



Author Talk

***Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America* with Margaret Morganroth Gullette**

**Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 pm
Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, Newton, MA**

The Newton Free Library, Discovering What's Next®, the City of Newton Department of Senior Services and Newton at Home invite you to join Margaret Morganroth Gullette as she confronts head on the issues of ageism as discussed in her new book, *Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America*, on Tuesday, September 27, 7:30pm, Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, Newton, MA.

According to Webster's College Dictionary ageism is "Discrimination or prejudice against older persons." It's no wonder that deep down nearly everyone fears growing old. Margaret Morganroth Gullette believes that we can change all of that and what's more that it is our duty to do so. Her new book *Agewise: Fighting the New Ageism in America* broadsides the rampant ageism in our society that blights everything from our self-esteem to our love lives and even our nation's economy. Drawing on under-reported evidence from science, psychology and economics, *Agewise* shows that the vast majority of problems we associate with aging are actually a product of ageism. Gullette lays out an ambitious plan for fighting ageism that includes teaching children anti-ageism, bolstering our social safety nets and rethinking our approach to age-related memory loss and physical decline. The talk will be followed by a book signing with books provided by New England Mobile Book Fair.

Margaret Morganroth Gullette is the author of *Aged by Culture* which was chosen as a Notable Book of the year by *The Christian Science Monitor* and *Declining to Decline* which won the Emily Toth award for the best feminist book on American popular culture. She contributes to several publications including *The New York Times Magazine* and *The Boston Globe*. A recipient of NEH, ACLS and Bunting Fellowships, she is a scholar at the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University.

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