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Festival of Words at UD March 4

3:31 p.m., Feb. 7, 2006--Delaware's sixth annual Festival of Words will be held from 9-3 p.m., Saturday, March 4, on UD's Newark campus in Smith Hall.

Middle and high school students and teachers will participate in a day of reading, writing, lectures, workshops, discussions and contests.

Award-winning author of books for young adults, Ellen Wittlinger, will be the morning keynote speaker. Her books include *Hard Love*, *Heart on My Sleeve*, *What's in a Name*, and *Gracie's Girl*. Her newest book, *Blind Faith*, will be released in June.

George Ancona, award-winning photo-essayist and author of books for young readers, keynotes the afternoon session with a talk about digital storytelling.

Delaware middle or high school teachers and students can still participate. To register, visit www.drwp.udel.edu/Conferences/FOW/index.html.

Participants are asked to read *The House of Scorpion*, *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science*, *First Part Last*, *Birdland*, *Cuba 15*, *After*, *Persepolis* and *Milkweed* in preparation for festival break out sessions.

Break-out session discussion topics include, students' rights as a follow up to *After*; what constitutes personality as a follow up to *Phineas Gage*; what it means to celebrate a quinicera as a follow up to *Cuba 15*; cloning and other bioethical issues as a follow-up to *House of the Scorpion*; digital storytelling as a follow-up to *Birdland*; teenage parenting as a follow up to *First Part Last*; and blogging, wikis and instant messaging as a follow up to *Hard Love* and *Heart on My Sleeve*. The Student Muslim Association will talk about life in the Muslim Middle East as a follow up to *Persepolis*, and Anne Jaffe, one of America's few remaining holocaust survivors, talks about her experiences as a follow up to *Milkweed*.

Festival contributors include the Delaware Center for Teacher Education, the Delaware Department of Education, the Delaware Teacher Center, the Delaware Reading/Writing Project, the Education Resource Center and UD's English department.

For more information and a festival agenda, visit www.drwp.udel.edu/Conferences/FOW/index.html.

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