We shall be recruiting members for other functions in the coming months and forming the Advisory Committee of former judges at that time as well.
First Friday February

- Report on Mass Books at ALA Midwinter
- New Books by Mass writers on publishers’ Spring 2012 lists
- What are you reading?
Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

Jack Gantos lives in Boston, and works/writes primarily at the Boston Atheneum
Alex Awards 2012

Adult Books that appeal to teen audiences.
Distinguished beginning reader book

Theodore Geisel Honor Book 2012

Distinguished beginning reader book
Though the author is not a Mass resident, the early story is set in Boston where Bernstein was born and raised.
Mass Authors Spring/Summer Books
A captivating tale, set in Scotland in the early 1960s, that is both an homage to and a modern variation on the enduring classic *Jane Eyre*.

HarperCollins, February 2012
Margaret Fuller

Steerforth (Random House)
April 2012

Just published by
W.W. Norton, Jan 2012
On the Political Front

BOB MASSIE is an American environmental leader, author, Episcopal priest, and former anti-apartheid activist.
He withdrew from the Senate primary and threw his support to Elizabeth Warren.

RACHEL MADDOW splits her time between NYC and Western Mass, where she lives with her partner, the artist, Susan Mikula and, as she says, a “large dog.”
Crown, March 2012
The Kennedy Story, continued

Random House,
Feb 8, 2012

Gallery Books,
Jan 2012
Jan 2012
More from the Cape:
Fiction from a Native Travel Writer

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, May 2012
More from the Cape: Beach Reading!

New York Times bestselling author Nancy Thayer never fails to imbue her novels with warmth and wisdom. In *Summer Breeze*, the author of *Beachcombers* and *Heat Wave* tells the wonderfully moving story of three women who forge a unique bond one sun-drenched summer on New England’s Dragonfly Lake.

Random House, Jun 2012
Covers forthcoming…


Illustration

Show Me a Story!

Why Picture Books Matter

Conversations with 21 of the World's Most Celebrated Illustrators

compiled and edited by Leonard S. Marcus

with a forward by David Wiesner

Digital Painting

for the Complete Beginner

Carolyn Beecroft

Ralph Masiello's

Dragon Drawing Book

Become an artist step-by-step
Seventy-five years after he came to life, Superman remains one of America’s most adored and enduring heroes. Now Larry Tye, the prize-winning journalist and New York Times bestselling author of Satchel, has written the first full-fledged history not just of the Man of Steel but of the creators, designers, owners, and performers who made him the icon he is today.
Some of Our Favorite Authors

Andrew Clements,
Clarion, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,
April 2012

Jacqueline Davies,
Lemonade Wars, #3,
Houghton Mifflin, May 2012
Fenway Madness Continues

There Goes Ted Williams
The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived

Candelwick
Feb 14, 2012
Middle Reader/Young Adult

on the Dark Side

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,
March 2012

Random House July 2012
What Are You Reading?

Rebecca Freer (Norwood): *All Cry Chaos*, Leonard Rosen

Sandra Woodbury (Billerica): *The Angel Makers*, Jessica Gregson and (Sandra Woodbury, Billerica)


Sharon A. Bernard (Fitchburg): *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai; *Maine* by J. Courtney Sullivan; *Winnie-the-Pooh on Management* by Allen Roger; listening to *A Season for Murder* by Ann Granger; and has on her tablet *Virus of the Mind* by Richard Brodie and *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame.


Rima Tamule (West Branch/Brockton): *The Night Circus*, Erin Morgenstern
Michele Chapin (Dean College/Frankin): *Chanda’s Wars* by Alan Stratton (YA title).
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First Friday March

Reports from the MassBook Judging Panels
- Children’s/Young Adult
- Poetry Panel
  (fiction/nonfiction will be a topic in April)

Getting ready for National Poetry Month
- Common Threads
- Mass Poetry Festival programs of interest
- National Poetry Month Poster Available: