



## Best-Selling Children's Book Author Featured In UNH Authors' Series Jan. 28

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Friends of Dimond Library at the University of New Hampshire will host the eighth in a series of one-on-one conversations with authors who have ties to the Granite State Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at 2 p.m. when local author Rebecca Rule interviews award-winning children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola before a live audience in the library's 5th Floor Reading Room. The program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve a space, visit [www.library.unh.edu/friends/calendar](http://www.library.unh.edu/friends/calendar), e-mail [nh.authors@unh.edu](mailto:nh.authors@unh.edu) or call (603) 862-1541.

A resident of New London, New Hampshire, dePaola has been writing and illustrating children's books for nearly 40 years. Published in more than 15 countries, his books have received virtually every significant recognition in the children's book world, including the Caldecott Honor Award for *Strega Nona* and the Newbery Honor Award for *26 Fairmount Avenue*, an autobiographical account of dePaola's childhood centered on the building of his family's new house in Connecticut during the 1930s. *Strega Nona*, his most popular character, is featured in eight books. It means "Grandma Witch" in Italian, a wise, loving and gentle woman who possesses magical powers. dePaola's newest series features the Barker Twins, twin dog characters -- inspired by his own dogs -- who face contemporary boyhood and girlhood challenges.

Three times per year, in the style of Bravo's *Inside the Actors' Studio*, Yankee humorist, book reviewer and author Rebecca Rule invites poets, fiction and non-fiction writers, and journalists with a connection to New Hampshire to share their insights and discoveries as they pursue their passion for writing. These one-on-one interviews are conducted in front of a live audience and recorded by New Hampshire Public Television for future broadcast. There will be an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions, light refreshments will be served after the interview and both authors will be available to sign their books.

To learn more about the series or to receive updates, e-mail [nh.authors@unh.edu](mailto:nh.authors@unh.edu) or call (603) 862-1540.