

8TH ANNUAL

# GAITHERSBURG BOOK FESTIVAL



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## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 8th Annual Gaithersburg Book Festival!

The goal of the GBF is to celebrate the written word and its power to enrich the human experience, and to foster generations of book lovers. What better way to do that than to host some of the world's best authors, journalists, poets, and educators as they discuss their work, the issues of our time (and of our past), and the craft of writing!

This is a day to interact with some of the best writers in the business – award winners, best-sellers, and some excellent up-and-comers. Take time to consider issues and events, stories and characters from the perspective of the writer. You'll find it stimulating, I guarantee.

In addition to the Book Festival, Gaithersburg is home to many wonderful diversions. Visitors throughout the year enjoy sports programs, theatrical performances, concerts, street festivals, a state-of-the-art Water Park, and more than 520 acres of parkland. With so much to offer, it's no surprise that Gaithersburg consistently ranks in the top tier of Best Places to Live in the United States, according to numerous national publications. After the Festival, I invite you to stay and enjoy the wonderful shops and restaurants located throughout our City.

On behalf of the superb committee of volunteers, our dedicated City staff, and my colleagues on Gaithersburg City Council: Welcome, and have a wonderful Festival day!

Jud Ashman  
Mayor  
Founder and Chair, Gaithersburg Book Festival

## ENJOY THE FESTIVAL!

### INFORMATION CENTERS, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Festival Information Centers are located at the front entrance to the Festival and by the front entrance to City Hall. There you will find Festival programs, surveys and answers to all of your questions. You'll find our Festival staff and volunteers in turquoise-colored shirts. They can help you with anything you need.

### BOOK SALES

**Politics & Prose Bookstore** is the Festival's official bookseller. In the book sales tent you will find books by the authors who are making presentations today. These books are only available for sale inside the book sales tent and will not be available at the author pavilions or at the author signing tables.

### BOOK SIGNINGS

Immediately following their presentations, today's featured authors will sign copies of their books in one of the Author Signing areas, located adjacent to the City Hall Concert Pavilion stage and in the Children's Village.

### ASL INTERPRETERS

A limited number of ASL interpreters are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit the Information Center located by the front entrance to City Hall to make a request. Interpreter availability cannot be guaranteed.

### BREW & VINE CAFÉ by Dawson's Market

We are pleased to offer our attendees the amenities of this wonderful café. We invite you to sit and re-charge with a cup of gourmet coffee, relax with a glass of wine or beer, and take in the sounds of talented singer-songwriters. Food is also available.

### FOOD COURT

The Festival Food Court is located along Summit Avenue. Please enjoy the variety of delicious cuisines available from our many vendors.

### SURVEY

Tell us what you think and **you could win a \$100 Visa gift card!** We encourage you to fill out our online survey on Survey Monkey, which you can link to from the Festival website or the Festival Mobile App. Survey participants will be entered into a random drawing to be held on Monday, June 19.



# AUTHOR PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

|               | Dashiell Hammett Pavilion  | F. Scott Fitzgerald Pavilion   | Edgar Allan Poe Pavilion   | H.L. Mencken Pavilion   | James Michener Pavilion  |
|---------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| 10 - 10:30    | <b>Austin S. Camacho</b><br>Pyramid Deception: A Hannibal Jones Thriller   | 10:15-11:05<br><b>Keith Donohue</b><br>The Motion of Puppets<br><b>Keith Fentonmiller</b><br>Kasper Mützenmacher's Cursed Hat<br>Genre-Bending Fiction | <b>Frances Frost</b><br>Mourning Calm  | <b>Cesar Brioso</b><br>Havana Hardball: Spring Training, Jackie Robinson, and the Cuban League  | <b>Maria Olsen</b> <b>M</b><br>Not the Cleaver Family  |
| 10:35 - 11:05 | <b>Jen Conley</b><br>Cannibals: Stories from the Edge of the Pine Barrens<br>In conversation with <b>E. A. Aymar</b>                                   | Moderated by <b>Kim Alexander</b>  | <b>Ursula Werner</b> <b>M</b><br>The Good at Heart   | <b>Mark K. Shriver</b><br>Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis   | <b>Melvin A. Goodman</b><br>Whistleblower<br>The Story of the CIA: An Insider's Account of the Politics of Intelligence  |
| 11:15 - 12:05 | <b>David O. Stewart</b><br>The Babe Ruth Deception<br><b>Burt Solomon</b><br>The Murder of Willie Lincoln<br>Moderated by <b>Jennifer B. Yacovissi</b> | <b>Nathan Hill</b><br>The Nix<br>In conversation with <b>Liz Hottel</b>  | <b>Eleanor Brown</b><br>The Light of Paris<br><b>Dominic Smith</b><br>The Last Painting of Sara De Vos<br>Moderated by <b>Mark Laframboise</b>         | <b>Veronica Chambers</b><br>The Meaning of Michelle: 16 Writers on the Iconic First Lady and How Her Journey Inspires Our Own                                 | <b>Meredith Wadman</b><br>The Vaccine Race: Science, Politics and the Human Costs of Defeating Disease   |
| 12:15 - 1:05  | <b>Matthew Betley</b><br>Oath of Honor<br><b>Rick Campbell</b><br>Ice Station Nautilus<br>Moderated by <b>Dana King</b>                                | <b>Penelope Bagieu</b> <b>M</b><br>California Dreamin': Cass Elliot Before the Mamas & the Papas<br>In conversation with <b>Michael Cavanaugh</b>      | <b>Hannah Lillith Assadi</b><br>Sonora<br>In conversation with <b>Garine Isassi</b>  | <b>Kay Redfield Jamison</b><br>Robert Lowell, Setting the River on Fire: A Study of Genius, Mania, and Character<br>In conversation with <b>Carlos Lozada</b> | <b>Sharon Weinberger</b><br>The Imagineers of War: The Untold Story of DARPA, the Pentagon Agency that Changed the World   |
| 1:15 - 2:05   | <b>Christina Kovac</b><br>The Cutaway<br><b>Adam Brookes</b><br>Spy Games<br>Moderated by <b>Neely Tucker</b>  | <b>J. Courtney Sullivan</b><br>Saints for All Occasions<br><b>Jennifer Close</b><br>The Hopefuls   | <b>Emily Jeanne Miller</b><br>The News From the End of the World<br>In conversation with <b>Christine Koubek</b>                                       | <b>Beth Macy</b><br>Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother's Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South  | <b>Craig Shirley</b><br>Reagan Rising: The Decisive Years, 1976-1980<br>In conversation with <b>Juan Williams</b>  |
| 2:15 - 3:05   | <b>David Swinson</b><br>Crime Song<br><b>Mark Hannon</b><br>Every Man For Himself<br>Moderated by <b>Nik Korpon</b>                                    | <b>Jami Attenberg</b><br>All Grown Up<br><b>Jade Chang</b><br>The Wangs Vs. the World<br>Moderated by <b>Liz Hottel</b>                                | <b>Suzanne Feldman</b><br>Absalom's Daughters<br><b>Sadeqa Johnson</b><br>And Then There Was Me<br>Moderated by <b>Alice Stephens</b>                  | <b>Thomas Oliphant</b><br>The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign  | <b>Sidney Blumenthal</b><br>Wrestling With His Angel: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln, 1849-1856   |
| 3:15 - 4:05   | <b>Laura Lippman</b><br>Wilde Lake   | <b>Alex George</b><br>Setting Free the Kites<br><b>Tom McAllister</b><br>The Young Widower's Handbook  | <b>Susan Higginbotham</b><br>Hanging Mary<br><b>Stephanie Dray &amp; Laura Kamoie</b><br>America's First Daughter<br>Moderated by <b>Garine Isassi</b> | <b>Tyler Anbinder</b><br>City of Dreams: The 400-Year Epic History of Immigrant New York  | <b>Sally Mott Freeman</b><br>The Jersey Brothers: A Missing Naval Officer in the Pacific and His Family's Quest to Bring Him Home  |
| 4:15 - 5:05   | <b>Todd Moss</b><br>Ghosts of Havana<br><b>Matthew Palmer</b><br>Enemy of the Good   | <b>Greer Macallister</b><br>Girl in Disguise<br><b>Peter Heller</b><br>Celine  | <b>Katherine Heiny</b><br>Standard Deviation<br><b>Michelle Brafman</b><br>Bertrand Court<br>Moderated by <b>Holly Smith</b>                           | <b>Mary Dearborn</b> <b>M</b><br>Ernest Hemingway: A Biography  | <b>Peter Cozzens</b><br>The Earth Is Weeping: The Epic Story of the Indian Wars for the American West<br><b>William Hogeland</b><br>Autumn of the Black Snake: The Creation of the U.S. Army and the Invasion that Opened the West |

