



Robert H. Jackson Center Schedules 2-Day Author Visit and Program in Conjunction with Book Essay Contest

Award-winning author Gail Jarrow will be in Jamestown on April 21 and 22, 2009 as part of a youth education program co-sponsored by the Law, Youth and Citizenship Program of the NY State Bar Association and the Robert H. Jackson Center. This program includes an essay contest, a dinner honoring contest winners and an opportunity to attend a presentation by Ms. Jarrow.

The Essay Contest: 7th and 8th grade students may participate in an essay contest based on *Robert H. Jackson: New Deal Lawyer, Supreme Court Justice, Nuremberg Prosecutor* with the theme: **How did Robert H. Jackson's life show us how to protect the civil and human rights of others?** Schools may submit one essay per grade, & grades 7 and 8 are eligible. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 27, 2009. Entry forms, contest requirements, NY state standards and free book offer may be found at www.lycny.org or www.roberthjackson.org.

The Book: Jarrow details the personal journey of Robert H. Jackson from his childhood in rural New York through his years in Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration during the Great Depression, his position as attorney general during the pre-World War II years, his participation as Supreme Court Justice and his position as chief U.S. prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trial when, for the first time in history, a country's leaders were being tried for war crimes. Quotations from Jackson's personal letters, unpublished autobiography, and oral history bring to life some of the most important events of the twentieth century. The biography received a star rating from Kirkus Review. **Teacher's guides** are available in school libraries and on line: www.roberthjackson.org/jarrowbiography.

The Author: Gail Jarrow is the author of novels and nonfiction about history and science. Her books for ages 8 through young adult have won awards from the American Library Assn., American Booksellers Assn., National Science Teachers Assn., Children's Book Council, Society of School Librarians International, N.Y. Public Library, and *Scientific American* and *Natural History* magazines. Her work has appeared in magazines such as *Highlights for Children*, *Cricket*, *Spider*, *Muse*, *Cobblestone*, and *Faces*. She has twice been honored with *Highlights for Children* Feature of the Year Award. **For information about her availability for individual and supportive school presentations concerning researching, writing and publishing, visit her website:** www.gailjarrow.com.

April 21 Dinner/Awards Program: 6:00 p.m. - Pasta Dinner at the Jackson Center. Reservations at \$8.00 per person can be made by calling Carol Drake at 716-483-6646. Winners of the statewide writing contest will be acknowledged during the 7:00 p.m. program that is open to the public & free of charge. Speaker will be announced.

APRIL 22 GAIL JARROW PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR GRADES 5 & UP. Students attending the program must have read Ms. Jarrow's book prior to this event, or teachers may choose to read the book aloud to classes. Ms. Jarrow's presentation will be **"Why Write About History? Why Read It?"** She will discuss researching her Jackson biography and discovering how his accomplishments are relevant to today's world as well as to every student's personal life and ambitions.

RESERVATIONS at \$3.00 per seat – contact Anita Sanctuary, asanctuary@stny.rr.com by October 24, 2008.
9:45–11:00 a.m. Reg Lenna Civic Center, 116 East Third Street, Jamestown, NY
12:45–2:00 p.m. Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 East Fourth Street, Jamestown, NY
INFORMATION / BOOK AVAILABILITY: www.roberthjackson.org, Jackson Center: 716-483-6646
Distance Learning video broadcasting and web casting schedule will be announced.