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Cynthia Lord, Maine author of the Newbery Award Honor book *Rules*, to speak at Portland Public Library

PORTLAND, MAINE – Children’s author Cynthia Lord will speak at the Portland Public Library on **Saturday, March 3 from 12:00 – 1:00** in Rines Auditorium at the Main Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland.

Lord’s debut novel *Rules* is about twelve-year-old Catherine who just wants normal life, which is near impossible with a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. Filled with humor and warmth, *Rules* takes a candid and sensitive look at feeling different and finding acceptance--beyond the rules.

Lord is the mother of two teenagers, one of whom has autism. She is a former middle-school teacher and bookseller and lives in coastal Maine. *Rules* was recently selected as a Newbery Award Honor Book. The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

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