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**Newark Public Library Welcomes Children's Author to Explore
Non-Violence and the Fight for Civil Rights**

An award-winning author who writes historical books for young readers on civil and women's rights will explore themes of courage, camaraderie and the news media in two visits to the Newark Public Library this spring.

Ann Bausum, author of *Freedom Riders*, a history of the 1960's campaign for civil rights, and *With Courage and Cloth*, an exploration of the women's suffragette movement, will visit the Springfield Branch (50 Hayes Street) of the library on Thursday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. She will also visit the Weequahic Branch (355 Osborne Terrace) on Friday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m.

Drawing on her work studying the two movements for women's and civil rights, Bausum will explore themes that are central to the human experience in her presentation, *Armed with Nonviolence: Two Stories from the Fight for Human Rights*.

In the multi-media presentation, which includes a discussion, Bausum will discuss the use of nonviolent resistance in the fight for human rights. In the 1910s when women picketed for the right to vote, they were arrested and served time in jail. Similarly, 50 years later, people participating in the Civil Rights Movement used nonviolent protest to bring an end to racial segregation and also were arrested and incarcerated.

"We are proud to welcome Ms. Bausum, who is releasing her newest work in April, *Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration*," said library director Wilma J. Grey. "Her newest work promises to be as fascinating as her other books and compelling for her young readers."

Many of the author's themes are currently in the news, including her book on the American presidents, *Our Country's Presidents: All You Need to Know About the Presidents, from George Washington to Barack Obama*, and her book on the Presidents' wives, *Our Country's First Ladies*.

She has published six titles with National Geographic Children's Books, including *Freedom Fighters*, which won the Sibert Honor Book Award.

All library programs are free and open to the public. For more information please call the respective branch library (Springfield Branch, 973-733-7736; Weequahic Branch, 973-733-7751) or log on to www.npl.org.