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|               | Gertrude Stein Pavilion  | Rachel Carson Pavilion   | Jim Henson Pavilion  | Willa Cather Pavilion  | Ogden Nash Pavilion  |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 10 - 10:30    | (10:15-11:05)<br><b>Danielle Tate</b><br>Elegant Entrepreneur: The Female Founders Guide to Starting & Growing Your First Company  | (10:15-11:05)<br><b>Jenni L. Walsh</b><br>Becoming Bonnie<br><b>Orly Konig</b><br>The Distance Home<br><b>Adriana Arrington</b><br>Bleed Through   | (10:15-11:05)<br><b>Ruth Chan</b><br>Georgie's Best Bad Day<br><b>Salina Yoon</b><br>My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories<br>Picture Book Solutions                             | (10:15-11:05)<br><b>Herman Parish</b><br>Amelia Bedelia Makes a Splash<br>Featuring<br><b>Karen Cramer</b><br>as Amelia Bedelia                                    | (10:15-11:05)<br><b>Lindsay Smith</b><br>A Darkly Beating Heart<br><b>Amalie Howard</b><br>The Fallen Prince<br>Strong Girls Facing the Unknown                        |
| 10:35 - 11:05 | <b>Avis Yates Rivers</b><br>Necessary Inclusion: Embracing the Changing Faces of Technology<br>Female Entrepreneurs  | First-time Novelists   |  |  |  |
| 11:15 - 12:05 | <b>Dan Zak</b><br>Almighty: Courage, Resistance, and Existential Peril in the Nuclear Age<br>In conversation with<br><b>George Leventhal</b>   | <b>Betty Hafner</b> <b>M</b><br>Not Exactly Love<br><b>Joan Z. Rough</b><br>Scattering Ashes<br><b>Seema Reza</b><br>When the World Breaks Open<br>Moderated by<br><b>Larry Matthews</b> | <b>Brian Biggs</b><br>Noisy Night<br><b>Tom Lichtenheld</b><br>Mighty, Mighty Construction Site<br>Picture Book Humor  | <b>Juana Medina</b><br>Juana & Lucas<br><b>Doreen Cronin</b><br>Dark Shadows<br>New Stories for Early Readers  | <b>Jen Swann Downey</b><br>The Ninja Librarians: Sword in the Stacks<br><b>Ted Sanders</b><br>The Keepers: The Harp and the Ravensvine Time Travel                     |
| 12:15 - 1:05  | <b>Jeff Wilser</b><br>Alexander Hamilton's Guide to Life   | <b>Caroline Kitchener</b><br>Post Grad: Five Women and Their First Year Out of College<br>In conversation with<br><b>Fran Webber</b>   | <b>Chris Van Dusen</b><br>Hattie & Hudson<br><b>Brian Floca</b><br>Princess Cora and the Crocodile<br>Friends Misbehaving  | <b>Maria Gianferrari</b><br>Coyote Moon<br><b>Kate Messner</b><br><b>Christopher Silas Neal</b><br>Over and Under the Pond<br>Nature Lovers                        | <b>Booki Vivat</b><br>Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom<br><b>Erin Teagen</b><br>The Friendship Experiment<br>Moderated by <b>Carol Weston</b>           |
| 1:15 - 2:05   | <b>Ben Greenman</b> <b>M</b><br>Dig If You Will the Picture: Funk, Sex, God and Genius in the Music of Prince<br>In conversation with<br><b>Cerphe Colwell</b>   | <b>Tara Clancy</b><br>The Clancys of Queens: A Memoir  | <b>Alexis Frederick-Frost</b><br>Hocus Focus<br><b>Ru Xu</b><br>NewsPrints<br>Moderated by<br><b>Gareth Hinds</b>  | <b>Jerdine Nolen</b><br>Eliza's Freedom Road: An Underground Railroad Diary<br><b>Debbie Levy</b><br>I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark<br>Strong Women | <b>Brigid Kemmerer</b><br>Letters to the Lost<br><b>Michelle Knudsen</b><br>Revenge of the Evil Librarian<br>Searching for Truth                                       |
| 2:15 - 3:05   | <b>Jack Viertel</b><br>The Secret Life of the American Musical: How Broadway Shows Are Built<br>In conversation with<br><b>Jason Loewith</b>   | <b>Brian W. Stolarz</b><br>Grace and Justice on Death Row: The Race Against Time and Texas to Free an Innocent Man   | <b>Alison Wilgus &amp; Molly Brooks</b><br>Flying Machines: How the Wright Brothers Soared<br><b>Falynn Koch</b><br>Bats: Learning to Fly<br>Moderated by<br><b>Dave Roman</b> | <b>Susan Stockdale</b><br>Fantastic Flowers<br><b>Michael Hearst</b><br>Curious Constructions<br>Unusual Shapes  | <b>Christine Kendall</b><br>Riding Chance<br><b>Meg Medina</b><br>Burn Baby Burn<br>Believe in Yourself  |
| 3:15 - 4:05   | <b>Jennifer Keishin Armstrong</b><br>Seinfeldia: How a Show About Nothing Changed Everything<br>In Conversation with<br><b>Carlos Lozada</b>   | <b>Jessica B. Harris</b><br>My Soul Looks Back: A Memoir<br>In conversation with<br><b>Tamika Smith</b>  | <b>Fred Bowen</b><br>Outside Shot<br><b>Phil Bildner</b><br>Rookie of the Year<br>Sports   | <b>Lisa Martin</b><br>Anton and Cecil: Cats Aloft<br><b>Erin Entrada Kelly</b><br>Hello, Universe<br>Unexpected Odysseys   | <b>Whitney Taylor</b><br>Definitions of Indefinable Things<br><b>Dana Schwartz</b><br>And We're Off<br>Ready for Change  |
| 4:15 - 5:05   | <b>Chuck Raasch</b><br>Imperfect Union: A Father's Search for His Son in the Aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg<br><b>Paul Kahan</b><br>Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War | <b>Joan Nathan</b><br>King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World   | <b>Leila Sales</b><br>Once Was a Time<br><b>Hena Khan</b><br>Amina's Voice<br>Changing Friendships   | <b>Sheila Turnage</b><br>The Odds of Getting Even<br><b>Kimberly Willis Holt</b><br>Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Motel<br>Communities are Extended Family         | <b>Caroline Tung Richmond</b><br>The Darkest Hour<br><b>Kimberly McCreight</b><br>The Scattering<br>Moderated by <b>Jess Stork</b><br>Super Powers in Dangerous Worlds |

# AUTHOR SIGNING SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

- A** Author Signing Area A
- B** Author Signing Area B
- C** Author Signing Area C (Children's Village)

## 10:35 – 11:05 am

- A3 Cesar Brioso
- A1 Austin S. Camacho
- A2 Frances Frost
- A4 Maria Olsen

## 11:15 am – 12:05 pm

- A5 Kim Alexander
- B5 Adriana Arrington
- B6 E. A. Aymar
- C1 Ruth Chan
- A1 Jen Conley
- C3 Karen Cramer
- A3 Keith Donohue
- A4 Keith Fentonmiller
- A2 Melvin A. Goodman
- C6 Amalie Howard
- B4 Orly Konig
- C3 Herman Parish
- B2 Avis Yates Rivers
- A7 Mark K. Shriver
- C5 Lindsay Smith
- B1 Danielle Tate
- B3 Jenni L. Walsh
- A6 Ursula Werner
- C2 Salina Yoon

## 12:15 – 1:05 pm

- C1 Brian Biggs
- A5 Eleanor Brown
- A7 Veronica Chambers
- C4 Doreen Cronin
- C5 Jen Swann Downey
- B1 Betty Hafner
- A4 Nathan Hill
- C2 Tom Lichtenheld
- B4 Larry Matthews
- C3 Juana Medina
- B3 Seema Reza
- B2 Joan Z. Rough
- C6 Ted Sanders
- A6 Dominic Smith
- A2 Burt Solomon
- A1 David O. Stewart
- A8 Meredith Wadman
- A3 Jennifer B. Yacovissi
- B5 Dan Zak

## 1:15 – 2:05 pm

- A1 Hannah Lillith Assadi
- A3 Penelope Bagieu
- B1 Matthew Betley
- B3 Rick Campbell
- C2 Brian Floca
- C4 Maria Gianferrari
- A7 Kay Redfield Jamison
- B5 Dana King
- A4 Caroline Kitchener
- C3 Kate Messner
- C3 Christopher Silas Neal
- C6 Erin Teagan
- C1 Chris Van Dusen
- C5 Booki Vivat
- A5 Sharon Weinberger
- C6a Carol Weston
- A6 Jeff Wilser

## 2:15 – 3:05 pm

- B3 Adam Brookes
- A4 Tara Clancy
- A2 Jennifer Close
- A8 Cerphe Colwell
- C5 Alexis Frederick-Frost
- A7 Ben Greenman
- C6a Gareth Hinds
- C3 Brigid Kemmerer
- C4 Michelle Knudsen
- B1 Christina Kovac
- C2 Debbie Levy
- A3 Beth Macy
- B5 Emily Jeanne Miller
- C1 Jerdine Nolen
- A5 Craig Shirley
- A1 J. Courtney Sullivan
- A6 Juan Williams
- C6 Ru Xu

## 3:15 – 4:05 pm

- A7 Jami Attenberg
- A5 Sidney Blumenthal
- C3 Molly Brooks
- A8 Jade Chang
- B1 Suzanne Feldman
- A2 Mark Hannon
- C6 Michael Hearst
- B3 Sadeqa Johnson
- C6a Christine Kendall
- C2 Falynn Koch
- A3 Nik Korpon
- C6b Meg Medina
- A4 Thomas Oliphant
- C1 Dave Roman
- C5 Susan Stockdale
- B5 Brian W. Stolarz
- A1 David Swinson
- A6 Jack Viertel
- C3 Alison Wilgus

## 4:15 – 5:05 pm

- A7 Tyler Anbinder
- A5 Jennifer Keishan Armstrong
- C2 Phil Bildner
- C1 Fred Bowen
- A3 Stephanie Dray
- A8 Sally Mott Freeman
- B1 Alex George
- A6 Jessica B. Harris
- A1 Susan Higginbotham
- A3 Laura Kamoie
- C4 Erin Entrada Kelly
- A2 Laura Lippman
- C3 Lisa Martin
- B3 Tom McAllister
- C6 Dana Schwartz
- C5 Whitney Taylor

## 5:15 – 6 pm

- B2 Michelle Brafman
- A7 Peter Cozzens
- A5 Mary Dearborn
- B1 Katherine Heiny
- A4 Peter Heller
- A8 William Hogeland
- C4 Kimberly Willis Holt
- B4 Paul Kahan
- C2 Hena Khan
- A3 Greer Macallister
- C6 Kimberly McCreight
- A1 Todd Moss
- A6 Joan Nathan
- A2 Matthew Palmer
- B3 Chuck Raasch
- C5 Caroline Tung Richmond
- C1 Leila Sales
- C3 Sheila Turnage



# BREW & VINE CAFÉ by



Take a few minutes to relax between author presentations with a gourmet snack and a cup of coffee, or glass of beer or wine while enjoying live performances by singer-songwriters on the **Marvin Gaye Stage**.

**The Brew & Vine Café is located at the Concert Pavilion, adjacent to the Author Signings A tent.**

Offerings include specialty-brewed coffee; bagels, wraps, antipasto and cheese plates; and a handpicked selection of beverages from local wineries and microbreweries. Patrons must present their IDs and wear wristbands in order to purchase beer and wine. Consumption of beer and wine is allowed in the Café area only; it is not permitted in other areas of the Festival.

