

West Roxbury Reads 2015

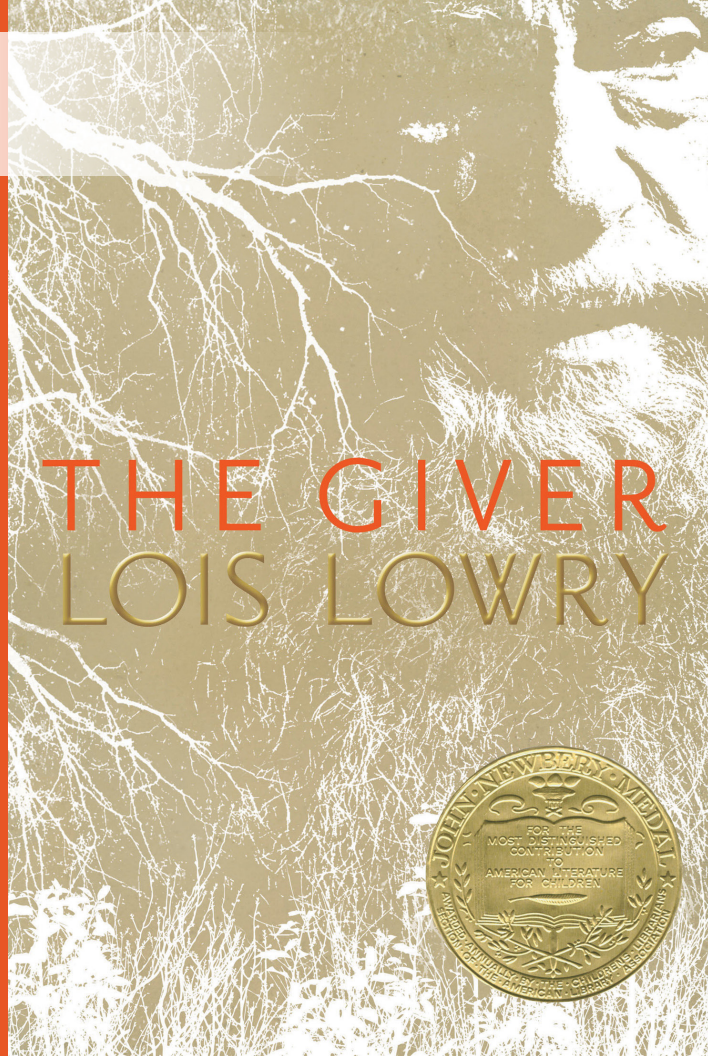
LOIS LOWRY

Prize-winning Author of *The Giver*

April 30 at 7 PM

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*Entire schedule of events on reverse.
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April is West Roxbury Reads!

All events free and open to all. Events take place at the West Roxbury Branch Library, 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury 02132 — 617-325-3147 — friendsofthewestlib.org

4/1 Wed.: Opening Gallery Exhibit, Memory Quilts by artist Jessica Burko. Also “Memories of West Roxbury,” Historical Photographs of West Roxbury.

4/2 Thur., 6:30 PM: “Historical and Literary Utopias,” Peter Drummey, Senior Librarian, Massachusetts Historical Society, describes the history, challenges, and accomplishments of Utopian thinking.

4/6 Mon., 6:30 PM: “The Importance of *The Giver* in Literature,” Cathryn Mercier, PhD, Director of Children’s Literature, Simmons College.

4/9 Thurs., 6:30 PM: “The Importance of the Human-Animal Bond from Reading Dogs to Pet Cemeteries,” Janet Jones and her “reading dog” and Dr. Martha Smith-Blackmore, Vice-President of Animal Welfare for the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

4/11 Sat., 11 AM: “Designing and Advertising a Personal Utopia,” Boston Latin School 7th graders discuss how they planned, designed, and advertised their personal Utopias. Moderated by BLS educator Joseph Concannon.

4/13 Mon., 6:30 PM: Ed Symkus, film critic at GateHouse Media, introduces and comments on *The Giver*, followed by a showing of the recent film version of the book, directed by Jeff Bridges.

4/15 Wed., 10:30 AM: Adult Librarian Tim DiPace and his book group discuss *The Giver*, followed by

refreshments and a screening of the film.

4/16 Thur., 6:30 PM: Panel discussion: “Ethical Issues in *The Giver*,” Rev. Anne Bancroft, Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church (moderator); Dr. Maureen Connelly, Harvard Medical School; Rabbi Sara Paasche-Orlow, Hebrew Senior Life; Dr. Sadath Sayeed, Children’s Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School.

4/17 Fri., 3–5 PM: Memoir-writing workshop, led by Naomi Lomba-Gomes, creative writing instructor at Boston University. This is a three-session workshop, continuing on April 22 and 24. Registration required.

4/18 Sat., 12 PM: “Bark-B-Q,” free lunch and dessert for any child bringing a pet to the library’s side lawn.

4/21 Tue., 3 PM: Film screening: *Pleasantville*.

4/22 Wed., 3–5 PM: Second memoir-writing workshop; see 4/17 for details. Also at 3 PM: Film screening, *The Wizard of Oz*.

4/23 Thurs., 2–4 PM: Student forum: “Who Am I Really? Exploring Who You Are through Art and Pizza,” led by educators Judy Robbins and Anne Fleche and including readings from *The Giver*.

4/23 Thurs., 6:30–8 PM: “Investigative Journalism Today,” three-time Pulitzer–Prize winner and former *Globe* Spotlight chief Stephen Kurkjian discusses contemporary challenges of news gathering and

his just-published investigation into the 25-year-old Gardner Museum art theft, *Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off the World’s Greatest Art Heist*. Lecture and book-signing.

4/24 Fri., 3–5 PM: Final memoir-writing workshop; see 4/17 for details. Also at 3 PM: Film screening, *The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*.

4/25 Sat., 11 AM: “The Psychology of Color,” Diane Ivey, fiber artist, Elliot School; Marilyn Mase, artist, Wentworth Institute and Elliot School; Maer Soukaros, Proper Bostonian Quilters.

4/27 Mon., 6:30 PM: “Changing Memories from Bad to Good,” Drs. Roger Redondo (MIT), Marc Kaufman (McLean), and Edward Meloni (Harvard & McLean) discuss scientific progress in modifying memories and possible applications in PTSD and brain disease.

4/30 Thursday

6 PM: Reception with refreshments for award-winning author of *The Giver*, Lois Lowry, at the library lecture hall.

7 PM: Capstone lecture by Lowry, followed by Q&A. Copies of *The Giver* can be autographed by the author.