

# NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College, Receives Prestigious Barnes & Noble *Writers for Writers Award*

### 2011 Winners

Maria Mazziotti Gillan \* John Grisham\* Elizabeth Nunez



**Poets & Writers  
Annual Gala Benefit  
March 2, 2011  
Capitale, New York City**

*(left to right): Michael Morrison, benefit chair; John Grisham, honoree; Maria Mazziotti Gillan, honoree; Elizabeth Nunez, honoree; Elliot Figman, Poets & Writers' executive director; Jonathan Galassi, honoree; and Paul Rudnick, master of ceremonies. Photo: Christopher Smith.*

The Poets & Writers' 2011 Gala Benefit raised more than \$475,000. Proceeds support Poets & Writers' programs serving creative writers. The event was chaired by Michael Morrison, U.S. General Books and Canada, HarperCollins Publishers, and Paul Rudnick served as master of ceremonies.

The 2011 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Awards were presented to Maria Mazziotti Gillan, John Grisham, and Elizabeth Nunez, and the Editor's Award was presented to Jonathan Galassi. The Writers for Writers Award recognizes authors who have given generously to other writers or to the broader literary community. The Editor's Award recognizes a book editor who has made an outstanding contribution to the publication of poetry or literary prose over a sustained period of time.

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