## MARVIN GAYE STAGE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE



|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 10:15 am | Chris Aaron                                 |
| 11 am    | MetroSongs – Jason Mendelson & Faith Hayden |
| Noon     | Short Story Contest Awards                  |
| 12:30 pm | Travis Tucker                               |
| 1:30 pm  | Steven Gellman                              |
| 2:30 pm  | Don Muller                                  |
| 3:30 pm  | Joseph R. Monasterial                       |
| 4:15 pm  | Hayley Fahey                                |

## PERFORMER BIOS

### Chris Aaron

An acclaimed singer/songwriter, Chris has been writing and performing emotionally charged music for more than 10 years, and has left a lasting mark on those who have come to love this one-of-a-kind songwriter's talent. His latest release, "A Generation," (out today!) has already garnered overwhelmingly positive reviews from music critics and has been heralded as an "emotive masterpiece." [chrisaaronmusic.com](http://chrisaaronmusic.com)

### MetroSongs

Multi-instrumentalist, producer and composer Jason Mendelson created MetroSongs with the goal of writing and recording a unique original song for each of the D.C. area's 91 Metro station locations. The project was just completed with "Volume 7: Connections," and "Volume 8: Metro Lounge." Jason is joined by Faith Hayden, a D.C.-based singer/songwriter and fellow member of MetroSongs. [metrosongs.org/@faithhayden](mailto:metrosongs.org/@faithhayden)

### Travis Tucker

Travis is a diverse entertainer whose voice ranges from caressing silky smooth ballads to punching high-energy dance tunes and intricate raps. An accomplished songwriter and motivational speaker, Travis is best known for his appearance on American Idol Season 4, where he advanced to the top 16. [travistuckermusic.com](http://travistuckermusic.com)

### Steven Gellman

Described by *Billboard Magazine* as "intensely sensitive and impressively intelligent," Steven's songs tell stories of everyday life wrapped in notes that will have you humming along. His debut release, "Photobook," was nominated for four awards from The Washington Area Music Association Awards and by The Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards for Debut Album of the Year. [hiddenpoet.com](http://hiddenpoet.com)

### Don Muller

Don plays guitar and sings pretty much all styles, writing and recording many of his own songs. He was an active musician in high school and college, but set it aside in the early '80s to raise a family. Picking it up again around the turn of the century, he's started busking around Montgomery County and working on his original music. [sites.google.com/site/mullsmusicsite/home](http://sites.google.com/site/mullsmusicsite/home)

### Joseph R. Monasterial

Joseph is a singer and acoustic guitarist who turns heads with his surprisingly soulful, rich and extremely unique voice. His first single, "I've Always Wondered," showcases his potential as a songwriter, with lyrics that are a reflection of himself. [reverbNation.com/josephrmonasterial](http://reverbNation.com/josephrmonasterial)

### Hayley Fahey

Hayley is a prolific singer-songwriter with a voice that captivates audiences: soulful, sweet, powerful. She is a multi-instrumentalist who draws influence from country, blues and folk, infusing storytelling and appealing to emotion. [hayleyfahey.com](http://hayleyfahey.com)

# WRITING WORKSHOPS

Free Writing Workshops sponsored in part by



## FOR ADULTS & TEENS (AGE 16+)

Sign ups are available at **The Writer's Center** Tent (see map on page 2)

### **Write Your Way Into College** **(High School Students)**

**10 – 10:55 am**

Writopia instructors will help college-bound high schoolers identify unique and meaningful personal stories and tell them in an authentic voice. Instructors provide guidance on structure and editing and will help students explore themes, expand on ideas and create drafts.

**Mason Henderson** joined the D.C. Writopia team full-time in 2015, combining his love for writing with his passion for youth arts education. Mason currently organizes the Scholastic Writing Awards for the D.C. Metro Region and visits local schools to promote submission throughout the fall. His poetry has been chosen to represent the University of Maryland in the Intro Journals Project and most recently appears in the 8th issue of the *Arroyo Literary Review*.

[writopialab.org](http://writopialab.org)

### **Writing Children's Books**

**11 – 11:55 am**

Have you always wanted to write for children? Then come and join the fun! Award-winning children's author Mary Quattlebaum guides a discussion on plot, character, audience, and voice as you explore stories for ages 2 to 8 (largely picture books and magazine stories). This workshop will be helpful for adults interested in writing for the children in their lives and/or for publication.

**Mary Quattlebaum** is the author of 18 award-winning children's books, including "Pirate vs. Pirate," "Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns," "The Hungry Ghost of Rue Orleans," and "Jo MacDonald Saw a Pond." Her work has appeared in anthologies and magazines such as *Cricket*, *Spider*, *Ladybug*, and *Boys' Life*. Mary teaches in the Vermont College M.F.A. program in Writing for Children and Young Adults. She reviews children's books for *The Washington Post* and *Washington Parent*, edits educational materials for museums and small publishers, and presents frequently at schools.

[maryquattlebaum.com](http://maryquattlebaum.com)

### **Intro to Fiction**

**Noon – 12:55 pm**

In this hands-on workshop, we first talk about the basic structure of a story and then work on an exercise that calls for turning memory into fiction. After briefly discussing what you come up with in the exercise and the difference between what happens in life and what happens in fiction, you'll be asked to write a 500-word draft of a story that has a beginning, a middle and an end. You'll be sent home with a process you might use to write the first draft of a story in one sitting a few days from now.

**Con Lehane** holds an M.F.A. in fiction writing from Columbia University. He is the author of the novel "Murder at the 42nd Street Library," as well as three detective novels featuring New York City bartender Brian McNulty: "Beware the Solitary Drinker," "What Goes Around Comes Around," and "Death at the Old Hotel."

[conlehane.com](http://conlehane.com)

### **Mystery Writing**

**1 – 1:55 pm**

If you've always wanted to write a mystery novel but didn't know where to start, this sample workshop is for you. We'll examine characteristics of the many subgenres (thrillers, too!) and learn about mystery-specific conventions and pitfalls such as TSTL syndrome, macguffins, red herrings, killer twists, wacky sidekicks, and smooth clue-dropping, among others. Fun, educational and... mysterious!

**Alan Orloff** is the author of "Diamonds for the Dead" (2010), an Agatha Award finalist for Best First Novel. His seventh novel, "Running From the Past," was an Amazon Kindle Scout winner. His short fiction has appeared in *Jewish Noir*, *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*, *Storm Warning*, and *Windward: Best New England Crime Stories 2016*.

[alanorloff.com](http://alanorloff.com)

## Haiku To Go

2 – 2:55 pm

Are you new to poetry or do you want to strengthen your muscles with language? In this interactive workshop, participants will write their own haiku—that little 17-syllable Japanese form about nature. Join us for a fun crash course in the basic rules and challenges of haiku. As a group, we'll discuss images and practice paring down our thoughts to fit into the haiku form. Everyone then has a chance to write a haiku of their own. If time allows we'll share a few and get tips for revising our tiny poems. Bring your notebook and a sense of play!

**Melanie Figg** is a 2017 NEA Poetry Fellow and has more than 25 years of experience teaching creative writing and mentoring writers of all levels. In addition to teaching at the Writer's Center and privately in Maryland, Melanie also offers creativity and personal coaching to writers and others.

[melaniefigg.net](http://melaniefigg.net)

## Promoting Your Book (Author PR Toolkit)

3 – 3:55 pm

This workshop teaches you how to develop a strong "Author PR Toolkit" (headshot, bio, book synopsis and website), how to choose the right book cover and how to decide on the right social media channel for your book.

**Cherrie Woods** is a 15-year PR veteran who has held staff and management positions at a variety of arts organizations. She currently serves as membership chair on the Baltimore Public Relations Council board. She released "Where Do I Start? 10 PR Questions and Answers to Guide Self-Published Authors" in 2016.

[writer.org/cherriewoods](http://writer.org/cherriewoods)

## How to Write Winning Short Stories

4 – 4:55 pm

What do writing contest judges and publishers look for? Publisher, editor and contest organizer Nancy Sakaduski will share insider tips about judging criteria, opportunities and pitfalls, contest red flags, and how to create a "wow" factor that will make your story stand out from the others. Learn how to write the kinds of short stories that win contests and get published from the author of 23 books, including "How to Write Winning Short Stories."

**Nancy Sakaduski** is an award-winning writer and editor who owns Cat & Mouse Press and runs the Rehoboth Beach Short Story Contest. She helps writers perfect their short stories and prepare them for publication and curates a free weekly online newspaper, *Writing is a Shore Thing*.

[www.catandmousepress.com](http://www.catandmousepress.com)  
[writingisashorething.com](http://writingisashorething.com)

## Teen Creative Writing

(ages 13-18)

4 – 4:55 pm

(Children's Village Workshop Tent)

Using participatory writing prompts, you will have an opportunity to experience and learn techniques that can help you in your creative writing. As time allows, you will have a chance to share your work and receive feedback.

**Lucinda Marshall** is a writer, artist and activist. She co-facilitates the award-winning Maryland Writer's Association's Teen Writing Club at the Gaithersburg Library. Her writing has been published in *Sediments*, *GFK*, *Indolent Books' Transition* and *What Rough Beast Series*, *Stepping Stones Magazine*, *Columbia Journal*, *Poetica Magazine*, *Hai-kuniverse*, and *ISLE*. Her poem, "The Lilies Were in Bloom," received an Honorable Mention in Waterline Writers' "Artists as Visionaries Climate Crisis Solutions."

[lucindamarshall.com](http://lucindamarshall.com)

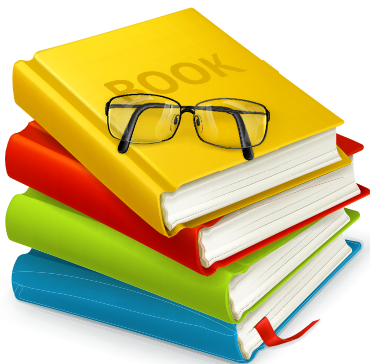
## Explaining the Constitution to Young Readers

5 – 5:55 pm

Learn how to find, analyze and interpret documents in order to explain legal and historical concepts to young readers. Participants will be divided into three groups, each of which will be responsible for analyzing one of the three Articles of the Constitution. To increase understanding, the groups will come together for a joint session to review and discuss their answers.

**Syl Sobel** is an author, attorney, former newspaper reporter and director of publications for a federal government agency. He has written a series of six children's books on U.S. history and government, including "How the U.S. Government Works," for ages 8-12. A Gaithersburg Book Festival alum, Syl has spoken at the U.S. National Archives, several local schools and at Politics & Prose Bookstore.

[sylsobel.com](http://sylsobel.com)



## WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Located in the **Children's Workshops Tent** (see map on page 2)

### **How to Write a 'How To'**

**10 – 10:55 am**      **Ages 7 – 15**

Harness your talents and interests into a fun series of how-tos. We'll get you thinking about what lesson you can share with your peers and the world at large. Learn how to make a small pocket-size book of collective knowledge in zine-form.

**826DC** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Its services are structured around understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success.

[826dc.org](http://826dc.org)

### **Comics Character Team Up**

**11 – 11:55 am**      **Ages 6 – 15**

Join author Dave Roman ("Astronaut Academy," "Teen Boat") and Alexis Frederick-Frost ("Adventures in Cartooning") for an interactive workshop that's all about developing unique characters and collaborating with fellow artists to create unexpected comic stories full of twists and turns.

**Dave Roman & Alexis Frederick-Frost** are award winning cartoonists who publish graphic novels for First Second books and also once saved the planet from colliding with a rogue asteroid. They always appreciate when people show up to their events with carnitas tacos and coconut smoothies.

[yaytime.com](http://yaytime.com) and [facebook.com/alexisiff](https://facebook.com/alexisiff)

### **3 Different Ways to Design and Create Cool Creatures & Characters**

**Noon – 12:55 pm**      **Ages 6 – 15**

Learn to draw creatures and characters using three different techniques: Doodling, Sketching and Scribbling.

