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## ***Fall Book Talks and Author Visits at the Worcester Public Library***

*Adult programs are free and open to the public*

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library (WPL) will be hosting a series of book talks and author visits during the autumn months. Join us for lively discussions and presentations by WPL librarians and local authors and educators on a variety of subjects.

Join us for the Popular Reads Café series on Tuesdays, September 19, October 10, and November 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. A librarian will host spirited discussions of popular fiction and non-fiction books, and you can find out what has recently been published by your favorite authors! Local authors will be featured and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Worcester Public Library.

On Saturday, October 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. join us for an Author Event and Book Signing with Brunonia Barry. Barry is the *New York Times* and international best-selling author of *The Lace Reader*, *The Map of True Places*, and the recently published novel *The Fifth Petal*. She was the winner of New England Book Festival's award for Best Fiction and Amazon's Best of the Month, and her reviews and articles on writing have appeared in *The Times of London* and the *Washington Post*. Brunonia co-chairs the Salem Athenaeum's Writers' Committee. She will be signing books after her presentation. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Worcester Public Library.

Finally, you won't want to miss Remembering the Cocoanut Grove Fire with Author Stephanie Schorow, and Featured Guest, WPI Professor Nicholas A. Dembsey on Tuesday, November 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Schorow will explore the story of the Cocoanut Grove nightclub fire which took place in Boston in November of 1942 and

took the lives of nearly 500 people, including many from central Massachusetts. WPI Professor Nicholas A. Dembsey has used the Coconut Grove fire as a case study in his fire modeling course, where students used modern fire modeling tools along with fire investigation data to simulate the fire as described by witnesses, he will present their findings. There will be time for those who wish to share their stories of "the Grove." Please join us for this moving, interactive event on the 75th anniversary of the fire. This event is sponsored by the Worcester Historical Museum and the Friends of the Worcester Public Library.

For more information on the adult offerings at the Worcester Public Library visit <http://mywpl.org/article/adult-classes-and-programs>. For more information on the Book Talks and Author Visits series please contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager at 508-799-1654 or [lseldon@mywpl.org](mailto:lseldon@mywpl.org).

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