



Westchester Library System's 17th Annual Book & Author Luncheon Features Four Outstanding Authors

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin Receives National Library Week Recognition Award

Tarrytown, NY (March 5, 2008) – The Westchester Library System (WLS) will hold its 17th annual Book & Author Luncheon on **Thursday, April 17, 2008** at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor, NY. The event celebrates National Library Week and features four talented authors, Susan Choi, Andrew Gross, Dee Dee Myers, and Josh Swiller, who will discuss their newly published books. The Luncheon is sponsored by Con Edison, Entergy, and The H.W. Wilson Foundation.

“The Westchester Library System’s Book & Author Luncheon is the highlight of our National Library Week festivities,” said Siobhan A. Reardon, Director of the Westchester Library System. “Once again, we have an outstanding lineup of authors who are gracious to share their time and talent with us. We look forward to a fabulous event.”

This year’s event will be emceed by Ernie Anastos, anchor of the *Fox 5 News* and author of the children’s book, *Ernie & The Big News*. The Honorable Amy Paulin of the New York State Assembly will receive the National Library Week Recognition Award for her outstanding contributions to literacy and support of the Westchester Library System.

The Luncheon, held from 12:00pm – 2:00pm, will be followed by an author signing. Registration begins at 11:00am. Ticket prices for the Book & Author Luncheon are \$100 for general admission and \$150 for a Library Friend, which includes a journal listing and special invitation to an author reception at 11:15am. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (914) 231-3226 or visit www.westchesterlibraries.org

The authors’ books, available for purchase at the event, include:

A Person of Interest by Susan Choi: From an acclaimed novelist, an emotionally complex and riveting story of suspicion, innocence, and regret.

The Dark Tide by Andrew Gross: From the New York Times best-selling author of *The Blue Zone* comes this second mesmerizing thriller about a woman who must unravel the secrets from her dead husband’s past.

Why Women Should Rule the World by Dee Dee Myers: Myers examines the plight of women in power today through the prism of her own experience as America’s first and only female White House Press Secretary.

The Unheard: A Memoir of Deafness and Africa by Josh Swiller: A young man’s quest to reconcile his deafness in an unforgiving world leads to a remarkable sojourn in a remote African village.

The Westchester Library System is located at 540 White Plains Road, Suite 200, Tarrytown, NY 10591. For a complete list of programs and events throughout the Westchester Library System, visit the WLS website at www.westchesterlibraries.org.

About the Westchester Library System

The Westchester Library System (WLS) includes 38 member public libraries located throughout the County and is one of New York State's 23 public library systems. WLS and its member libraries have a total collection of 5.6 million items, including 4 million books, as well as audio recordings, videocassettes, DVDs, print serials, and other materials. Support from WLS helps expand and enhance the services and resources of local member libraries, enabling them to better serve the public. WLS also ensures that all county residents have excellent library service on-site and on-line. A sponsor of year-round events, WLS helps coordinate featured author events, the annual Book and Author Luncheon, and seasonal reading initiatives. The WLS Adult and Outreach Services Department offers improved access to library services for all residents, training and development of library personnel, services to disadvantaged youth, and the fee-based WEBS Career and Educational Counseling service. WLS will commemorate its 50th year beginning November 2008 with a series of kick-off events leading up to the 50th anniversary celebration.

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