

Monday, **May 14**

Hamida Ghafour, *The Sleeping Buddha: The Story of Afganistan Through The Eye's of One Family*

Ghafour's family escaped the Soviet invasion of Afganinistan in 1981, eventually receiving political asylum in Canada in 1985. Raised in Toronto, she studied journalism at Ryerson University, became a Globe and Mail correspondent specializing in Islamic affairs, and in 2003 was assigned by the London Daily Telegraph to cover the post-Taliban era. There she found a place utterly changed from the world that her parents raised her to believe in. An eyewitness account of Afganistan's struggle to find its identity, *The Sleeping Buddha* weaves together its elusive past and the story of Ghafour's ancient and once prominent family, and offers a uniquely Canadian perspective on the West's efforts to re-shape Afghanistan.

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Central Library in Burlington on New Street west of Guelph Line in Burlington

\$10/person each evening, includes light refreshments catered by *The Grinning Gourmand*. Tickets may be purchased in advance at *A Different Drummer* Bookstore in Burlington or at the Customer Service Desk at Central Library in Burlington.... limited tickets may be available at the door.