

ANNOUNCING THE 2022 VIRTUAL OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL!

The 16th Ohioana Book Festival is coming in April . . . and you're invited! Join us as we present the 2022 festival virtually from April 29 through May 1. As we have done for the past two years, we decided to present the festival in this format to keep everyone safe as the pandemic continues and to include as many authors as possible in the festivities.

We're delighted that we will still be able to share all the things you love about the Ohioana Book Festival, straight to your home in a virtual format: a fun-filled weekend featuring panel discussions, conversations, and readings. We'll also have a number of virtual outreach programs with community partners from all around Ohio leading up to the main event.

Terri Libenson, *New York Times* bestselling author, illustrator, and cartoonist, has created this year's official poster. Terri is just one of the



more than 110 Ohio authors and illustrators who will be featured in the festival's virtual programs. We're sure you'll see some of your favorites in this stellar lineup!

We'll be adding more festival news and information on our website, blog, newsletter, and social media—be sure to check them often!

And don't forget to mark your calendars now for April 29-May 1. We'll see you online as we celebrate sixteen years of the Ohioana Book Festival!

The Director's Chair

Dear Friends,

I love seeing the page on my calendar flip over to the month of March. It means that winter is winding down and spring will soon be here. For all of us at the Ohioana Library, it also means our biggest event of the year is just around the corner: the Ohioana Book Festival.

This year's festival is set for April 29-May 1. As you can see from our cover story, it will once again be an exciting celebration with some of your favorite Ohio authors and illustrators . . . and some new ones we know will be favorites in years to come!

We really thought we'd be able to present the festival as a live event once again. We have missed seeing you in person! But with the uncertainties due to the lingering pandemic, and our commitment to keeping everyone safe, we felt that the best option was to go virtual. As always, your patience and understanding have been truly appreciated.

FICTION

Bree Baker
Karina Bartow
Tom Batiuk
Janet Beard
Connie Berry
Kinley Bryan
Mary Ellis
Erin Flanagan
Amanda Flower
Nancy Herriman
Leanna Renee Hieber
Anna Lee Huber
Allegra Hyde
Barbara Kussow
Tracy Lawson
Olivia Matthews
Tiffany McDaniel
Tim McWhorter
Jess Montgomery
Emilia Rosa
E. F. Schraeder
Carter Sickels
Sara Siddiqui Chansarkar
Jamie-Lyn Smith
Jyotsna Sreenivasan
Don Tassone
Thirty Umrigar
TG Wolff
Robin Yocum

NONFICTION

Gloria G. Adams
Thomas Crowl
Raffaele Di Lallo
Christina Dorr
Michelle Fishpaw
Carole Genshaft
Marilyn S. Greenwald
Michael Griffith
John D. Harder
Wil Haygood
Mark Sebastian Jordan
Wendy Koile
Carolyn Bailey Lewis
Scott Longert
David Meyers &
Elise Meyers Walker
Bayyinah Monk-Nduaka
Mary Newman

Aimee Nezhukumatathil
Janet S. Shailer
Dorri Steinhoff
John Thorndike
Donte Woods-Spikes

POETRY

Pamela Anderson-Bartholet
George Bilgere
Marianne Chan
Darren C. Demaree
Pauletta Hansel
David Hassler
William Heath
Manuel Iris
Kip Knott
Paula J. Lambert
Wendy McVicker
Lucy A. Snyder
Myrna Stone
Laura Grace Weldon

MIDDLE GRADE AND YOUNG ADULT

Rachele Alpine
Lisa Amstutz
Chelsea Bobulski
Kristy Boyce
Gary Buettner
Mary Kay Carson
Sarah Anne Carter
e. E. Charlton-Trujillo
Sharon M. Draper
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Kerrie Hollihan
Brendan Kiely
Leigh Lewis
Terri Libenson
Allison Marks & Wayne Marks
Mindy McGinnis
Morgan E. Perryman
Bryan Prosek
Natalie D. Richards
Mar Romasco Moore
Julie K. Rubini
Jennifer Ann Shore
Tricia Springstubb
Sam Subity
Joe Sutphin

*Connecting Readers and Ohio
Writers.*

Ohioana's tagline says it all, and no event does this better than the Ohioana Book Festival! As we've said several times before, it's a book lover's dream. And it wouldn't be possible without the many authors, sponsors, donors, partners, and volunteers who play a part. Most of all, it would not be possible without YOU.

We'll see you in April!

David E. Weaver
Executive Director

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Regina Bond
Lindsay Bonilla
Marcy Campbell
Mark Darden
Keila V. Dawson
JoAnn Deak
Jeff Ebbeler
Becky Gehrisch
Jacob Grant
Andrea Hall
S. R. D. Harris

Will Hillenbrand
Kate Hoefler
Michelle Houts
Ryan Huntley
Dia Mixon
Nomar Perez
Rox Siles
Tracy Subisak
Donna Wyland

*Author lineup may change without notice

COMING SOON

Ohioana Book Club

March 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Ohioana Library, online event.

Ohioana Book Award-winning author Brian Alexander is the special guest as the club discusses his latest acclaimed book, *The Hospital: Life, Death, and Dollars in a Small American Town*. If you would like to attend this free virtual event, please email us at ohioana@ohioana.org.

Author Event: *I Thought I Heard a Cardinal Sing*

March 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m., The Mercantile Library, hybrid event.

Cincinnati's Mercantile Library hosts a reading and launch for *I Thought I Heard a Cardinal Sing: Ohio's Appalachian Voices*, a new anthology produced by Ohio Poet Laureate Kari Gunter-Seymour. More than twenty Ohio poets will be reading their work featured in the book, which will be for sale both at the library and online. The evening is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, visit <https://mercantilelibrary.com/calendar/i-thought-i-heard-a-cardinal-sing-book-launch-reading/>.

Author Event: Mindy McGinnis

March 27, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., The Book Loft of German Village, live event.

Award-winning author Mindy McGinnis discusses *The Last Laugh*, the sequel to her acclaimed YA thriller, *The Initial Insult*. This is an in-person event. For details and to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mindy-mcginnis-the-last-laugh-tickets-269039563577?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

Author Event: Margaret Peterson Haddix

March 30, 2022, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Main Library, live event.

Bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix discusses her latest middle grade novel, *The School for Whatnots*. Books will be available for purchase at this live event, which is jointly presented by the library and Cover to Cover bookstore. For more information, visit <https://ualibrary.libnet.info/event/6188378>.