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### **Author Gregory Maguire, writer of *Wicked* series, comes to Tucson for annual Library event**

Gregory Maguire, the author behind the best-selling book *Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, and the successful Broadway play *Wicked*, is the Library's 2009 GLBT Author presenter.

The annual event, sponsored by the Friends of the Pima County Public Library and the Library's \*GLBT Services Committee, takes place Wednesday, June 17 at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the presentation begins at 7 p.m. A sale of Maguire's books and a book signing will immediately follow the presentation. This event is free to the public.

Maguire, who also has written several children's books, will talk about the creation of the *Wicked* series, a collection of novels that look behind the characters and accepted understanding of L. Frank Baum's *Wizard of Oz* stories.

Maguire received his Ph.D. in English and American Literature from Tufts University. He also is founder and co-director of Children's Literature, Inc., a non-profit educational charity established in 1987.

The Annual GLBT Author event is made possible through funding from the [Friends of the Pima County Public Library](#). Last year's presenter was author Armistead Maupin.

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