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***The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools?* by Dale Russakoff launches with panel discussion at The Newark Public Library**



The Newark Public Library will host a panel discussion and book signing for *The Prize: Who's in Charge of America's Schools?* by Dale Russakoff on Thursday, September 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Main Library on 5 Washington Street. Panelists Shané Harris, Vice-President, The Prudential Foundation; Mary Bennett Educator, Teacher/Leadership Coach and Advocate for Children; and Ryan Hill Executive Director, KIPP New Jersey Charter Schools, will join investigative journalist Dale Russakoff for an informative discussion in Centennial Hall. Richard Roper, President of The Roper Group, a Public Policy Consulting Firm, will moderate.

The Prize offers an insider's view of the reform movement in public education in Newark and examines the effects of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's \$100 million gift to the schools. Dale Russakoff was a reporter with the *Washington Post* for almost thirty years. *The Prize*, which was serialized in *The New Yorker*, is her first book.

A reception and book signing with Ms. Russakoff will follow the program. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. 100 free books will be given to Newark residents and educators on a first come-first serve basis compliments of the Victoria Foundation. Identification required. Copies of *The Prize* will also be available for purchase.

Please RSVP to 973-733-7793 or library@npl.org.