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Center for the Book to Recognize Walter Dean Myers with Literary Landmark

Noted children's and young adult author Walter Dean Myers will be honored during Children's Book Week with the dedication of a Literary Landmark. A plaque will be unveiled on Monday, May 4 at the George Bruce Branch of the New York Public Library in honor of Myers, who used the branch library in his childhood. The event will kick-off Children's Book Week. Myers was the author of over 100 books and served as the Library of Congress National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

The Literary Landmark program is administered by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. This will be the 15th Literary Landmark in the State. The Empire State Center for the Book, HarperCollins Publishers, Holiday House, Random House Children's Books and Scholastic joined together to sponsor the George Bruce site. The ceremony is open to the public and will begin at 1:00 PM at 518 W 125th St., the site of the George Bruce Branch.

This is one of five literary landmarks being dedicated around the country during Children's Book Week. The others are:

Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, Galesburg, Ill., April 25, 2015

The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and Lincoln biographer was born in a three-room cottage adjacent to the site, and grew up in Galesburg. His book *Rootabega Stories* was written for his three daughters and *The American Songbag* is a collection of American folk tunes that are still taught to children today.

Westerly (R.I.) Public Library, May 2, 2015, in honor of Margaret Wise Brown

The Margaret Wise Brown papers are housed at this library, and include correspondence, photographs, manuscripts, poems, songs, stories and essays, books, and many ideas for records, television and radio programs. Brown was the author of many beloved children's books, including *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny*.

Norman (Okla.) Public Library, May 3, 2015, in honor of Harold Keith

Harold Keith, author and sports journalist, was born in Oklahoma's Cherokee Outlet. He pioneered the field of sports journalism as the first sports information director for the University of Oklahoma. His major works include sports histories and historical novels for young people. His book *Rifles for Watie*, emerging from interviews conducted with Civil War veterans from Indian Territory, won the 1958 Newbery Award.

Hamilton (Ohio) Lane Library, May 9, 2015, in honor of Robert McCloskey

Two-time Caldecott Award winner Robert McCloskey walked through the doors of the Hamilton Lane Library many times as a child. McCloskey was born in Hamilton and his first book, *Lentil*, featured several Hamilton scenes, including the library. Published by Viking in 1940, it told the story of a boy much like himself who played the harmonica.

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