



# NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL

**1. First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist Church**  
26 Pleasant Street

**2. Jabberwocky Bookshop**  
The Tannery, 50 Water Street

**3. Newburyport Public Library Program & Children's Room**  
94 State Street

**4. Old South Church & Social Hall**  
29 Federal Street

**5. Central Congregational Church Social Hall & Sanctuary**  
14 Titcomb Street

**6. Custom House Maritime Museum**  
25 Water Street

**7. Firehouse Center for the Arts**  
Market Square

**8. City Hall**  
60 Pleasant Street

**9. Newburyport Art Association**  
65 Water Street

**SUNDAY, MAY 1ST**  
1:00 PM  
Fourteenth Annual Favorite Poem Project  
of Greater Newburyport  
Firehouse Center for the Arts,  
One Market Square, Newburyport

**SUNDAY, MAY 1ST**  
4:00 – 5:30 PM  
High Tea in the Marquand Library  
Custom House Maritime Museum  
25 Water Street

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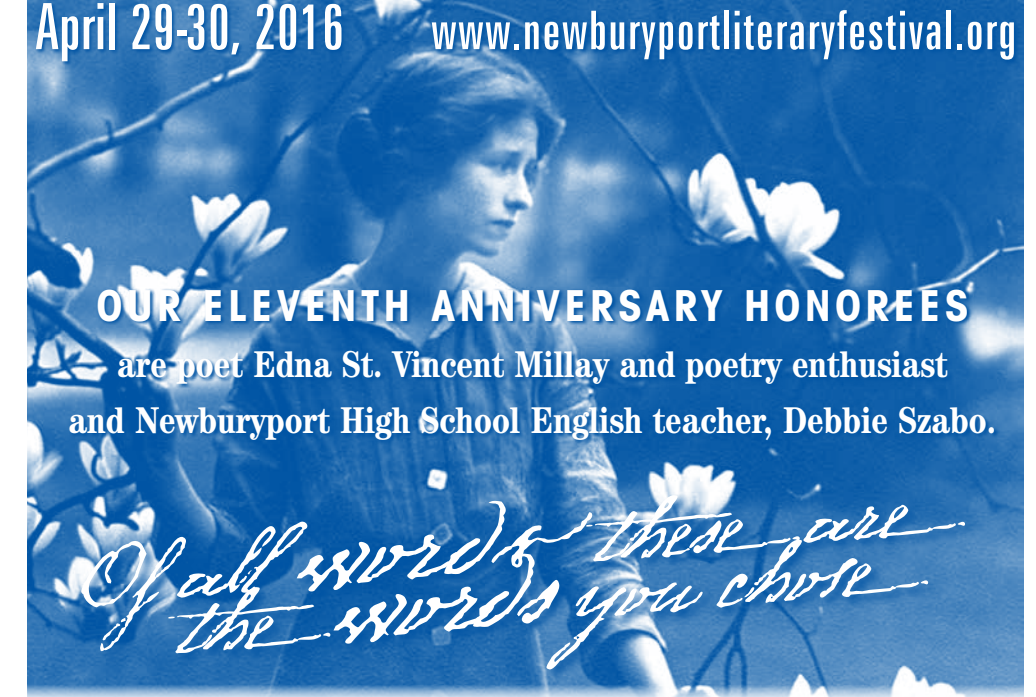


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April 29-30, 2016 [www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org](http://www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org)



**OUR ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY HONOREES**  
are poet Edna St. Vincent Millay and poetry enthusiast and Newburyport High School English teacher, Debbie Szabo.

*Of all words these are the words you chose*

This quote from Millay's poem, *Interim*, speaks to voice—the voice of all poets—all authors, and all teachers. Edna St. Vincent Millay was a Maine-born, poet-superstar, and, yes, area resident (Lime Street, Newburyport & Ring's Island, Salisbury).

## FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH:

**FESTIVAL OVERTURE:** This year, a first—prior to our opening event, we're having an overture. We'll be joined by another much admired and celebrated Mainer, Senator George J. Mitchell, author of *The Negotiator: A Memoir*. He will be interviewed by journalist Dyke Hendrickson at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, 4:00 p.m. The event is SOLD OUT!

**OPENING NIGHT:** Poet/biographer Daniel Mark Epstein, author of *What Lips My Lips Have Kissed: The Loves and Love Poems of Edna St. Vincent Millay*, will be in conversation with poet/arts journalist, Carl Little (*Art of Acadia*) about Millay's life, work, and influence. Firehouse Center for the Arts, 6:00 p.m.

**Dinner with the Authors** begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Masonic Hall on Green Street. This event requires tickets which may be purchased online at [www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org](http://www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org) or at the door.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH:** The Festival begins with Breakfast with the Poets at 8:30 a.m. in the vestry of the Central Congregational Church. From there, the day will be filled with discussions, readings, and conversations featuring the more than 75 authors and poets joining us.