**Timothy Young** has had a long career doing all kinds of interesting and fun stuff. He's been an animator, puppet maker, toy designer, sculptor, art director and graphic designer. His career highlights include being Head Model-Maker for *Pee-Wee's Playhouse*, designing and building Muppets for Jim Henson and sculpting the first Simpsons toys. Now he is the author/illustrator of six picture books and the illustrator of two others. Tim's two new books out in 2017 include "Creatures and Characters," a How-To-Draw book.

[creaturesandcharacters.com](http://creaturesandcharacters.com)

### **Journal Writing for Young Sports Fans**

**1 – 1:55 pm**      **Ages 8 – 15**

Be a sportswriter. Cover your own team or even a pro team. Discover more about your sport, yourself and the joy of writing. And create a memory book you'll want to have your whole life. We'll supply the journals. Fred Bowen, *Washington Post/KidsPost* sports columnist and author of "Quarterback Season" (about a kid who keeps a journal) will provide tips and advice. You'll learn what to put in your journal (rosters, game schedules) and how to think and write in new ways about the games you play and love. And you'll have fun too!

**Fred Bowen** has been writing the *Washington Post/KidsPost* sports column for 17 years. The column appears in the paper and online every Thursday. He is also the author of 22 sports novels for ages 8 and up, including "Quarterback Season," which is about an 8th grader who has to keep a journal for school and decides to write about his football team. The season and the assignment take a lot of interesting twists and turns. Bowen was a Little Leaguer who loved to read, and he is dedicated to hooking today's young sports fans on the joys of reading and writing about sports.

[fredbowen.com](http://fredbowen.com)

### **Fiction and Fun!**

**2 – 2:55 pm**      **Ages 7 – 15**

Do you like writing fantasy? Realistic fiction? Or are dystopian worlds more your style? If so, then this workshop is for you. Writers will be encouraged to create a piece of fiction through original Writopia creative writing games while getting stellar feedback from published authors trained in our method. At the end of the workshop, writers are encouraged to read their work and receive constructive feedback from fellow writers and instructors.

**Jacquelyn Downs** is a writer, filmmaker, educator, spoken word artist and serves as Regional Manager for Writopia Lab. She has been working closely with students on their creative writing for 10 years. She has led directing workshops at high schools in the Washington, D.C. area, and has worked as a dramatic arts teaching artist for the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop in Washington D.C.

[writopialab.org](http://writopialab.org)

# CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Where your reading adventure begins!

Featuring some of the top authors in children's literature, hands-on activities and interactive workshops, the Children's Village, sponsored by *Washington Parent* and *Activity Rocket*, offers an incredible program for all ages – from the newest book lovers to avid teen readers and writers.

Award-winning authors for children and teens will speak about their recent books and interact with audiences throughout the day in the **Jim Henson**, **Willa Cather** and **Ogden Nash** Pavilions. Each presentation will be followed by a book signing at Author Signing Area C, located in the Children's Village. Featured authors include:

- **Doreen Cronin** – Author of “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type” and “The Chicken Squad” series, including her latest, “Dark Shadows: Yes, Another Misadventure.”
- **Brian Floca** – Author-illustrator of the Caldecott-winning “Locomotive” and “Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11,” he’ll be featuring his newest book, “Princess Cora and the Crocodile.”
- **Kimberly Willis Holt** – Author of many award-winning novels for young adults and children, including “Dear Hank Williams,” “When Zachary Beaver Came to Town” and her latest, “Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Motel.”
- **Tom Lichtenheld** – Author of the popular “Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site” and its long-awaited *New York Times* best-selling sequel, “Mighty, Mighty Construction Site.”
- **Dave Roman** – Editor and creator of the Science Comics series that will feature 25 graphic novels, author/illustrator of the “Astronaut Academy” series and writer of the graphic novels “Teen Boat! Race for Boatlantis” and “Agnes Quill: An Anthology of Mystery.”
- **Salina Yoon** – Author/illustrator of nearly 200 books for children, including “Be A Friend,” “Penguin and Pinecone,” “Penguin on Vacation” and “My Kite is Stuck! And Other Stories.”
- **Michelle Knudsen** – Best-selling author of 45 books for young readers, her new book is the YA sequel, “Revenge of the Evil Librarian.”
- **Meg Medina** – Pura Belpré winner for YA novel “Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass” and picture book “Mango, Abuela and Me;” her latest novel is “Burn Baby Burn.”

Please see Author Presentation Schedule on pages 4 and 5 for full author schedule.

Featured author books are available for purchase in the **Politics & Prose Book Sales Tent**.



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**IMAGINATION STATION** is home to storytellers, puppeteers, jugglers, authors, and magic. All acts encourage reading, writing and a love of books.

**10 – 10:25 am**

**Mayor's Book Club Awards:** The Gaithersburg Mayor and Junior Mayor will present awards to the third grade student and class that read the most books in a four-week competition.

**10:45 – 11:15 am**

**Penny Theater:** Sponsored by the Quince Orchard Chapter of the Friends of the Library, Penny Theater will perform "Curious George" and "Little Red Hen."

**11:30 am – Noon**

**Twinbrook Tellers of the Dogwood 4H Club:** Young storytellers do old-fashioned storytelling, with no books or props in hand.

**12:15 – 12:55 pm**

**Silly Goose and Val Smalkin:** Ventriloquist Val Smalkin presents a fast-paced, humorous 40-minute musical treat with puppets, dancing, singing, and audience participation.

**1:15 – 1:45 pm**

**Shannon Phelan:** Once Upon A Pose, an imaginative adventure where children participate by acting out the story through yoga.

**1:55 – 2:25 pm**

**Nicolo the Jester of Nicolo Whimsey:** With his blend of poetry, music, juggling, comedy, character acting and audience participation, Nick Newlin performs as Nicolo the Jester of Nicolo Whimsey on stage and will present his 30-Minute Shakespeare series at his booth.

**2:45 – 3:25 pm**

**Book Club for Kids with Kitty Felde:** Watch a live, on-stage version of "Book Club for Kids," a 20-minute podcast where students from local schools will discuss Kimberly Willis Holt's novel, "Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Motel," with the author and a celebrity reader.

**3:50 – 4:20 pm**

**Metropolitan Ballet Theatre & Academy:** An original contemporary ballet program choreographed by Elizabeth Odell Catlett and Katerina Rodgaard is based on the poetry of Shel Silverstein.

**4:45 – 5:15 pm**

**InterAct Story Theatre:** Get into the act by participating in a riveting performance of "Mañana Iguana," a Spanish and English storytelling drama. InterAct Story Theatre combines storytelling, drama and song to explore world cultures. They will be on hand the whole day to provide information about their programs.

**5:35 – 6 pm**

**Story Tapestries, Inc. with Arianna Ross:** Eat your fill of stories with The Giggling, Wiggling Book Worm. Dance, Sing, Wiggle and Giggle as the book worm in you finds an exciting new story to read, write, draw, dance, make music, and of course tell other stories about. Discover the reader and writer in you!

## STORY HOUSE TROLLEY

(Located on Summit Avenue)

Climb aboard the Story House Trolley to explore books about trolleys, trains, cars, buses and more. The unique space will feature wooden trains and tracks, and crafts and costumes for creative selfies. Older kids should bring their knowledge of all things Hogwarts for a scavenger hunt throughout the Festival. Meet other wizards and uncover hidden clues in this literary game of magic.

## MULTILINGUAL STORY TIME!

Children ages 3-12 can settle in and listen to stories in multiple languages. Each story time is 20 minutes long.

**10 am** Spanish  
**10:30 am** Portuguese  
**11 am** Farsi  
**11:30 am** Amharic  
**Noon** French  
**12:30 pm** Spanish  
**1 pm** Spanish  
**1:30 pm** ASL (English)

**2 pm** French  
**2:30 pm** Spanish  
**3 pm** Farsi  
**3:30 pm** Spanish  
**4 pm** French  
**4:30 pm** Spanish  
**5 pm** French



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

We are pleased to collaborate with the many exhibitors and sponsors offering non-stop activities, crafts and games all day long.  
See Map on page 2 for locations.

## SPONSORED ACTIVITY BOOTHS

### Location

- KA D Book Club Kids Podcast
- KA C Candlewick Press/Where's Waldo?
- KA A Educational Enrichment Committee/City of Gaithersburg
- KA C Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
- KA A InterAct Story Theatre
- KA A Literacy Council of Montgomery County
- KA D Metropolitan Ballet Theatre & Academy
- KA D Modern Eyes, LLC
- KA A Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy
- KA A Montgomery College Early Childhood Education Club
- KA A Montgomery County Public Schools
- KA B National Federation of the Blind
- KA B Pets on Wheels
- KA D Scholastic Book Fairs
- KA A Spanish Catholic Center - Gaithersburg
- KA A St. Martin of Tours School
- KA D Story Tapestries LLC with Arianna Ross
- KA A The Judy Center
- KA B The Little Gym
- KA A The Rotary Club
- KA A The Universities at Shady Grove
- KA B Top Hat Montessori
- SA Story House Trolley (located on Summit Avenue)
- KA A Tiny Chefs
- KA A *Washington Parent*
- KA C Writopia Lab
- KA A Yogibo

## EXHIBITING AUTHORS

- CE A Penelope Aaron
- CE A Brian D. Bichy
- CE A James Burd Brewster
- CE B Mary Jane Cogan
- CE A Megan Cooper
- CE B Ruth Fitts
- CE B Lew Freimark
- CE B Cindy Goh
- CE A Lisa Hall
- CE B Danaece Terry Jeffery
- CE A Golzar Kheiltash
- CE B Michelle Lee-King
- CE B Joseph Moore
- CE B Joe T. Murphy, Jr.
- CE B Ann-Marie F. Neal
- KA D Nick Newlin
- CE B Daniel R. Pard
- CE B Miranda N. Prather
- CE B Dr. Eric Quarles
- KA D Silly Goose And Val Smalkin
- CE A Nicolette Stearns
- CE B Tambra Stevenson
- CE B Cara Via

## LITERARY MERCHANTS/GROUPS

- CE B Books in Spanish 4 Kids, LLC
- CE A Brush Quibbles
- CE B Everything Barefoot/Barefoot Books
- CE A Syncretic Press



# ADULT EXHIBITOR BOOTHS

See Map on page 2 for locations.

