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## **Author Jack Gantos to Speak at Eastern**

Willimantic, CT-- Critically acclaimed author Jack Gantos will speak at Eastern Connecticut State University on Nov. 9. Gantos' lecture, which is part of Eastern's University Hour series, will take place at 3 p.m. in the Paul E. Johnson Community Conference Room of the J. Eugene Smith Library. The public is invited. Admission is free.

A former professor of creative writing and literature at Emerson College, Gantos is a popular and prolific author of books for children, adolescents and adults alike.

Gantos has been a finalist for the National Book Award for "Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key" and won the Newberry Honor medal for "Joey Pigza Loses Control." The Printz and Sibert Honors were awarded to Gantos for his poignant young adult memoir, "Hole in My Life," the story of his year in prison for drug smuggling and his inspirational transformation through the aid of classical literature.

Gantos is considered by critics and readers to be both a gifted humorist and an insightful observer of childhood emotions and behavior. He will speak about autobiographical fiction and memoir.

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