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## **CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR TO VISIT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

*Giles Laroche To Create Art With Local Framingham Youth*

Framingham, MA – The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest is anticipating the upcoming visit of children's book illustrator and author, Giles Laroche to their Framingham Clubhouse on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Through a collaboration with the Foundation for Children's Books, the Framingham Public Library and the Danforth Museum, the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest will be hosting a three day program for twenty-five 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Club members during April vacation week surrounding Laroche's love for children's literature and art.

The three-day program will include reading some of the books Laroche has illustrated to the kids, discussing and looking closely at his artistic illustrations, exploring the neighborhood surrounding the Framingham Clubhouse to see the buildings and their special features, and visiting the Danforth Museum's current exhibit on Giles Laroche's works. The program will conclude with Laroche's visit to the Clubhouse to talk to the children about his art and demonstrate his creative process. They will also have the opportunity to create pieces of art in the shape of buildings that will become part of a mural of buildings displayed in the Club. The Danforth Museum of Art will be offering complimentary admission for BGCMW members to see Laroche's exhibit following his visit.

Jennifer Cusack, Executive Director of the Foundation for Children's Books shared her excitement surrounding the upcoming program as she stressed the importance of the foundation's focus on "building a bridge between the author or illustrator and the students...to ignite a love of reading and learning." The foundation's work to bring Giles Laroche to local youth programs like the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest brings a multi-level and participatory approach to reading and art. They also donate books to the organizations that they work with so the enjoyment of books and their art carries on.

For more information on: Giles Laroche, please visit [www.gileslaroche.com](http://www.gileslaroche.com); Foundation for Children's Books, please visit [www.thefcb.org](http://www.thefcb.org); Framingham Public Library, please visit [www.framinghamlibrary.org](http://www.framinghamlibrary.org); Danforth Museum, please visit [www.danforthmuseum.org](http://www.danforthmuseum.org).

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### **About the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest serves over 3,200 children and youth each year with a low membership fee of only \$25 per child, which makes it one of the largest and most affordable Boys & Girls Club organizations in Massachusetts. 2010 marks our 66th year of providing quality out-of-school programming for the children and youth of greater Marlborough, Hudson and Framingham. The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest remains dedicated to being the *Positive Place for Kids*. Visit us online at [www.bgcmetrowest.org](http://www.bgcmetrowest.org).