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FDR Presidential Library hosts second annual Children's Reading Festival Crafts, Santa, and Open Houses, too!

On Saturday, December 8, 2007, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in historic Hyde Park, New York, plays host to a festive array of free events for families. The day kicks off with the second annual Children's Reading Festival, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. featuring personal appearances by local authors and illustrators.

The event -- which is also presented by Teaching the Hudson Valley -- features **Daniel and Jill Pinkwater**, who have written and illustrated popular books for children and young adults, will be talking about and reading from their work. Daniel Pinkwater is a regular contributor to National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition* radio program, and delivers commentaries on other NPR shows. Together and separately the Pinkwaters have produced more than 40 books including the *Larry Books* about a polar bear with a major ice-cream weakness (*Young Larry*, *At the Hotel Larry*), *The Neddiad*, *Looking for Bobowicz*, *the Snarkout Boys* and *the Avocado of Death*.

Donald Estes uses his experiences as a real life fire chief (East Clinton Fire Department) to inform his books, *Willy: the Little Jeep Who Wanted to be a Fire Truck*, and *Willy and Friends*. Along with the author, the 'star' of Estes' books, Willy the Jeep, will be making a personal appearance at the festival.

Caldecott Award-winning author and illustrator, **Peter McCarty** has created memorable works for children including *Hondo and Fabian*, *Fabian Escapes*, *Little Bunny on the*

Move and *Moon Plane*. He will read and talk about his work. An appearance by FDR's dog, Fala, will round out the reading portion of the day's events.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. Admission is free.

In addition, there will be free photos with Santa, a crafts table where children can make holiday cards for the sailors on the USS Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, refreshments, a free tasting of Hudson Valley Fresh milk and spirited performances by young local musicians.

The day is completed by Holiday Open Houses from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the festively decorated Home of FDR, where there will be a reading from *A Christmas Carol*, and at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum with a chance to see the special exhibition, *Freedom From Fear: FDR Commander in Chief*. Open House programs are free of charge.

For more information please call: Clifford Laube at (845) 486-7745 or check the website, www.HistoricHydePark.org.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site,

the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.