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**DATES ANNOUNCED FOR THE  
EIGHTH ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**  
*April 26-27, 2013*

**NEWBURYPORT, Mass.** – The eighth annual Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF): *Imagination Soars*, will take place April 26-27 in various venues throughout downtown Newburyport, Massachusetts. This year the Festival will honor Matthew Quick, the award-winning author of *Silver Linings Playbook*, and Sue Little, owner of Newburyport's popular Jabberwocky Bookshop.

The Festival's Opening Ceremony will be held April 26, 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Centre for the Arts, featuring honoree Matthew Quick, Newburyport High School's English Department Chair Tom Abrams and the best of Newburyport High School's creative writing students. Dinner With the Authors immediately follows at Nicholson Hall at the Greek Church on Harris Street in downtown Newburyport. Opening Ceremony is free of charge. Tickets for Dinner With the Authors are \$50/person, available online at <http://newburyportliteraryfestival.org/html/donate.html#Dinner> or by sending a check, made out to the Newburyport Literary Association, to the Newburyport Literary Association, Box 268, Newburyport, MA 01950.

On Saturday, April 27 the Festival will be in full swing beginning at 8:30 a.m. with Coffee with the Poets. During the day, a wide range of distinguished short story writers, children's authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists will read from and discuss their work in various venues throughout downtown Newburyport. Participating authors include Matthew Quick, Junot Diaz, Lisa Genova, Linda Barnes, Alan Lightman, Charles Coe, Afaa Weaver and local favorites Andre Dubus III, Anne Easter Smith, and Rhina Espaillat. The festival's Closing Ceremony on Saturday evening will feature a discussion about the future of books led by honoree Sue Little.

The NLF is made possible through the generosity of our founding sponsor, the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank. Additional support is provided by the Institution for Savings, Provident Bank, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Amesbury, and Merrimac Cultural Councils and the Newburyport Rotary Club.

*The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates reading, and the love of books. For more information about the 2013 NLF, including authors and their work, please visit [www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org](http://www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org)*

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