



Westchester Library System's 22nd Annual Book & Author Luncheon Features Three Outstanding Authors

Lifetime Arts, Inc. Receives National Library Week Recognition Award

Westchester County, NY (February 28, 2013) – The Westchester Library System (WLS) will hold its 22nd annual Book & Author Luncheon on **Thursday, April 18, 2013** at CV Rich Mansion in White Plains, NY. The event celebrates National Library Week and features talented authors Deidre Bair, Marie Howe and Dorothy Wickenden who will discuss their newly published books.

Lifetime Arts, Inc. will receive the National Library Week Recognition Award for their outstanding contributions to libraries. The Luncheon is sponsored by Entergy and TD Bank.

“The Westchester Library System’s Book & Author Luncheon is the highlight of our National Library Week festivities,” says Terry Kirchner, WLS Executive Director. “This year we have a talented group of authors who will be sure to entertain and enlighten.”

He adds, “We are also thrilled to honor Lifetime Arts, a non-profit organization that allows WLS to sponsor creative aging projects for seniors. With these programs, the local public libraries have become art making centers, bringing together great teaching artists with librarians and seniors.”

The Luncheon, held from 12:00pm – 2:00pm, will be followed by an author signing. Registration begins at 11:15am. Ticket prices for the Book & Author Luncheon are \$95 for general admission. Proceeds from this event will support WLS’s efforts to expand its e-book collection and increase digital media content for all Westchester public libraries. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (914) 231-3226 or visit www.westchesterlibraries.org

The authors’ books, available for purchase and autographing at the event, include:

Saul Steinberg (Deidre Bair) –National Book Award winner Deidre Bair’s new biography meticulously connects the puzzle pieces of the complex, often paradoxical life of graphic artist Saul Steinberg (1914–99), the luminary best known for his postwar New Yorker cartoons.

The Kingdom of Ordinary Time (Marie Howe) – American poet and New York State Poet Laureate Marie Howe’s latest collection, *The Kingdom of Ordinary Time*, is a meditation on ordinary yet nevertheless miraculous moments, such as hurrying through errands, attending a dying mother, and helping a child on the playground.

Nothing Daunted (Dorothy Wickenden) – Author and Executive Senior Editor for *The New Yorker* magazine, Dorothy Wickenden’s latest novel is a captivating book about Wickenden’s grandmother, who left her affluent East Coast life to “rough it” as a teacher in Colorado in 1916.

(Author photos available upon request.)

The Westchester Library System is located at 540 White Plains Road, Suite 200, Tarrytown, NY 10591. For a complete list of programs and events throughout the Westchester Library System, visit the WLS website at www.westchesterlibraries.org.

About the Westchester Library System

The Westchester Library System (WLS) includes 38 member public libraries located throughout the County and is one of New York State's 23 public library systems. WLS and its member libraries have a total collection of 5.4 million items, including 3.7 million books, as well as audio recordings, videocassettes, DVDs, print serials, and other materials. The mission of the Westchester Library System is to ensure that all residents have seamless access to excellent library service throughout Westchester County. The Westchester Library System serves as a center of innovation for the Westchester County library community. WLS provides model programs, affordable and easy-to-use information technology, and support services that enable libraries to continuously improve service to their communities. For more information, please visit www.westchesterlibraries.org.

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