**SATURDAY EVENING'S CLOSING CEREMONY WILL CELEBRATE DEBBIE SZABO.** A Newburyport High School English teacher, Debbie brought the Favorite Poem Project to Newburyport. She founded Poetry Soup—a program for young poets in which established & student poets present their work. She has championed poetry through poetry slams & state-wide/national competitions, and she has inspired students for decades. *Debbie is a local treasure.*

Central Congregational Church Social Hall	(P) 8:30 - 10 AM <i>Breakfast with the Poets</i> Midge Goldberg, AM Juster, Don Kimball, Alfred Nicol, Anton Yakovlev Moderator: David Davis	(P) <i>Life Work</i> Daniel Mark Epstein and Jay Parini	(P) <i>Learning From Experience</i> Bruce Bennett and April Lindner		(P) <i>New York State of Mind</i> Michael Cantor and Rhina Espaillat	(P) <i>Ancient Myth and Table Talk</i> Bill Coyle and Kirun Kapur	(P) <i>The Poetry of William Baer and Erica Dawson</i> William Baer and Erica Dawson	
Central Congregational Church Sanctuary					(F) <i>The Mare by Mary Gaitskill</i> Mary Gaitskill		(F) <i>Why Fiction Matters</i> Andre Dubus III, Elizabeth Strout Moderator: Leslie Hendrickson	
The Firehouse Center	(F) <i>50 Shades of Violence: Writing about Crime &amp; Horror</i> Christopher Irvin, Tara Laskowski, Paul Tremblay Moderator: Erin Fitzgerald		(NF) <i>The Narrow Edge: A Tiny Bird, an Ancient Crab, and an Epic Journey</i> Deborah Cramer		(NF) <i>Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own</i> Kate Bolick		(NF) <i>So Close to Home: An American Family's World War II Story of Survival</i> Michael Tougas	(F) <i>Shakespeare and Me</i> C.C. Humphreys
Old South Church	(F) <i>Under the Influence</i> Joyce Maynard <b>CANCELLED</b>	(F) <i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> Elizabeth Strout	(NF) <i>Essays by Andre Dubus III</i> Andre Dubus III		(F) <i>Best Small Fictions: The Art of Compression</i> Tara Masih, Dawn Raffel, Brent Rydin Moderator: Sherri Frank		(NF) <i>Old Whiskey and Young Women: American True Crime Tales of Murder, Sex and Scandal</i> R. Marc Kantrowitz	
Old South Church Social Hall	(NF) <i>We Are Market Basket</i> Daniel Korschun	(NF) <i>How &amp; Why Horses Heal Humans</i> Tim Hayes	(NF) <i>My Salinger Year</i> Joanna Rakoff Moderator: Christina Koliander		(F) <i>Worth The Wait</i> Myfanwy Collins, Carla Panciera, Holly Robinson, Sarah Yaw		(F) (YA) <i>What a Girl Wants</i> Katherine Howe, April Lindner Moderator: Robin Brenner	Children: (C) Fiction: (F) Nonfiction: (NF) Poetry: (P) Young Adults: (YA)
First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist Church	(F) <i>Genre Fluid</i> Anita Diamant, Holly Robinson, Yona Zeldis McDonough		(NF) (YA) <i>Exploring Gender Identity in LGBTQ Literature for Teens</i> Susan Kuklin, Cris Beam Moderator: Hilary B. Van Dusen		(F) <i>Capturing Shakespeare—Historical Novelists Unmask the Bard</i> C.C. Humphreys, Mary Sharratt, Sarah Smith Moderator: Anne Easter Smith		(F) <i>Crimes of Passion</i> Tess Gerritsen, B.A. Shapiro, Steve Ulfelder Moderator: Dyke Hendrickson	
The Art Association	(F) <i>The Dark Lady's Mask</i> Mary Sharratt	(F) <i>The Muralist</i> B. A. Shapiro	(NF) <i>Frank and Ava: In Love and War</i> John Brady		(NF) <i>Art of Acadia</i> Carl Little		(NF) <i>The Art of the Con</i> Anthony Amore	(F) <i>Dogs, Diapers, and Divorce</i> Myfanwy Collins, Nadine Darling
City Hall Auditorium	(NF) <i>Newburyport Harbor Range Lights and the Emerging Industrial Waterfront</i> Marge and Skip Motes	(NF) <i>Port Project: Local History Presentations</i> John Webber	(NF) <i>True Yankees: The South Seas &amp; the Discovery of American Identity</i> Dr. Dane Morrison		(NF) <i>The Holy Terror: Captain William Nichols from Newburyport</i> Dr. William Freeman	(NF) <i>Newburyport Sacrifices: The Wheelwright Family in the Revolution</i> Jack Santos		
Jabberwocky Bookshop, The Tannery	(F) <i>Mr Splitfoot</i> Samantha Hunt	(F) <i>Where Does Fiction Come From?</i> Howard Frank Moshier	(F) (YA) <i>Katherine Howe reads from The Appearance of Annie van Sinderen</i> Katherine Howe		(NF) <i>Growin' Up White</i> Dwight Ritter		(F) <i>The Admissions</i> Meg Mitchell Moore	(F) <i>A Head Full of Ghosts</i> Paul Tremblay
Children's Room Newburyport Public Library		(C) <i>The Red Knit Cap Girl</i> Naoko Stoop	(C) <i>Pets with Benefits: Build a Worm Farm to Help Mother Earth!</i> Lucia Greene		(C) <i>Let's Make a Poem!</i> Micha Archer	<b>7 PM CLOSING CEREMONY HONORING DEBBIE SZABO</b> Firehouse Center for the Arts		
Program Room Newburyport Public Library		(F) <i>Playing with Fire</i> Tess Gerritsen	(NF) <i>How to Cook a Moose</i> Kate Christensen Moderator: Genevieve Morgan		(C) <i>Families: The Good, The Bad, and The Wacky!</i> Dana Alison Levy, Elizabeth Atkinson Moderator: Ellen Menesale			