

Writer Nancy Aronie Appears as part of Library's Thursday Author Series

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CONCORD, MA The Concord Free Public Library is pleased to present author and journalist, Nancy Slonim Aronie, on Thursday, May 3 at 7:30. Aronie appears as part of the library's *Thursday Author Series*.

Aronie is best known for her book, Writing From the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice, first published in 1998 and now in its seventh printing. Aronie explains her approach to teaching the beginning writer or rejuvenating the burnt-out professional, "I don't think anyone can really teach writing. What I know I can do is create a safe place for writers to write. And if you feel safe, you can do anything."

As the founder of the Chilmark Writing Workshop on Martha's Vineyard, Aronie has nurtured many writers to help them discover their personal voice. "This workshop is about honoring your own voice, writing in your own rhythms, using your own language and writing your own stories. Among her students is the best selling author, Wally Lamb (She's Come Undone), who has enthusiastically endorsed her writing advice.

Nancy Aronie has had a varied career in journalism and writing. She has provided commentary for National Public Radio's All Things Considered and contributed a monthly column in McCall's magazine. For three years, she was a teaching fellow for Robert Coles at Harvard University and won the "teacher of the year" award for two of those years. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum selected her as a recipient for its *Eye of the Beholder Artist in Residence Award*. Other teaching venues include the Kripalu Yoga Institute in Lenox, MA; the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY; and Esalen on Big Sur in California. She has also performed as a stage actress and stand-up comic.

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. The final program of the 2011-2012 series will feature Wendy Swart Grossman speaking on **Behind the Wheel: A Mother's Journal**, on Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 pm. For more information, please call the Library at 978 318 3300 or visit www.concordlibrary.org.