## PARTNER/SPONSOR BOOTHS

- Politics & Prose Book Store – Book Sales Tent
- The Writer's Center – Adult Workshops Tent
- Friends of the Library – Used Book Sale Pavilion
- Dawson's Market – Brew & Vine Café

### Location

- SP A Adventist HealthCare
- SP B Asbury Methodist Village
- CH Books with a Past (front of City Hall)
- AW Cat and Mouse Press/Nancy Sakaduski (at Adult Workshops tent)
- EX E C-SPAN Book TV
- SP A Comcast/Xfinity
- SP B Crown
- SP A Downtown Crown
- CH Gaithersburg Student Union (front of City Hall)
- SP A Grace United Methodist Church
- SP A Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg
- SP A Jehovah's Witnesses
- SP B Johns Hopkins University
- SP A LeafFilter Gutter Protection
- SP A Maryland Center for the Book at Maryland Humanities
- SP A Montgomery College
- SP B Montgomery County Public Libraries
- SP B Music Planet Radio
- SP A Navy Federal Credit Union, Gaithersburg
- SP A Patient First
- SP A Renewal by Andersen
- SP B RIO Washingtonian Center
- AW Syl Sobel (at Adult Workshops tent)
- SP B Spectrum Apartments
- SP B TD Bank
- KA A The Universities at Shady Grove
- CH Washington Independent Review of Books (front of City Hall)

## EXHIBITING AUTHORS

### Fiction

- EX E D. H. Aire
- EX A Lynn Almgor
- EX D Jean and Kathy Birmingham
- EX B Edward Allan Faine
- EX E Tom Glenn
- EX A Dawn Ibanez
- EX B E. L. Jefferson
- EX E Richard Morris
- EX A James Noll
- EX E Peter Paras
- EX E Brian Parker
- EX A Frances Powell
- EX E Kenneth Rogers Jr.
- EX A David L. Winters

### Non-Fiction

- EX A Teryl Baker
- EX B Adam Cohan
- EX D Dr. J. Robert DiFulgo
- EX A Lisa G. Eley
- EX B Cynthia Fain
- EX B Rodger Alan Friedman
- EX C Marcia Mabee
- EX B Debbie L. Parker, JD, CFP®
- EX E Jason Silverberg
- EX C Joreen Y. Sykes
- EX A Robert Uttaro
- EX C Carol K. Walsh

## YA AUTHORS

### Fiction

- CE A Penelope Aaron
- EX D Nimai Agarwal
- EX D D. J. Bell
- EX D Dr. J. Robert DiFulgo
- EX D Grant Goodman
- EX D Chelsea Mai
- KA C Nick Newlin
- EX D James Rada, Jr.

## MERCHANTS

- EX D Classic Booklovers
- EX B Novel Books
- EX C Read 'em and Steep

## LITERARY ORGANIZATIONS

- EX C aois21 publishing
- SP A Bookcrossing - BC in DC
- EX E Chessiecon
- EX A Jiva Daya Foundation
- EX A Maryland Writers Association
- EX B MD/DE/WV SCBWI



## FOOD VENDORS

### Summit Avenue

Better Than Carolina BBQ • Chix N Stix • Esan Food & Drink • Grapevine Restaurant  
Mesob on Wheels • Rock Creek Food Co. • South Meets East • Spud Nation  
Swizzler • Tasty Creations

### City Hall Parking Lot

Annie's Addiction • Bunny & the Bear Food Festival • Canela Bakery • The Ice Cream Lady

### Concert Stage Pavilion

Dawson's Market – Brew & Vine Café

# FEATURED AUTHORS

## Kim Alexander

"The Sand Prince"

**Genre: NF** **Moderating: 10:15** **Location: FSF**

Kim Alexander, author of two novels, began writing when she ran out of authors to interview (and they pulled the plug on her Sirius XM channel).

## Tyler Anbinder

"City of Dreams: The 400-Year Epic History of Immigrant New York"

**Genre: NF** **Speaking: 3:15** **Location: HLM**

Tyler Anbinder is the author of three books, and a history professor at George Washington University, where he teaches courses on the history of American immigration and the American Civil War. He also served as a historical consultant on Martin Scorsese's "The Gangs of New York."

## Jennifer Keishin Armstrong

"Seinfeldia: How a Show About Nothing Changed Everything"

**Genre: NF** **Speaking: 3:15** **Location: GS**

Jennifer Keishin Armstrong is the TV columnist for BBC Culture. She also writes for several other publications, including *The New York Times Book Review*, *Fast Company*, *Vulture* and *Billboard*.

## Adriana Arrington

"Bleed Through"

**Genre: F** **Speaking: 10:15** **Location: RC**

Adriana Arrington learned from an early age there are at least two sides to every story, and each deserves to be told. Formerly an IT consultant to the DoD, she now writes full-time.

## Hannah Lillith Assadi

**Genre: F** **Speaking: 12:15** **Location: EAP**

Hannah Lillith Assadi was raised by her Jewish mother and Palestinian father in Arizona. She received her M.F.A. from the Columbia University School of the Arts, where she was granted a Woolrich Award.

## Jami Attenberg

"All Grown Up"

**Genre: F** **Speaking: 2:15** **Location: FSF**

Jami Attenberg is a *New York Times* best-selling author of five novels, including "The Middlesteins," which has been optioned by Showtime. She has contributed essays to *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Guardian*.

## E. A. Aymar

"You're As Good As Dead"

**Genre: F** **Interviewing: 10:35** **Location: DH**

E. A. Aymar writes a monthly column for the *Washington Independent Review of Books* and is the managing editor of *The Thrill Begins* for the International Thriller Writers. His short fiction and non-fiction have appeared in a number of top crime fiction publications.

## Penelope Bagieu

"California Dreamin': Cass Elliot Before the Mamas & the Papas"

**Genre: NF** **Speaking: 12:15** **Location: FSF**

Pénélope Bagieu was born in Paris and is a best-selling graphic novel author. "Culottées," her graphic novel of short biographical sketches of daring women throughout history, debuted as the #1 best-selling graphic novel in France.

## Matthew Betley

"Oath of Honor"

**Genre: F** **Speaking: 12:15** **Location: DH**

Matthew Betley is a former Marine officer who deployed to Djibouti after September 11, and to Iraq prior to the surge. He graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH, with a B.A. in Psychology and minors in Political Science and Sociology.

## Brian Biggs

"Noisy Night"

**Genre: CH** **Speaking: 11:15** **Location: JH**

Brian Biggs is the illustrator of approximately one bazillion children's books, three of which he also wrote. Brian creates his pictures in an old, one-story garage studio in Philadelphia.

## Phil Bildner

"Rookie of the Year"

**Genre: CH** **Speaking: 3:15** **Location: JH**

Phil Bildner is the author of numerous children's picture books and two books in the middle grade Rip & Red series. He is also the co-creator of *The New York Times* best-selling middle grade chapter book serial, "Sluggers."

## Sidney Blumenthal

"Wrestling With His Angel: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln, 1849-1856"

**Genre: NF** **Speaking: 2:15** **Location: JM**

Sidney Blumenthal is the former senior adviser to President Bill Clinton and to Hillary Clinton. He has been a national staff reporter for *The Washington Post*, *Washington* editor and staff writer for *The New Yorker* and senior writer for *The New Republic*.

## Fred Bowen

"Outside Shot"

**Genre: CH** **Speaking: 3:15** **Location: JH**

Fred Bowen is the author of 22 action-packed books for kids. He also has written a weekly sports column for kids in *The Washington Post* since 2000.

## Michelle Brafman

"Bertrand Court"

**Genre: F** **Speaking: 4:15** **Location: EAP**

Michelle Brafman has received numerous honors for her fiction. She teaches in the Johns Hopkins University M.A. in Writing Program and recently became a PEN/Faulkner Writer in Schools author.

## Cesar Brioso

"Havana Hardball: Spring Training, Jackie Robinson, and the Cuban League"

**Genre: NF** **Speaking: 10:00** **Location: HLM**

César Brioso was born in Havana, Cuba and is a digital producer for *USA Today Sports*. He is a member of the Society for American Baseball Research and blogs about Cuban baseball history.

## Adam Brookes

"Spy Games"

**Genre: F** **Speaking: 1:15** **Location: DH**

Adam Brookes is a longtime journalist and foreign correspondent. While based in China, he was BBC's Beijing correspondent. His third novel, "The Spy's Daughter," will be published this summer.

### PAVILIONS:

**DH** Dashiell Hammett

**EAP** Edgar Allan Poe

**FSF**

**GS**

**HLM**

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**Gertrude Stein**

**H.L. Mencken**

**JH**

**Jim Henson**

**JM** James Michener

**ON** Ogden Nash

**RC**

**Rachel Carson**

**WC**

**Willia Cather**

# FEATURED AUTHORS

## Molly Brooks

"Flying Machines: How the Wright Brothers Soared"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 2:15 Location: JH**

Molly Brooks has an M.F.A. in Illustration from the School of Visual Arts. Her illustrations have appeared in *The Village Voice*, *The Guardian*, *The Boston Globe*, Sports Illustrated online and elsewhere.

## Eleanor Brown

"The Light of Paris"

**Genre: F Speaking: 11:15 Location: EAP**

Eleanor Brown is *The New York Times* and international best-selling author of "The Light of Paris" and "The Weird Sisters," and the editor of the forthcoming anthology, "A Paris All Your Own: Bestselling Women Writers on the City of Light."

## Austin S. Camacho

"Pyramid Deception: A Hannibal Jones Thriller"

**Genre: F Speaking: 10:00 Location: DH**

Austin S. Camacho is the author of six novels about Washington, D.C.-based private eye Hannibal Jones, five novels in the Stark and O'Brien series, and the detective novel, "Beyond Blue."

## Rick Campbell

"Ice Station Nautilus"

**Genre: F Speaking: 12:15 Location: DH**

Rick Campbell spent more than 20 years in the Navy, serving on four nuclear-powered submarines. Rick's fourth book, "Blackmail," will release in June 2017.

## Veronica Chambers

"The Meaning of Michelle: 16 Writers on the Iconic First Lady and How Her Journey Inspires Our Own"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 11:15 Location: HLM**

Veronica Chambers is best known for her critically acclaimed memoir, "Mama's Girl." She was a culture writer at *Newsweek*, an editor at *The New York Times Magazine* and the founding editor of Condé Nast's *Glam Latina*.

## Ruth Chan

"Georgie's Best Bad Day"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 10:15 Location: JH**

Ruth Chan is a children's book author and illustrator who loves cake just as much as her adorable cat Georgie. Originally from Canada, she now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with Georgie, and her dog, Feta.

## Jade Chang

"The Wangs Vs. The World"

**Genre: F Speaking: 2:15 Location: FSF**

Jade Chang, a journalist and editor, is the recipient of a Sundance Fellowship for Arts in Journalism and the James D. Houston Memorial scholarship from the Squaw Valley Community of Writers.

## Tara Clancy

"The Clancys of Queens,"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 1:15 Location: RC**

Tara Clancy's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Paris Review Daily* and *The New York Times Magazine*. She is a Moth GrandSlam winner and frequent host of The Moth Mainstage live shows.

