

Concord Library's *Thursday Author Series* Concludes 2011 season with author Ilie Ruby

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CONCORD, MA The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library are pleased to present author Ilie Ruby on Thursday, June 9, 7:30 pm. Ms. Ruby will speak about her debut novel, **The Language of Trees**. Her appearance is the final offering for the Library's 2010-2011 *Thursday Author Series*.

Ilie Ruby grew up in Rochester, New York and spent her summers on Canandaigua Lake, which provides the setting for this first novel. She is also the author of two children's books, **Making Gold** and **The Last Boat**. In addition to her writing, Ruby is an accomplished artist. Her work has appeared in shows throught New York, Boston and Southern California. Examples of her murals can be seen in office buildings, cafes and homes throughout the Boston area.

Ruby has been the recipient of a number of critical awards including the Edwin L. Moses Award for Fiction, selected by best-selling author T. C Boyle, and the Phi Kappa Phi Award for Creative Achievement in fiction. She also helped to create a PBS documentary on archaeology in Central America.

In 1995, Ruby received a Masters of Professional Writing from the University of Southern California, where she served as fiction editor of The Southern California Anthology.

The 2011- 2012 Concord Free Public Library *Thursday Authors Series* will open on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 pm with Julia Glass discussing her new book **The Widower's Tale**. The program will be presented in a question and answer format with former library director Barbara Powell handling the interview duties. Future programs in the 2011-2012 series will include book dealer Ken Gloss, novelists Daphne Kalotay and Margot Livesey, and profesor of philosophy Richard Cobb Stevens among others. All programs will be held in the second floor Periodical Room of the Main Library – 129 Main Street, Concord, MA.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library sponsor the *Thursday Authors Series* from September through June annually. Programs are free and open to all. Following each

presentation, books are typically available for purchase and guests are welcome to continue conversations with the author. For more information, please call the Library at 978 318 3300 or visit www.concordlibrary.org.

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