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**Library Presents Julian Padowicz, Speaking about Memoir
*Mother and Me: Escape from Warsaw 1939***

New Canaan, CT, [December 16, 2014] –Local author Julian Padowicz has written numerous novel and memoirs, but perhaps most well known is his award winning memoir *Mother and Me: Escape from Warsaw 1939*. New Canaan Library, in co-sponsorship with the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, welcomes Julian Padowicz on Sunday, January 11, 2015, who will speak about the harrowing history behind the memoir in his talk entitled "*A Streetcar Named Eternity*." The event will take place at 3:30 PM in the Library's Adrian Lamb Room.

Mother and Me tells the story of seven-year-old Julian, child of a wealthy Jewish family in Poland, just prior to World War II. Though born to Jewish parents, Julian is raised by his beloved Catholic nanny, Kiki. When bombs began to fall on Warsaw, Julian's sheltered life collapses; his nanny returns to her family, his stepfather joins the Polish army and his beautiful, socialite mother must suddenly find her strength; to do whatever is needed to provide for Julian, and get them to safety. Trekking across bitterly cold Carpathian Mountains, struggling with his religious identity and trying to get to know his formerly distant mother are just a few of the obstacles seven-year old Julian has to wrestle with during his World War II escape.

Julian Padowicz was born in Lodz, Poland. After World War II he emigrated to and was educated in the United States, where he received a degree in English from Colgate University.

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He served 5 years in the Air Force as an intercept instructor and navigator, prior to a 35-year career as a documentary filmmaker. As president of Business Film International, he wrote and produced numerous documentary films democratic as well as scripting a series on the American way of life for the U.S. Information Agency. Retired from filmmaking in 1991, Padowicz went on to pursue a successful career in writing, which includes his memoir series and the novel (2010) *Writer's Block* and its sequels set in coastal Maine. Julian Padowicz lives in Stamford, Connecticut.

All library programs are free and open to the public but registration is required, online at newcanaanlibrary.org.

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