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### **Noted author Armistead Maupin featured speaker at annual Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender event in June**

Armistead Maupin, acclaimed author of the *Tales of the City* series and *Michael Tolliver Lives*, will speak about and read from his books at the annual author presentation of the Pima County Public Library's GLBT Committee.

This event, which is free and open to the public, will take place on **June 25** at The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Maupin will sign books following the presentation, and his books will be available for sale.

Prior to the author event, the Library is hosting a free screening of the *Tales of the City* television mini-series on **Sat., June 21**, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library at 101 N. Stone Ave.

Maupin, among the first openly gay authors, also has longstanding appeal as a storyteller, as revealed by the widespread popularity of his *Tales of the City* series, which grew from a newspaper serial to six internationally best-selling novels. The series later evolved into the previously mentioned Peabody Award-winning mini-series starring Olympia Dukakis and Laura Linney.

The *Tales* follow the lives of tenants in a Russian Hill, San Francisco boarding house located at 28 Barbary Lane. They include Anna Madrigal, a marijuana-smoking, 50-something landlady, Mary Ann Singleton, and Michael Tolliver, a gay man nicknamed "Mouse."

In 2007 – 20 years after he began the *Tales* series – Maupin revisited "Mouse" in *Michael Tolliver Lives*, a story in which the 55-year-old gardener tells his own story of surviving the AIDS epidemic that took so many of his friends and lovers.

The Annual GLBT Author event is made possible through funding from the [Friends of the Pima County Public Library](#). Past authors for this event include: Susie Bright, Chastity Bono, Michelangelo Signorile, Patrick Califia, Holocaust scholar David Schneer, writer and advice columnist Dan Savage, Alison Bechdel and Alex Sanchez.

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