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**AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR ANN HOOD HEADLINES
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL**
April 27-28, 2018

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. – The thirteenth annual Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF) will take place April 27-28, 2018 in various venues throughout downtown Newburyport, Massachusetts. This year the Festival will honor award-winning author Ann Hood.

The Festival's Opening Ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at the Firehouse Center for the Arts in downtown Newburyport. We'll talk with Ann Hood about her latest novel, *The Book That Matters Most*, and explore how books shape who we are. Dinner With the Authors immediately follows at the Masonic Center, 31 Green Street in downtown Newburyport. The Opening Ceremony is free of charge. Tickets for Dinner With the Authors are \$50/person, available online at newburyportliteraryfestival.org 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 28, 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. Stephen McCauley, Cheryl Richardson, Mark Doty, Michelle Cuevas, Peter Swanson, Rachel Kadish, Sydney Lea, Stephen Greenblatt, Tova Mirvis, Erica Funkhouser, Jennifer McMahon, Catherine Chandler, MarcyKate Connolly, Kim Savage, Alexander Marzano-Lesnevich, and Cathi Hanauer, as well as our local family of authors, including Andre Dubus III and Holly Robinson, are among the participating authors and poets. On Saturday night, our weekend of events comes to a close in a lively discussion with some of the North Shore's most fascinating female writers.

For the most up-to-date Festival information, authors and events, please visit the Festival website, newburyportliteraryfestival.org, friend us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter or Instagram.

The NLF is made possible through the generosity of our founding sponsors, the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank and the Institution for Savings. Additional support is provided by the Massachusetts Local Cultural Councils in Newburyport, Newbury and West Newbury.

The Newburyport Literary Festival (NLF), organized by the Newburyport Literary Association, annually celebrates reading and the love of books. For more information about the 2018 NLF, including authors and their work, please visit <http://newburyportliteraryfestival.org>

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