



## News Release

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### DR. MENDELSON DRAWS RECORD CROWD AT LIBRARY PROGRAM

Dr. Robert Mendelsohn, noted Chicago physician and author, appeared as this month's guest of The Chicago Public Library's "Conversations With Chicago Authors" series, April 14th, at the Library's Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street. Dr. Mendelsohn answered questions from a standing room only crowd made up of mothers, health care professionals and library patrons interested in medical care and patient's rights.

Over 500 people filled Preston Bradley Hall in what turned out to be the series' largest audience to date. A variety of questions came from mothers with infants and small children seeking the Doctor's advice on children's health care.

Dr. Mendelsohn addressed health care issues for patients of all ages, advising patients to seek second opinions and "shop around" in finding the best medical care. Saying that good health is truly the individual's or the parent's responsibility, Mendelsohn warned that often hospitals and medical professionals are overworked and over-extended to provide quality care for each and every patient.

Dr. Mendelsohn, syndicated columnist and author of two books about the health care system, MALEpractice: How Doctors Manipulate Women, and Confessions of a Medical Heretic, has provoked controversy by his criticisms of the medical profession. But

his appearance at The Chicago Public Library can hardly be described as controversial, as hundreds of library patrons mobbed the doctor with compliments and good wishes.

The Chicago Public Library's "Conversations With Chicago Authors" series takes place on the second Thursday of every month. On May 12, Ebony Magazine editor Lerone Bennett, Jr. will be the guest at the Library's Cultural Center to answer questions from the public, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Mr. Bennett is the author of nine books and is considered one of the Nation's foremost black historians.

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SUGGESTED CAPTION: Noted Chicago physician and bestselling author Dr. Robert Mendelsohn is inundated with well-wishers after an appearance in The Chicago Public Library's monthly program series, "Conversations With Chicago Authors."