation on “The Women of the Middle East ” by **Ferial Masry**.

**Mrs. Masry** recently visited the Middle East , where she was able to speak with women, university professors, students and government officials about the recent events and the evolving role of women. Her presentation will highlight the role that women played in each of the countries where rebellions have taken place and will be illustrated with dramatic photos. She will also discuss the reasons why women have gotten involved and the heroic risks they are willing to take.

**Mrs. Masry** is the chair of the recently-established American-Middle Eastern Women’s Leadership Coalition whose goals include combating stereotypes and to help empower women both in the United States and the greater Middle East. A teacher of American Government and History at Cleveland High School in Los Angeles , she is also the author of the book “Running for all the Right Reasons.” As the Democratic candidate for the California 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, her campaigns drew national and international attention and she was featured as “Person of the Week” on ABC Nightly News.

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