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Laurie Frankel to speak at HoCoPoLitSo’s Annual Lucille Clifton Reading Series

*Life, Death, and Social Media: Staying Human in the Digital Age* with author Laurie Frankel will be HoCoPoLitSo’s 2017 Lucille Clifton Reading Series season opener. Frankel’s *Goodbye For Now*, a love story with technology at its heart, is the 2017-2018 Howard County Book Connection selection. The Book Connection is a partnership between Howard Community College, the Howard County Public Library System, and the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo). Laurie Frankel will read and discuss her writing starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, in room 400 of the Rouse Company Foundation Student Services Hall on the campus of Howard Community College. Tickets not required.

If you *could* connect with your beloved dead through technology, *would* you? Join us for an intriguing discussion with Frankel, who was raised in Columbia, at HoCoPoLitSo's annual series celebrating ground-breaking poet and HoCoPoLitSo artistic advisor Lucille Clifton. The *New York Times* said Frankel's book "extends the reach of technology just beyond our fingertips, where it feels possible." A book signing will follow.

Laurie Frankel is the bestselling, award winning author of three novels, all of which have been optioned for film or television. Her first novel, *The Atlas of Love* (2010), was a finalist for the Pacific Northwest Book Award, with the award committee noting it was “Strikingly pure of heart, voice and message.” Her most recent novel, *This Is How It Always Is* (2017), about a family with five boys in which the youngest feels he's a girl, is a story close to Frankel's heart-her young son identifies as a girl. Frankel's writing has also appeared in the *New York Times, The Guardian, Publisher's Weekly* and other publications. She is currently working on her fourth novel.

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