

**Author Julia Glass Launches 2011-2012
Thursday Authors Series
at the Concord Free Public Library**

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CONCORD, MA The Concord Free Public Library will launch its 2011-2012 *Thursday Author Series* on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 pm with the award-winning author Julia Glass. Glass will discuss her most recent book, *The Widower's Tale*. Joining Glass will be former Concord Free Public Library director Barbara Powell who will serve as the host/interviewer for the evening program.

Julia Glass is no stranger to the Concord area. Born in Boston, she grew up in Lincoln, Massachusetts and attended Concord Academy. In 1978 she graduated from Yale University and moved to New York City with the expectation of becoming a painter. She supported herself as a free-lance editor and copy editor including work in the copy department of **Cosmopolitan** magazine.

Glass received the National Book Award in 2002 for her debut novel, *Three Junes*. Her second novel, *The Whole World Over* followed in 2006 and featured several characters first introduced in *Three Junes*. *The Widower's Tale*, her fourth novel, was published in 2010 and while she has admitted that its setting may resemble Lincoln, the story and locale are drawn from her imagination. As in her previous novels, Glass weaves a complex contemporary tale full of many characters confronting various social issues which, in this novel, include illegal immigration, divorce, gay marriage and the crisis in health care.

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 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.

Upcoming programs in the *Series* (all at the Main Library starting at 7:30 pm):

Thursday, November 17 – Author Daphne Kalotay speaking about her novel, ***Russian Winter***

Thursday, December 1 – Bookseller Ken Gloss will host an evening on book collecting; guests are encouraged to bring books for appraisal.

[NOTE: There will be no program in October during the *Concord Festival of Authors*]

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