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**DATES ANNOUNCED FOR THE
SIXTH ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**
Festival to take place April 29-30, 2011

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. – The sixth annual Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), “The Freedom Narrative: Celebrating the Life and Work of William Lloyd Garrison,” will take place on April 29-30, 2011 in various venues throughout downtown Newburyport, Massachusetts.

On Friday April 29, 2011, the NLF opening ceremony will be held at the Firehouse Centre for the Arts. Following the opening ceremony, the annual Dinner with the Authors will be held at Nicholson Hall where NLF attendees and authors can enjoy dinner, conversation and a silent auction to benefit the festival. Tickets for the event are \$50 and 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. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the event.

On Saturday April, 30, 2011, the NLF continues with a full day of activities for readers of every genre beginning at 8:30 a.m. with Coffee with the Poets and ending with the Closing Ceremony honoring participating authors and their work.

The 2011 NLF will feature more than 40 writers of distinguished fiction and non-fiction – including short story writers, children’s authors, biographers, nature writers, critics, screenwriters, poets, novelists, and journalists – who will read and discuss their work during the two day event. This year’s roster of literary luminaries includes Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Harding, Andre Dubus III, Jamie Cox Robertson, Hallie Ephron, Ann Hood, Matthew Pearl, John Hanson Mitchell, Glenn Stout, Marilyn Nelson and Rodman Philbrick.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War so the festival honors the life and work of William Lloyd Garrison as a Newburyport writer and editor of uncommon passion and ability. Local historians will also be recognized. Join us April 29 and 30 as we celebrate the gift of reading and the freedom to read what we choose.

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

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The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates reading, and the love of books.

For more information on the 2011 NLF, including authors and their work, please visit
www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org