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## **THE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL FACT SHEET**

**Description:** The Fourth Annual Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) is April 24-25, 2009 in Newburyport, Massachusetts. The NLF annually celebrates literature, authors, and readers.

**Location:** Located in multiple venues in the heart of downtown Newburyport, Massachusetts with its rich literary heritage, the NLF is the perfect opportunity to meet with and to hear from renowned authors in a picturesque setting.

**Objective:** To encourage citizens of Newburyport, and the surrounding communities, to read and to become involved with the literary arts.

**History:** The NLF was organized in 2006 to encourage local and nearby community members to read and to become involved with the literary arts. Local and national authors of every genre present their work throughout the city over the duration of the festival.

### **Honorees for 2009:**

**Dorothy LaFrance** - LaFrance recently retired from the Newburyport Public Library after serving as Head Librarian for 30 years. In addition to functioning as a City Department Head, she is a former past President of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium. In Newburyport, she is a member of several organizations include the Cultural Alliance Roundtable and the Lifelong Learning Lyceum.

**David McPhail** – McPhail is an award-winning author and illustrator of nearly 200 books beloved by children, parents and librarians across the United States. He is recognized as one of the most prolific and influential children's authors in the country. McPhail has garnered many prestigious awards, including a *New York Times Book Review* Best Illustrated Book of the Year for *Mole Music* in 2001.

**Confirmed authors:** Literary luminaries from every genre include Anita Shreve, Julia Alvarez, Elinor Lipman, Richard Bausch, Peter Orner, Lewis Turco, Anne Easter Smith, David Crouse, and, of course Newburyport's own, Andre Dubus III.

**Director:** Vicki Hendrickson, Chairperson, The Newburyport Literary Festival

**Web site:** [www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org](http://www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org)

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