

Hardy's Author in Residence Returns
With An Historical Twist
Mr. Winters is Coming Back!

Join **Mr. Winters** for a series of Brown Bag Book Club & Writing Seminars this Spring. Immediately following the Brown Bag Book Club on select Wednesdays, Ben will lead a series of fun and focused "writing labs" for students who want to improve on their favorite (or most-challenging) kind of writing. Each hour-long writing lab will include a quick lesson, creative exercises, games and a lot of writing.

There will even be a special session for Parents! Sign up online by clicking the links on the Hardy web site. Each Wednesday, students may sign up for the **BBBC**, **Writing Lab** or both!

Feb 29 - 11:15 - noon - Parents only! This BBBC is just for you. Join Ben to learn new techniques for engaging your kids in a book discussion as he dissects a beautiful children's book. Parents planning to attend, please read *Eleanor and Amelia Go For a Ride* in advance of the BBBC.

Feb. 29 - Noon - As promised, Mr. Winters will be in the Library to sign books! Bring your own book or use the attached form to purchase a copy. All are welcome, so come say "hi" to Mr. Winters. No sign up needed, just stop in!

Brown Bag Book Clubs and Writing Labs
Select Wednesday afternoons – Hardy Library
Book Clubs 12:15 - 1 pm
Writing Labs 1:15 - 2:15 pm

The following books, based loosely on a historical theme, will be discussed. Students of all ages/reading abilities AND parents are welcome. The books increase in difficulty as the weeks progress but ALL are welcome to attend, assuming the book has been read by the student or had it read to them by parents.

March 7 - 12:15 - 1 pm - BBBC discussing *John, Paul, George and Ben* by Lane Smith

March 7 - 1:15 - 2:15 pm -- Poetry Lab

March 21 - 12:15 - 1 pm - BBBC discussing *Looking at Lincoln* by Maira Kalman

March 21 - 1:15 - 2:15 pm -- Playwriting Lab

March 28 - 12:15 - 1 pm - BBBC discussing *Charles Dickens, Scenes from An Extraordinary Life* (by Mick Manning)

March 28 - 1:15 - 2:15 pm -- Fiction Lab

April 4 - 12:15 - 1 pm - BBBC discussing *Paul Revere's Ride* by Henry W. Longfellow, illustrated by Ted Rand

April 4 - 1:15 - 2:15 pm -- Non-Fiction Lab

April 11 - 12:15 - 1 pm - BBBC - Mary Pope Osborne's *Tales from the Odyssey*, *The One-Eyed Giant* (Book 1)

April 11 - 1:15 - 2:15 pm -- Science Fiction and Fantasy Lab

3/7, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11 Historical Fiction Seminar (all dates) - 2:15 - 3:15 pm -- For students interested in a writing project that takes place over several weeks, Mr. Winters is offering an historical-fiction writing seminar. This seminar will extend over all five sessions (**see above for dates**). Each student will select a time period, create a character, do research and write a long story or series of stories about that character.

Rules for all participants of any book club or seminar:

- The library is a **nut-free zone** – no nuts are permitted in your lunch that you bring to the BBBC.
- You must clean up your lunch afterwards so the library is neat and clean for the next school day.
- If any library books are taken off the shelves for any reason, they must be put back before you leave.
 - Please provide a notice to your classroom teacher on the day of the BBBC meeting.

Students should go directly to the library at dismissal if they are participating in the BBBC. Pickup from all sessions will be in the library.

Questions? Contact Phylliss Hill at phylhl@verizon.net or 781.263.9030.

**** Note – we need 1-2 parent volunteers for each session to make sure the library is as we found it.
Please email phylhl@verizon.net if you can attend any of the above dates.*

STAY TUNED FOR

The Author In Residence program will culminate with a walk along the Freedom Trail with Mr. Winters as our guide. Details coming soon!