

## Concord Library Welcomes Noted Editor, Robert Phelps

The Concord Free Public Library (Concord, MA) begins its 2010 Thursday Author Series with former New York Times and Boston Globe editor, Robert Phelps, whose remarkable career intersected with some of America's biggest news stories – the Watergate break-in, Pentagon Papers and school desegregation in Boston. Phelps will speak at the Library Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 pm about his memoir, God and the Editor: My Search for Meaning at The New York Times.

Phelps began his career in journalism as an editor with the Providence Journal-Bulletin. By 1964 he had moved to the New York Times and became the news editor for the Washington bureau, a position he held until 1974. Later that year, Phelps joined the Boston Globe editorial staff where he participated in the Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the school desegregation crisis.

In his book Phelps reveals how he and a fellow journalist had the Watergate scandal within their grasp but didn't move quickly enough. The memoir offers commentary on some of America's best known journalists including James Reston, Max Frankel and Abe Rosenthal as well as Seymour Hirsch and Neil Sheehan, whose investigative journalism continues to make headlines.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library sponsor the Thursday Authors Series from September through June. Programs 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 author.

Upcoming talks in the series, all on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the Main Library include:

- February 11, 2010 – Michael Carpenter, *The RiskWise Investor: How to Better Understand and Manage Risk*
- March 18, 2010 – Principles from the architectural firm of Albert, Righter & Tittmann, *New Classic American Houses*

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