Writer-in-residence, Xu Xi will read from her new novel and talk about the impetus behind the writing of what she calls her "woman's book". A book signing will follow.

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