The Arkansas Center for the Book at the Arkansas State Library encourages Arkansans to read and discuss the memoir, *A Long, Hard Road to Freedom*. From Vietnam to Arkansas, *A Long, Hard Road to Freedom* is the story of one man’s courageous pursuit of freedom.

Mr. Petrus Lai Nguyen and Ms. Derlyne Gibson, co-authors of *A Long, Hard Road to Freedom*, will make appearances at libraries throughout Arkansas from June 14 through July 9, 2009.

Check with your local library for information regarding book discussion groups in your area.

**Author Appearances**

*All events are free and open to the public.*

- **Fort Smith**
  - June 14 • 2 p.m. • Fort Smith Public Library
- **Malvern**
  - June 23 • 10 a.m. • Ouachita Technical College
- **Hot Springs**
  - June 23 • 2 p.m. • National Park Community College
- **Green Forest**
  - July 2 • 10:30 a.m. • Green Forest Public Library
- **Berryville**
  - July 2 • 2 p.m. • Berryville Public Library
- **North Little Rock**
  - July 7 • 6:30 p.m. • William F. Laman Public Library
- **Conway**
  - July 8 • 11:30 a.m. • Faulkner County Public Library (brown bag lunch discussion)
- **Benton**
  - July 9 • 6 p.m. • Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library

For additional information, please visit [http://www.asl.lib.ar.us/arkansasreads2009.htm](http://www.asl.lib.ar.us/arkansasreads2009.htm) or call 501.682.2874.