## Jennifer Close

"The Hopefuls"

**Genre: F Speaking: 1:15 Location: FSF**

Jennifer Close is the best-selling author of "Girls in White Dresses" and "The Smart One." She worked for magazines in New York for many years and now teaches creative writing at George Washington University.

## Cerpe Colwell

"Cerpe's Up: A Musical Life with Bruce Springsteen, Little Feat, Frank Zappa, Tom Waits, CSNY, and Many More"

**Genre: NF Interviewing: 1:15 Location: GS**

Cerpe Colwell helped promote the early careers of Bruce Springsteen, Lowell George and Little Feat, Tom Waits, Bonnie Raitt, Frank Zappa and many other rock high fliers of the 20th century.

## Jen Conley

"Cannibals: Stories from the Edge of the Pine Barrens"

**Genre: F Speaking: 10:35 Location: DH**

Jen Conley's short stories have appeared in *Thuglit*, *Needle*, *Crime Factory* and many others. She has contributed to the *Los Angeles Review of Books* and is an editor of Shotgun Honey.

## Peter Cozzens

"The Earth Is Weeping: The Epic Story of the Indian Wars for the American West"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 4:15 Location: JM**

Peter Cozzens is the author of 16 critically acclaimed books on the Civil War and the American West. "The Earth is Weeping" made several best books of the year lists, including the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Seattle Times* and *Newsday*.

## Doreen Cronin

"Dark Shadows"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 11:15 Location: WC**

Doreen Cronin is the author of The Chicken Squad series and many other *New York Times* best-selling picture books, including "Duck for President" and the Caldecott Honor Book, "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type."

## Mary Dearborn

"Ernest Hemingway: A Biography"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 4:15 Location: HLM**

Mary Dearborn is the author of six books. She received a B.A. in English and Classics from Brown University and a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University.

## Keith Donohue

"The Motion of Puppets"

**Genre: F Speaking: 10:15 Location: FSF**

Keith Donohue is the author of five novels. "The Stolen Child" was a *New York Times* best-seller and his work has been named on several "best book of the year" lists.

## Jen Swann Downey

"The Ninja Librarians: Sword in the Stacks"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 11:15 Location: ON**

Jen Swann Downey is the author of two books in The Ninja Librarians series. She will be forever haunted by the *Twilight Zone* episode in which a book-lover finally has the time to read all the books he wants, but then steps on his one pair of eyeglasses.

## Stephanie Dray

"America's First Daughter"

**Genre: F Speaking: 3:15 Location: EAP**

Stephanie Dray is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling author of historical women's fiction. Her award-winning series about Cleopatra's daughter was translated into eight different languages. It's her mission to illuminate the stories of women in history and inspire the young women of today.

## Suzanne Feldman

"Absalom's Daughters"

**Genre: F Speaking: 2:15 Location: EAP**

Suzanne Feldman is the recipient of *The Missouri Review's* Jeffrey E. Smith Editors' Prize and a finalist for the Bakeless Prize in fiction. Her short fiction has appeared in *Narrative*, *The Missouri Review*, *Gargoyle* and other literary journals.

### Keith Fentonmiller

"Kasper Mützenmacher's Cursed Hat"

**Genre: F Speaking: 10:15 Location: FSF**

Keith Fentonmiller is a consumer protection attorney for the Federal Trade Commission. Before graduating from the University of Michigan Law School, he toured with a professional comedy troupe.

### Brian Flocia

"Princess Cora and the Crocodile"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 12:15 Location: JH**

Brian Flocia is the author-illustrator of the 2014 Caldecott Medal winner "Locomotive," the Robert F. Sibert Honor books "Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11," "Lightship" and "The Racecar Alphabet."

### Alexis Frederick-Frost

"Hocus Focus"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 1:15 Location: JH**

Alexis Frederick-Frost is co-author and illustrator of the critically acclaimed "Adventures in Cartooning" series. "Hocus Focus" is the latest in a series of genre expanding publications co-written and illustrated by Alexis.

### Sally Mott Freeman

"The Jersey Brothers: A Missing Naval Officer in the Pacific and His Family's Quest to Bring Him Home"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 3:15 Location: JM**

Sally Mott Freeman was a speechwriter and PR executive for 25 years before launching research for her book, "The Jersey Brothers." Sally is serving her fourth term as board chair of The Writer's Center.

### Frances Frost

"Mourning Calm"

**Genre: F Speaking: 10:00 Location: EAP**

Frances Frost is amazed by the new worlds, people and experiences one encounters in the pages of a book. She loves books that will make you laugh, cry, think and dream.

### Alex George

"Setting Free The Kites"

**Genre: F Speaking: 3:15 Location: FSF**

Alex George is the author of the national and international best-seller, "A Good American." In addition to writing books, Alex is also the founder and director of the Unbound Book Festival in Columbia, Mo.

### Maria Gianferrari

"Coyote Moon"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 12:15 Location: WC**

Maria Gianferrari was inspired to write "Coyote Moon" after her first coywolf sighting on a moonlit night in her own backyard. "Coyote Moon" is an ALA Notable Book and a Junior Library Guild Selection.

### Melvin A. Goodman

"Whistleblower at the CIA: An Insider's Account of the Politics of Intelligence"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 10:35 Location: JM**

Melvin A. Goodman was a Soviet analyst at the CIA and the Department of State for 24 years. Currently he is the director of the National Security Project at the Center for International Policy in Washington, D.C., and adjunct professor of government at Johns Hopkins University.

### Ben Greenman

"Dig If You Will the Picture: Funk, Sex, God and Genius in the Music of Prince"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 1:15 Location: GS**

Ben Greenman is a *New York Times* best-selling author and has written memoirs with George Clinton of Parliament-Funkadelic and Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys. His writing has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and elsewhere.

### Betty Hafner

"Not Exactly Love: A Memoir"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 11:15 Location: RC**

Betty Hafner writes a monthly book review column for *The Town Courier* in Montgomery County, MD. She was a teacher and counselor in high schools and colleges for 25 years and continues to lead workshops and facilitate groups.

### Mark Hannon

"Every Man for Himself"

**Genre: F Speaking: 2:15 Location: DH**

Mark Hannon is a retired firefighter who grew up in Buffalo, NY. "Every Man for Himself" is his first novel. His work has been published in *Peninsula*, *Scribble* and *The Baltimore Sun*, among others.

### Jessica B. Harris

"My Soul Looks Back: A Memoir"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 3:15 Location: RC**

Jessica B. Harris is one of a handful of African Americans to achieve prominence in the culinary world. She is considered one of the preeminent scholars of the food of the African Diaspora, and assisted the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture to conceptualize its cafeteria.

### Michael Hearst

"Curious Constructions"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 2:15 Location: WC**

Michael Hearst is a composer, multi-instrumentalist and writer. His most recent project is a three-part book series, "Unusual Creatures," "Extraordinary People" and "Curious Constructions."

### Katherine Heiny

"Standard Deviation"

**Genre: F Speaking: 4:15 Location: EAP**

Katherine Heiny is the author of "Single, Carefree, Mellow," a collection of short stories. Her fiction has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Ploughshares*, *Glimmer Train* and many other places.

### Peter Heller

"Celine"

**Genre: F Speaking: 4:15 Location: FSF**

Peter Heller is the best-selling author of "The Painter" and "The Dog Stars." He has an M.F.A. from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. An award-winning adventure writer and a longtime contributor to NPR, Peter is a contributing editor at *Outside* magazine, *Men's Journal* and *National Geographic Adventure*.

### Susan Higginbotham

"Hanging Mary"

**Genre: F Speaking: 3:15 Location: EAP**

Susan Higginbotham is the author of two works of non-fiction and six historical novels set in England and the United States. This most recent novel tells the story of the first woman to be hanged by the federal government.

### Nathan Hill

"The Nix"

**Genre: F Speaking: 11:15 Location: FSF**

Nathan Hill's debut novel, "The Nix," was named the #1 book of the year by Audible and *Entertainment Weekly*, and one of the year's best books by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and others.

### Gareth Hinds

"Samurai Rising"

**Genre: YA Moderating: 1:15 Location: JH**

Gareth Hinds is the creator of critically-acclaimed graphic novels based on literary classics, including "Beowulf," "King Lear," "The Merchant of Venice," "The Odyssey," "Romeo & Juliet" and "Macbeth."

#### PAVILIONS:

**DH** Dashiell Hammett

**EAP** Edgar Allan Poe

**FSF**

**GS** Gertrude Stein

**HLM**

**H.L. Mencken**

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

**Gertrude Stein**

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**JH**

**Jim Henson**

**JM**

**James Michener**

**ON**

**Ogden Nash**

**RC**

**Rachel Carson**

**WC**

**Willa Cather**

# FEATURED AUTHORS

## William Hogeland

"Autumn of the Black Snake: The Creation of the U.S. Army and the Invasion That Opened the West"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 4:15 Location: JM**  
William Hogeland writes and speaks on a variety of topics that illuminate connections between early American history and today's political and cultural struggles. He is the author of three books on founding U.S. history.

## Kimberly Willis Holt

"Blooming at the Texas Sunrise Motel"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 4:15 Location: WC**  
Kimberly Willis Holt is the author of many award-winning novels for young adults and children, including "When Zachary Beaver Came to Town," winner of a National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

## Amalie Howard

"The Fallen Prince"  
**Genre: YA Speaking: 10:15 Location: ON**  
Amalie Howard is the award-winning author of several young adult novels critically acclaimed by *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, *VOYA*, *School Library Journal* and *Booklist*.

## Garine Isassi

"Start with the Backbeat"  
**Genre: F Moderating: 2:15 and 3:15 Location: EAP**  
Garine B. Isassi's debut novel is a humorous exploration of race, class and musical genre in the 1980s music industry.

## Kay Redfield Jamison

"Robert Lowell, Setting the River on Fire: A Study of Genius, Mania, and Character"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 12:15 Location: HLM**  
Kay Redfield Jamison is a professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and co-director of the Johns Hopkins Mood Disorders Center. She is co-author of the standard medical text on manic-depressive illness and has written extensively about mood disorders, suicide, creativity and lithium.

## Sadeqa Johnson

"And Then There Was Me"  
**Genre: F Speaking: 2:15 Location: EAP**  
Sadeqa Johnson worked as a public relations manager with well-known authors such as JK Rowling, Bebe Moore Campbell, Amy Tan and Bishop TD Jakes before becoming an author.

## Paul Kahan

"Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 4:15 Location: GS**  
Paul Kahan is a historian whose work contextualizes contemporary political and social issues. He earned his Ph.D. from Temple University and is the author of five (soon to be six) books.

