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RE: A Song and Story Celebration
 with Parent's Choice award winning singer and storyteller Davis Bates

When/Where: Date & Time ___ Tuesday, July 16 ___ 10:00 am ___
 Place: ___ Nahant Public Library ___
 ___ 15 Pleasant St., Nahant, MA ___

Admission: ___ Free ___

The Nahant Public Library will celebrate it's summer reading program theme Dig Into Reading by presenting award-winning storyteller Davis Bates in a performance of participatory of stories and songs for the whole family. Entitled A Song and Story Celebration, the program will include traditional and contemporary folk songs and stories from New England and around the world. Hear how coyote got his howl, how foam came to be in the ocean, and more, and be prepared to sing, move and clap your hands. There will even be a short lesson on how to play the musical spoons, and a guest appearance by a dancing wooden dog named Bingo.

Pete Seeger has called Davis a "genius of a storyteller." Davis' traditional and participatory performance style empowers and encourages audiences to join in the fun, and to take the songs and stories home with them to share with others. He also encourages listeners to remember and share stories and songs from their own family and cultural traditions, and to find stories in the books and recordings provided by their local library.

Davis Bates has been telling stories for over thirty-four years, in schools, libraries, colleges and community settings around New England and across the country. He has also served as director and consultant for several local and regional oral history and folk arts projects, and has a won a Parent's Choice Gold Award for his recording entitled Family Stories, which can be downloaded for free from his website, www.davisbates.com. Davis lives with his son and daughter in the picturesque village of Shelburne Falls, MA, and when he isn't collecting or learning stories he spends his time working at Dancing Bear Farm, growing organic produce and herbs in year round greenhouses and outdoors.

A Song and Story Celebration is appropriate for ages 4 and up will take place at the Nahant Public Library on Tuesday, July 16, starting at 10:00 am. Admission is free. For more information, please call (781) 581-0306. This program is funded, in part, by a grant from the Nahant Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and by the Friends of the Nahant Public Library.