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### Author Ann Rinaldi to Talk to Area Educators at Independence National Historical Park

(Philadelphia, PA) – Author Ann Rinaldi will speak at the Independence Park Institute, the education branch of Independence National Historical Park, on Saturday, January 26, 2008. The event will be held at the Independence Living History Center at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut Streets. Lectures will begin at 10:00 am and 1:30 pm, with book signings following the talks. This event will be of particular interest to area educators, who are also invited to come early or stay late to attend the day-long Independence Park Institute Open House, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Ms. Rinaldi is the author of many great historical fiction novels for young adults including *Taking Liberty* and *Finishing Becca*. She will be talking about her work, and taking questions. Funded in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, these lectures are part of the Council's initiative on American history, *Our Stories, Our Future*.

During the Open House, educators can get help planning field trips to Independence National Historical Park, reserve a fun, standards-based education program for their class, visit the IPI learning labs, and learn about the education programs we offer.

The day's events are free. Registration is strongly encouraged. Please e-mail [inde\\_education\\_comments@nps.gov](mailto:inde_education_comments@nps.gov) or call 215-597-2760 to register.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC) inspires individuals to enjoy and share a life of learning enriched by human experience across time and around the world. Since 1973, the PHC has empowered local groups to offer high-quality public programs that have a positive impact on the everyday life of their communities. The PHC represents Pennsylvania in the Federal-State Partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, visit [www.pahumanities.org](http://www.pahumanities.org) or call 800-462-0442. *Our Stories, Our Future* is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of *We the People*, a national initiative exploring the history of the United States.

The Independence Park Institute (IPI) offers education programs that connect participants of all ages to the resources and stories of Independence National Historical Park. The IPI Education Center at the Independence Living History Center is located on 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut Streets. Its three learning labs give students the opportunity to experience hands-on, interactive programs about archeology, 18th century life, and Benjamin Franklin.

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