

# Great American theater started in a library.

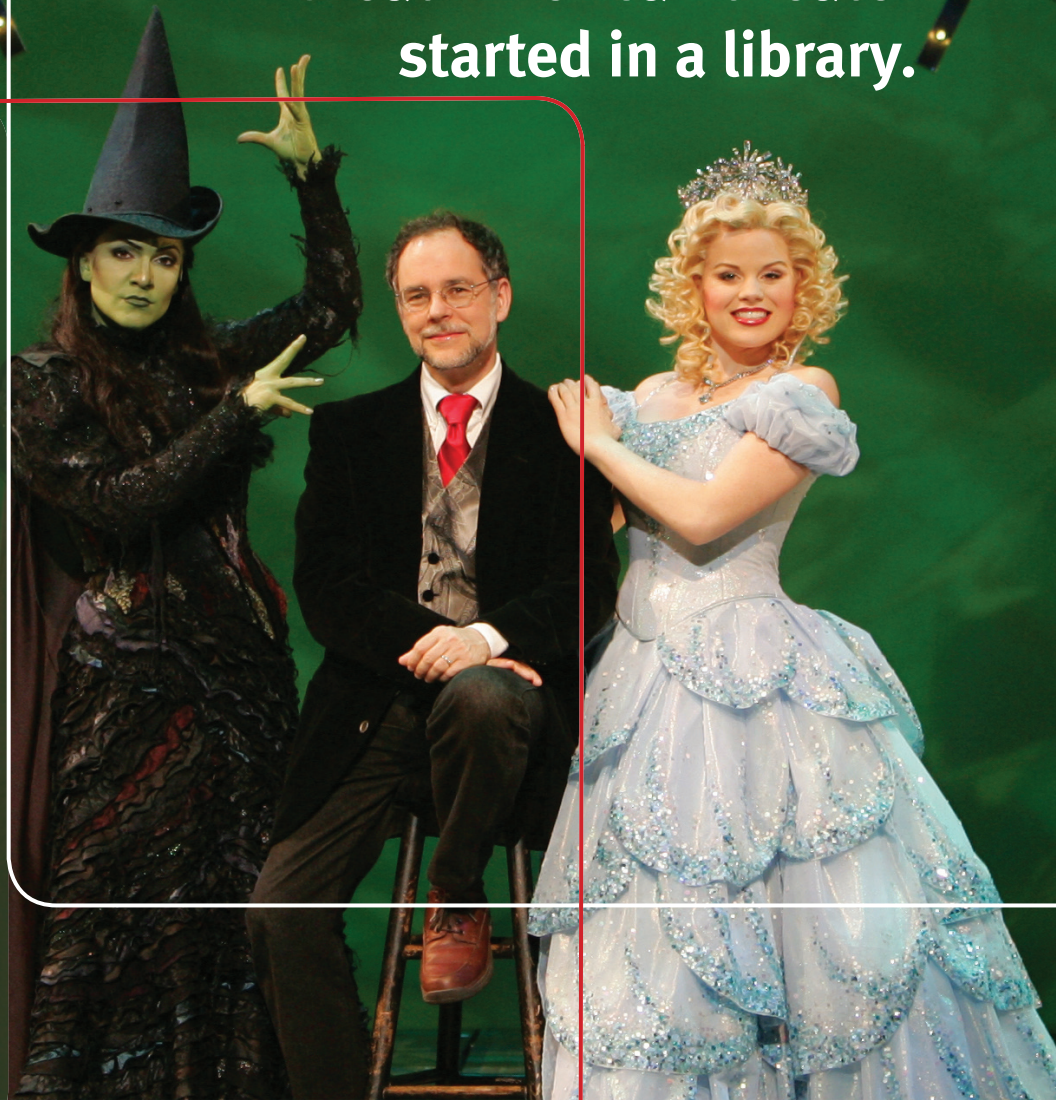
Gregory Maguire is a born storyteller. He hails from a family of journalists, poets and professional writers.

So it's no surprise his parents sent him to a magical place where stories come to life every day: **the local library.**

There, he found the inspiration for his life's work: writing fantasy, fairy tales and science fiction.

His 1995 bestseller, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* forms the basis of the award-winning Broadway musical, *Wicked*.

His career started in the library.



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a community sees an average of \$4 in return.**

Who knows what *Wicked* success story is at your library, right now?

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economic impact of  
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