Winner of both the Newbery Honor and Printz Honor awards, this work of young adult historical fiction is based on the destruction of a hard-scrabble, interracial community that inhabited Maine’s Malaga Island until 1912. The tale follows mainland newcomer Buckminster, and his tenuous friendship with Lizzie, a smart and lively resident of Malaga. They bond in the rugged beauty of the Maine coast as they both grapple with the eviction of the Island’s residents and their positions within their communities.

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Pick up your copy of *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, available in print, audio, & ebook.

*Lizzie Bright* book study for adult intermediate English language learners: Sept. 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 12:00. Please register with Jan: jdempsey@hwlibrary.org

Literary Luncheon meets to discuss *Lizzie Bright* Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 11:30. A.M. Bring your brown-bag lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided.

Wednesday Night Bookclub meets to discuss *Lizzie Bright* Oct. 5 from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Adults and students are welcome to join in on the evening’s discussion. Did you like it? Love it? Why? Stop in and voice your opinion.

Maine’s Malaga Island 1860-1912
Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 P.M.
Kate McBrien, Chief Curator of the Maine Historical Society, gives voice to the forgotten Malaga community with photographs, stories, and island artifacts.

*Raising Resilient Children & Adolescents in a Stress-Filled World* by international presenter and author of 16 books, Dr. Robert Brooks.
Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7:00 P.M.

Learn factors that aid students in overcoming challenges and strategies for nurturing self-discipline, care, and hope.

Author Gary D. Schmidt presents: *Lizzie Bright, the Buckminster Boy, and 9/11.*
Thursday, Oct. 27

Reception and book signing 6:00-7:00 P.M. at the Ken Olsen Science Center. Author presentation is at 7:30 at the A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel, a few steps from the Science Center.
A Gordon College alumnus, class of ’79, Dr. Schmidt is a prolific children’s and young adult author of 13 books and two scholarly research publications.
He has been awarded the Newbery Honor twice, the Printz Honor, as well as being a finalist for the National Book Award in 2011 for the sequel to the *Wednesday Wars*, titled *Okay for Now.*