## Laura Kamoie

"America's First Daughter"  
**Genre: F Speaking: 3:15 Location: EAP**  
Laura Kamoie is a *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling author. She holds a doctoral degree in Early American History from The College of William and Mary and has published two books on early America.

## Erin Entrada Kelly

"Hello, Universe"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 3:15 Location: WC**  
Erin Entrada Kelly's debut novel, "Blackbird Fly," was a 2015 JLG Selection and SIBA Best Book of the South. Her second novel, "The Land of Forgotten Girls," received the APALA Award for Children's Literature, and was named one of the best contemporary books of 2016 by *Booklist*.

## Brigid Kemmerer

"Letters to the Lost"  
**Genre: YA Speaking: 1:15 Location: ON**  
Brigid Kemmerer is the author of the Elementals series, and has moved all over the United States, from the desert in Albuquerque, to the lakeside in Cleveland, and several stops in between.

## Christine Kendall

"Riding Chance"  
**Genre: YA Speaking: 2:15 Location: ON**  
Christine Kendall studied children's literature at the Southampton Writers' Conference and was named a semi-finalist in the 2014 River Styx Micro-Fiction Contest. "Riding Chance" is her first novel.

## Hena Khan

"Amina's Voice"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 4:15 Location: JH**  
Hena Khan is a picture book and middle grade author. Her recent middle grade novel, "Amina's Voice," has received starred reviews from *Kirkus*, *Booklist* and *School Library Journal*. Hena's picture book, "It's Ramadan, Curious George," made international headlines.

## Dana King

"Resurrection Mall"  
**Genre: F Moderating: 12:15 Location: DH**  
Dana King has two Shamus Award nominations for his Nick Forte books, "A Small Sacrifice" and "The Man in the Window." His new book, "Resurrection Mall," is the latest in his Penns River series.

## Caroline Kitchener

"Post Grad: Five Women and Their First Year Out of College"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 12:15 Location: RC**  
Caroline Kitchener is an author and journalist living in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Princeton in 2014 with a degree in History and Gender and Sexuality Studies. Her freelance work has appeared on *The Atlantic*, *Vox* and *The Guardian*.

## Michelle Knudsen

"Revenge of the Evil Librarian"  
**Genre: YA Speaking: 1:15 Location: ON**  
Michelle Knudsen is a *New York Times* best-selling author of 45 books for young readers. Her best-known book to date is the award-winning picture book, "Library Lion."

## Falynn Koch

"Bats: Learning to Fly"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 2:15 Location: JH**  
Falynn Koch has a Master's degree from Savannah College of Art and Design, and is a graduate of the International Culinary Center in New York City. She is the writer and illustrator of two books in the Science Comics series.

## Orly Konig

"The Distance Home"  
**Genre: F Speaking: 10:15 Location: RC**  
After years in the corporate world, Orly Konig took a leap into the creative world of fiction. She is the founding president of the Women's Fiction Writers Association and an active member of the Writers in the Storm blog.

## Nik Korpon

"The Rebellion's Last Traitor"  
**Genre: F Moderating: 2:15 Location: DH**  
Nik Korpon is the author of "The Rebellion's Last Traitor," "Queen of the Struggle" and "The Soul Standard," among others.

## Christina Kovac

"The Cutaway"

**Genre: F Speaking: 1:15 Location: DH**

Christina Kovac writes psychological thrillers set in Washington, D.C. She worked for 17 years managing Washington, D.C. newsrooms and producing crime and political stories in the District.

## Debbie Levy

"I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 1:15 Location: WC**

Debbie Levy is also the author of "We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song," "Dozer's Run: A True Story of a Dog and His Race" and a number of other titles. Before starting her writing career, she was a newspaper editor and a lawyer.

## Tom Lichtenheld

"Mighty, Mighty Construction Site"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 11:15 Location: JH**

Tom Lichtenheld doodled his way through school then worked as a sign painter, set designer, printer and art director. After a long career in advertising, he accidentally-on-purpose switched to creating children's books. His books are praised for their humor, expressive characters and rich detail.

## Laura Lippman

"Wilde Lake"

**Genre: F Speaking: 3:15 Location: DH**

Laura Lippman is a *New York Times* best-selling novelist who has won more than 20 awards for her fiction. She has published 20 novels, a novella and a collection of short stories.

## Jason Loewith

"The Director's Voice, Volume 2"

**Genre: NF Interviewing: 2:15 Location: GS**

Jason Loewith is the artistic director of the Olney Theatre Center, where he recently directed "Sweeney Todd," "Angels in America," and "Carousel," among others. Jason also won the Lucille Lortel and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best New Musical for "Adding Machine: A Musical."

## Greer Macallister

"Girl in Disguise"

**Genre: F Speaking: 4:15 Location: FSF**

Greer Macallister is a poet, short story writer, playwright and novelist who earned her M.F.A. in Creative Writing from American University. Her debut novel, "The Magician's Lie," was a *USA Today* best-seller, an Indie Next pick.

## Beth Macy

"Truevine: Two Brothers, a Kidnapping, and a Mother's Quest: A True Story of the Jim Crow South"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 1:15 Location: HLM**

Beth Macy is *The New York Times* best-selling author of "Truevine" and "Factory Man." Beth's work has appeared in national magazines and newspapers, where her reporting has won more than a dozen national awards.

## Lisa Martin

"Anton and Cecil: Cats Aloft"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 3:15 Location: WC**

Lisa Martin has worked as an educator and children's poet. "Anton and Cecil" is her first series for young readers, co-written with her aunt, Valerie Martin.

## Larry Matthews

"Age in Good Time"

**Genre: NF Moderating: 11:15 Location: RC**

Larry Matthews is the author of several books and a veteran of 35 years in broadcast journalism, working in radio and television in major markets and networks.

## Tom McAllister

"The Young Widower's Handbook"

**Genre: F Speaking: 3:15 Location: FSF**

Tom McAllister is an assistant professor in Temple University's First Year Writing Program and a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He is an editor at Barrelhouse and co-host of the Book Fight podcast.

## Kimberly McCreight

"The Scattering"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 4:15 Location: ON**

Kimberly McCreight is *The New York Times* best-selling author of "The Outliers" and "Reconstructing Amelia," which was nominated for Edgar, Anthony and Alex Awards and has been optioned for film by HBO and Blossom Films.

## Juana Medina

"Juana & Lucas"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 11:15 Location: WC**

Juana Medina was born and raised in Bogotá, Colombia. She teaches at the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design at George Washington University.

## Meg Medina

"Burn Baby Burn"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 2:15 Location: ON**

Meg Medina is a two-time Pura Belpré winner. "Burn Baby Burn" was named Best YA Book of the Year by NAIBA. In 2014, Meg was named one of the CNN 10 Visionary Women in America for her work supporting girls, Latino youth, and diversity in children's literature.

## Kate Messner

"Over and Under the Pond"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 12:15 Location: WC**

Kate Messner is an award-winning author whose books for kids have been *New York Times* Notable, Junior Library Guild, IndieBound and Bank Street College of Education Best Books selections. Kate spent 15 years teaching middle school and earned National Board Certification in 2006.

## Emily Jeanne Miller

"The News from the End of the World"

**Genre: F Speaking: 1:15 Location: EAP**

Emily Jeanne Miller earned her M.F.A. from the University of Florida and has received fellowships from Yaddo, The MacDowell Colony and The Sewanee Writer's Conference.

## Todd Moss

"Ghosts of Havana"

**Genre: F Speaking: 4:15 Location: DH**

Todd Moss is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development in Washington, D.C. Previously he served as deputy assistant Secretary of State, where he was responsible for diplomatic relations with 16 West African countries. He is the author of the Judd Ryker thriller series.

## Joan Nathan

"King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 4:15 Location: RC**

Joan Nathan is the author of 11 cookbooks. Her previous cookbook, "Quiches, Kugels and Couscous: My Search for Jewish Cooking in France," was named one of the 10 best cookbooks of 2010 by NPR, *Food and Wine* and *Bon Appétit* magazines.

### PAVILIONS:

**DH** Dashiell Hammett  
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**ON** James Michener  
Ogden Nash

**RC**

**WC** Rachel Carson  
Willia Cather

# FEATURED AUTHORS

## Christopher Silas Neal

"Over and Under the Pond"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 12:15 Location: WC**

Christopher Silas Neal is an award-winning author and illustrator of picture books and a regular contributor to *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*. His first book with Kate Messner, "Over and Under the Snow," was a 2011 New York Times Editor's Choice and an E.B. White Honoree in 2012.

## Jerdine Nolen

"Eliza's Freedom Road: An Underground Railroad Diary"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 1:15 Location: WC**

Jerdine Nolen is the author of many award-winning books. "Thunder Rose" is a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book, and "Eliza's Freedom Road" was an ALA/YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults nominee.

## Thomas Oliphant

"The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 2:15 Location: HLM**

Thomas Oliphant has been a correspondent for *The Boston Globe* since 1968 and its Washington columnist since 1989. He has appeared on ABC's *Nightline*, *NewsHour*, *Face the Nation*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America* and *CBS This Morning*.

## Maria Leonard Olsen

"Not the Cleaver Family: The New Normal in Modern American Families"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 10:00 Location: JM**

Maria Leonard Olsen is a biracial woman whose parents were forbidden by law to marry in Maryland in 1961. She is a lawyer, radio show host, journalist, writing retreat leader and author. She's written for *Bethesda Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *Washingtonian* and *Parenting*.

## Matthew Palmer

"Enemy of the Good"

**Genre: F Speaking: 4:15 Location: DH**

Matthew Palmer is a member of the Senior Foreign Service currently serving as the director for South Central Europe in the State Department's Bureau of European Affairs. Matthew has been posted overseas in Serbia and Cyprus and has served in a variety of positions in Washington, D.C.

## Herman Parish

"Amelia Bedelia Makes a Splash"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 10:15 Location: WC**

Herman Parish was in the fourth grade when his aunt, Peggy Parish, wrote the first Amelia Bedelia book. After Peggy passed away in 1988, Herman continued the classic character with more than 30 new books.

## Chuck Raasch

"Imperfect Union: A Father's Search for His Son in the Aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 4:15 Location: GS**

Chuck Raasch is a Washington correspondent for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Prior to that, he was a columnist and national correspondent for Gannett and *USA Today*.

## Seema Reza

"When the World Breaks Open"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 11:15 Location: RC**

Seema Reza coordinates a hospital arts program that encourages use of the arts as a tool for narration, self-care and socialization among a military population struggling with emotional and physical injuries. Her work has appeared in *Bellevue Literary Review*, *The Beltway Quarterly* and *HerKind*, among others.

## Caroline Tung Richmond

"The Darkest Hour"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 4:15 Location: ON**

Caroline Tung Richmond is the author of two YA novels. She also works as a freelance writer whose work has appeared in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Highlights for Children* and *USAToday.com*.

