



Marion Elizabeth Rodgers

MENCKEN & RELIGION

On Wednesday, May 9, Marion Elizabeth Rodgers, author of “Mencken: The American Iconoclast,” will speak on the legendary Baltimorean, H. L. Mencken, focusing on Mencken’s attitudes toward and commentary upon religion.

Obviously Mencken never took too seriously the adage that one was not to discuss politics or religion. A few of his quotes: “Morality is doing what is right, no matter what you are told. Religion is doing what you are told, no matter what is right.” – “Religion is fundamentally opposed to everything I hold in veneration - courage, clear thinking, honesty, fairness, and, above all, love of the truth.” – “We must respect the other fellow's religion, but only in the sense and to the extent that we respect his theory that his wife is beautiful and his children smart.” Should be quite the interesting evening.

This will be Ms. Rodgers’ sixth appearance at the Library. Her previous presentations were “Mencken, Ritchie & Prohibition”; “Mencken & Lynchings”; “Mencken & The Red Scare”; “Mencken & The American Presidency” and Mencken and his relationship with the famed African-American journalist George Samuel Schuyler. Please join us for the latest installment in this most amazing series. A fascinating subject, a gifted presenter, an elegant setting: who could ask for anything more?

Place: Mitchell Courthouse – 100 North Calvert Street – Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618, Mitchell Courthouse).

Time: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Reception: Catering by Yaffa. The menu will include, beef, chicken, fish, various salads and pastries.

Invitees: All are welcome to this **free event**.

R.S.V.P.: If you would like to attend telephone the Library at 410-727-0280 or reply by e-mail to jwbennett@barlib.org.