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**RENOWNED SCHOLARS FROM NATION'S TOP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO
PRESENT AT 4TH ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**

*Festival to welcome scholars and professors to encourage Festival mission of
"Reading for a Lifetime"*

The 4th Annual Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) is pleased to present its scholar/professor author speaking faculty for the 2009 Festival on April 24 – 25, 2009 in venues throughout downtown Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Authors presenting represent a mixture of genres and of academic institutions, which include (Listed in alphabetical order):

- Julia Alvarez (Young adult/children's): Writer-in-residence at Middlebury College
- Deborah Cramer (Nonfiction): Visiting scholar at MIT's Earth System Initiative
- David Crouse (Fiction): Teaches in the MFA Program at The University of Alaska-Fairbanks
- Meredith Hall (Nonfiction): Teaches writing at the University of New Hampshire
- Jeffrey Harrison (Poetry): Currently on the faculty of the Stonecoast MFA Program at the University of Southern Maine
- Luisa Igloria (Poetry): An associate professor in the MFA Creative Writing Program at Old Dominion University
- Mark Karlins (Young adult/children's): Teaches at Tufts University and The School of The Museum of Fine Arts
- Elinor Lipman (Fiction): Taught writing at Simmons, Smith and Hampshire colleges
- Richard Wollman (Poetry): Teaches literature and creative writing at Simmons College

The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates the joy of reading and writing as well as the love of books. The NLF in 2009 features 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 in venues throughout Newburyport's historic downtown

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For more information on the NLF, including authors and their work, please visit

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