## Avis Yates Rivers

"Necessary Inclusion: Embracing the Changing Faces of Technology"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 10:35 Location: GS**

Avis Yates Rivers is the president and CEO of Technology Concepts Group International LLC. She has more than 35 years of general management experience in the information technology industry and has been a successful tech entrepreneur for more than 30 years.

## Dave Roman

Astronaut Academy series

**Genre: CH Moderating: 2:15 Location: JH**

Dave Roman is the editor and creator of the Science Comics series. He also is the author/illustrator of the "Astronaut Academy" series and the writer of other graphic novels. His latest project is the all-ages webcomic, "Starbunny, Inc."

## Joan Z. Rough

"Scattering Ashes: A Memoir of Letting Go"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 11:15 Location: RC**

Joan Z. Rough is a visual artist and writer. Her poetry has appeared in a variety of journals and is included in Mariflo Stephens' anthology, "Some Say Tomato."

## Leila Sales

"Once Was a Time"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 4:15 Location: JH**

Leila Sales is the author of the middle grade time-travel novel "Once Was a Time," as well as four YA novels. She also edits books for children and teens at Viking Children's Books.

## Ted Sanders

"The Keepers: The Harp and the Ravenvine"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 11:15 Location: ON**

Ted Sanders is the author of "The Keepers," a middle-grade series. His stories and essays have appeared in many publications, including *The Southern Review*, *Georgia Review* and *Gettysburg Review*.

## Dana Schwartz

"And We're Off"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 3:15 Location: ON**

Dana Schwartz is a writer whose work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Mental Floss*, *The Guardian*, the *New York Observer*, *MTV News* and *VICE*.

## Craig Shirley

"Reagan Rising: The Decisive Years, 1976–1980"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 1:15 Location: JM**

Craig Shirley is the author of four best-sellers on former U.S. President Ronald Reagan. He was named by the *London Telegraph* as "the best of the Reagan biographers."

## Mark K. Shriver

"Pilgrimage: My Search for the Real Pope Francis"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 10:35 Location: HLM**

Mark K. Shriver is president of Save the Children Action Network in Washington, D.C. He created the Choice Program and is a former Maryland state legislator.

### Dominic Smith

"The Last Painting of Sara de Vos"

**Genre: F Speaking: 11:15 Location: EAP**

Dominic Smith is the author of four novels, including "The Last Painting of Sara de Vos," a *New York Times* best-seller and a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice. Dominic's writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *The Atlantic Monthly*, the *Chicago Tribune* and *The New York Times*.

### Lindsay Smith

"A Darkly Beating Heart"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 10:15 Location: ON**

Lindsay Smith is the author of Cold War-era espionage novels "Sekret" and "Skandal," as well as the fantasy novel, "Dreamstrider." She writes on foreign affairs.

### Burt Solomon

"The Murder of Willie Lincoln"

**Genre: F Speaking: 11:15 Location: DH**

Burt Solomon, an award-winning journalist, is the author of "Where They Ain't," about the Baltimore Orioles of the 1890s. "The Murder of Willie Lincoln" is his first novel.

### David O. Stewart

"The Babe Ruth Deception"

**Genre: F Speaking: 11:15 Location: DH**

David O. Stewart has written three novels and four books of American history: "The Summer of 1787;" "Impeached;" "American Emperor" and "Madison's Gift."

### Susan Stockdale

"Fantastic Flowers"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 2:15 Location: WC**

Susan Stockdale is the author and illustrator of eight picture books that celebrate nature and have won awards from the American Library Association, Parents' Choice, the National Science Teachers Association and Bank Street College of Education.

### Brian W. Stolarz

"Grace and Justice on Death Row: The Race Against Time and Texas to Free an Innocent Man"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 2:15 Location: RC**

Brian W. Stolarz is an award-winning criminal defense attorney and best-selling author. His work has been profiled in *The Washington Post*, *The Houston Chronicle* and on the *Today Show*.

### J. Courtney Sullivan

"Saints for All Occasions"

**Genre: F Speaking: 1:15 Location: FSF**

J. Courtney Sullivan is a *New York Times* best-selling novelist. She has contributed to *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *New York* magazine, *Elle*, *Glamour*, *Real Simple* and *O: The Oprah Magazine*, among many other publications.

### David Swinson

"Crime Song"

**Genre: F Speaking: 2:15 Location: DH**

David Swinson is a retired police detective who served 16 years with the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department. He is the author of "The Second Girl," which was one of *The New York Times* and *Booklist's* best crime fiction books of 2016.

### Danielle Tate

"Elegant Entrepreneur: The Female Founder's Guide to Starting & Growing Your First Company"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 10:15 Location: GS**

Danielle Tate is the founder and CEO of MissNowMrs.com, a multimillion dollar online name-change company. She is an entrepreneur, author, sought-after speaker, wife and mother.

### Whitney Taylor

"Definitions of Indefinable Things"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 3:15 Location: ON**

Whitney Taylor is a YA writer that only speaks one language—fangirl. When she's not devouring books, she's taking selfies, obsessing over any TV show with a love triangle and eating too much McDonald's.

### Erin Teagan

"The Friendship Experiment"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 12:15 Location: ON**

Erin Teagan has a Master's degree in Science and worked in biochemistry labs for more than 10 years. She is an avid reader and an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

### Neely Tucker

"Only the Hunted Run"

**Genre: F Moderating: 1:15 Location: DH**

Neely Tucker is the author of three novels and a memoir. He has worked as a journalist for more than 30 years, the last 17 at *The Washington Post*.

### Sheila Turnage

"The Odds of Getting Even"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 4:15 Location: WC**

Sheila Turnage grew up on a farm in eastern North Carolina. She authored two non-fiction books and one picture book before she started writing about Mo LoBeau and Dale.

### Chris Van Dusen

"Hattie & Hudson"

**Genre: CH Speaking: 12:15 Location: JH**

Chris Van Dusen is the creator of many outstanding books for children, including "The Circus Ship" and "Randy Riley's Really Big Hit." He is also the illustrator of "President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath" by Mac Barnett, and the best-selling "Mercy Watson" series by Kate DiCamillo.

### Jack Viertel

"The Secret Life of the American Musical: How Broadway Shows Are Built"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 2:15 Location: GS**

Jack Viertel is the senior vice president of Jujamcyn Theaters, which owns and operates five Broadway Theaters, currently presenting "The Book of Mormon," "Groundhog Day," "Kinky Boots," "Amelie" and "Present Laughter."

### Booki Vivat

"Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom"

**Genre: YA Speaking: 12:15 Location: ON**

Booki Vivat has been doodling somewhat seriously since 2011 and not-so-seriously since childhood. She currently works in publishing and "Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom" is her first novel.

### Meredith Wadman

"The Vaccine Race: Science, Politics, and the Human Costs of Defeating Disease"

**Genre: NF Speaking: 11:15 Location: JM**

Meredith Wadman has covered the politics of medical research in Washington for 20 years. She is a reporter at *Science* and has formerly written for *Nature* and *Fortune*. Her opinion articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

### Jenni L. Walsh

"Becoming Bonnie"

**Genre: F Speaking: 10:15 Location: RC**

Jenni L. Walsh has spent the past decade enticing readers as an award-winning advertising copywriter. Her passion lies in transporting readers to another world, be it in historical or contemporary settings.

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# FEATURED AUTHORS

## Sharon Weinberger

"The Imagineers of War: The Untold Story of DARPA, the Pentagon Agency That Changed the World"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 12:15 Location: JM**  
 Sharon Weinberger is a national security writer focusing on science and technology issues and a 2011 Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellow, reporting on "War 2.0," the Pentagon investment in social network analysis. She is the national security editor at *The Intercept*.

## Ursula Werner

"The Good at Heart"  
**Genre: F Speaking: 10:35 Location: EAP**  
 Ursula Werner is a writer and attorney who has spent most of her professional life practicing law. She has published two books of poetry. "The Good at Heart" is her first novel.

## Carol Weston

"Speed of Life"  
**Genre: YA Moderating: 12:15 Location: ON**  
 Carol Weston has been an advice columnist at *Girls' Life* since 1994. Among her 16 books for kids, teens and adults are "Girltalk" and seven diary novels.

## Alison Wilgus

"Flying Machines: How the Wright Brothers Soared"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 2:15 Location: JH**  
 Alison Wilgus is a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based best-selling writer for comics and prose. She has upcoming graphic novels and non-fiction comics about aviation and human spaceflight. Her previous work has been published by *Dark Horse*, *Del Rey*, *Nickelodeon Magazine* and many others.

## Juan Williams

"We the People"  
**Genre: NF Interviewing: 1:15 Location: JM**  
 Juan Williams, a former White House correspondent at *The Washington Post* where he worked for more than 21 years, is a senior correspondent and talk show host at NPR. He is currently a political analyst for Fox News and cohost of the daily news roundtable show, "The Five."

## Jeff Wilser

"Alexander Hamilton's Guide to Life"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 12:15 Location: GS**  
 Jeff Wilser is the author of five books. His writing has appeared in *New York* magazine, *GQ*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *TIME*, *Glamour*, and many other publications. He has written about U.S. history, health, relationships, film, travel, monks and "Game of Thrones."

## Ru Xu

"NewsPrints"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 1:15 Location: JH**  
 Ru Xu received a degree in Sequential Art from the Savannah College of Art and Design. She is the creator of the popular webcomic "Saint for Rent." "NewsPrints" is her first graphic novel. Her favorite things include historical fiction, fat birds and coffee-flavored ice cream.

## Jennifer B. Yacovissi

"Up the Hill to Home"  
**Genre: F Moderating: 11:15 Location: DH**  
 Jennifer Bort Yacovissi is a member of PEN/America and the National Book Critics' Circle, and reviews regularly for both the Washington Independent Review of Books and the *Historical Novels Review* of the Historical Novel Society.

## Salina Yoon

"My Kite Is Stuck! And Other Stories"  
**Genre: CH Speaking: 10:15 Location: JH**  
 Salina Yoon is an award-winning author/illustrator of nearly 200 books for children, including "Penguin and Pinecone" and "Penguin in Love." She studied art and design at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA.

## Dan Zak

"Almighty: Courage, Resistance and Existential Peril in the Nuclear Age"  
**Genre: NF Speaking: 11:15 Location: GS**  
 Dan Zak is a general assignment feature writer for *The Washington Post*. He has written a wide range of news stories, narratives and profiles while on local, national and foreign assignments.

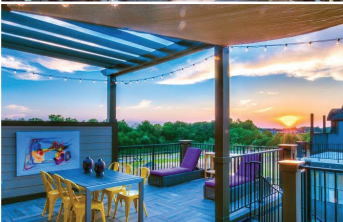


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