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## **Concord Library's *Thursday Author Series* Features Salem Witch Trials**

CONCORD, MA The Concord Free Public Library is pleased to welcome New York Times bestselling novelist, Katherine Howe, on Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 pm as part of its *2009/2010 Thursday Author Series*. Howe's debut novel, ***The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane***, weaves a spellbinding tale of one of the most fascinating and disturbing periods in American history – the Salem Witch Trials.

Howe's book moves between contemporary times and the long ago horrors of the witch trials through the life of her fictional protagonist, Connie Goodwin, a Harvard graduate student. The story is part historical fiction, mystery and romance. After agreeing to handle the sale of her grandmother's abandoned home in Salem, Connie uncovers a mysterious document and finds herself drawn to its power: a physic book – a secret repository for lost knowledge.

Katherine Howe, currently completing her PhD in American and New England Studies at Boston University, descends from ancestors who settled in Essex County, Massachusetts in the 1620. Family members included Elizabeth Proctor, who survived the witch trials and Elizabeth Howe, who did not.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library sponsor the *Thursday Authors Series* from September through June. Programs, which are held in the second floor Periodical Room of the Main Library, are free and open to all. Following each presentation, books are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to continue their conversations with the authors.

The final talk for the 2009/2010 series will feature Ken Lizotte and his new book, ***The Expert's Edge*** on Thursday, June 17 at 7:30 pm at the Main Library – 129 Main Street, Concord, Massachusetts.

For more information, please call the Library at (978) 318-3300 or visit [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org).

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