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# WELCOME

Welcome to the 17th annual Ohioana Book Festival! We are delighted to serve as the Honorary Chairs of this year's event. The festival connects Ohio readers and writers together, and demonstrates the importance of reading for all ages.

With eight children and twenty-six grandchildren, we understand how important reading is, especially at a young age. Exposing children to literacy is critical to their development; science shows a child's brain is 80% developed by the time they turn three years old. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio is a free book gifting program that mails children one monthly age-appropriate book until their fifth birthday. It's available at no cost to all kids in Ohio between zero to five years old. It's one of many resources helping Ohio's littlest learners prepare to enter kindergarten ready.

We encourage you to visit <https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org> or stop by the Imagination Library table at this year's festival to start your future readers on the path to success. You may even inspire a child to become the next great Ohio author!

At this year's festival, we're joined by more than 130 Ohio authors and illustrators. Thank you for sharing your talents with all of us! You make all Ohioans proud. Equally important, Ohio is home to many incredible public libraries. We could not think of a more appropriate place to host this year's festival than the Columbus Metropolitan Library, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Congratulations!

And congratulations to the Ohioana Library Association for organizing this celebration every year since 2007. On behalf of all Ohioans, thank you.

We hope you enjoy this year's Ohioana Book Festival!

Mike DeWine  
Governor of Ohio

Fran DeWine  
First Lady of Ohio



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# OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL

April 22, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Columbus Metropolitan Library

Main Library – 96 S. Grant Ave.

Columbus, Ohio

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For the chance to win a Book Loft gift card or a grand prize of two tickets to the 2023 Ohioana Book Awards, please scan this QR code and complete a brief survey about your festival experience.



To learn more about the Ohioana Library's collection, programs, and other events, please visit:

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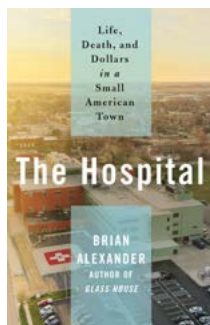
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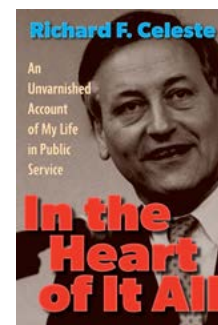
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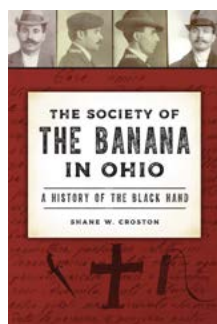
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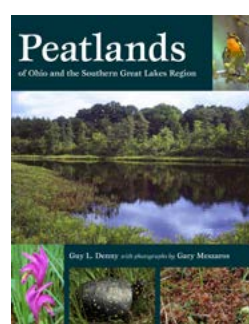
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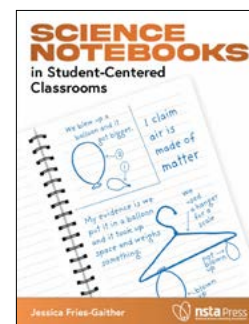
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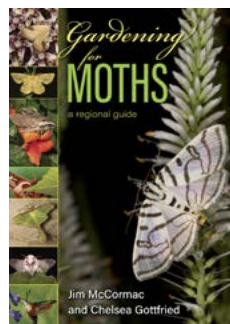
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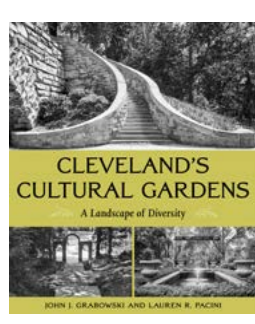
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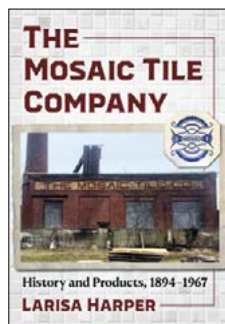
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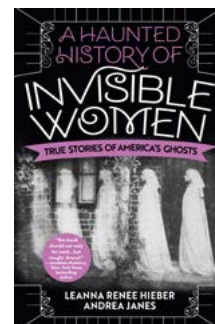
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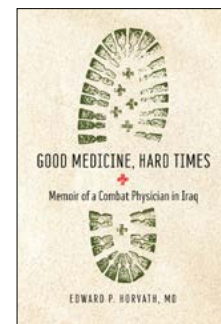
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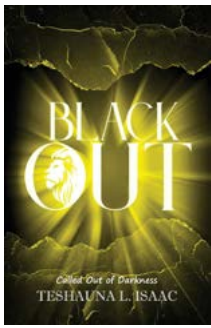
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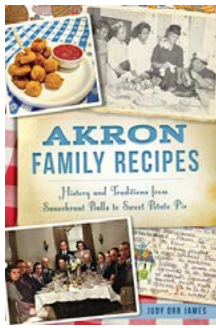
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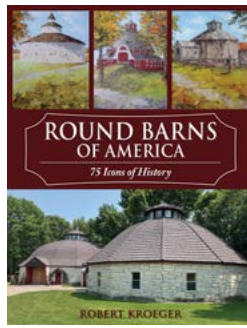
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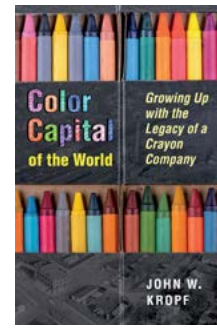
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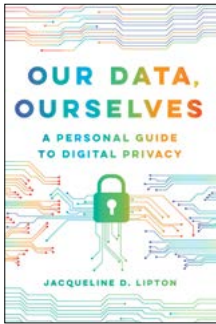
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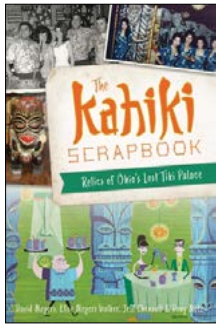
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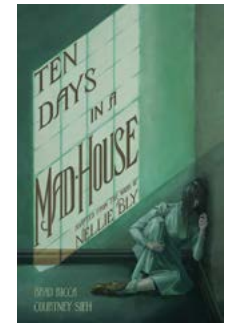
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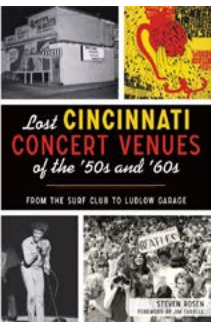
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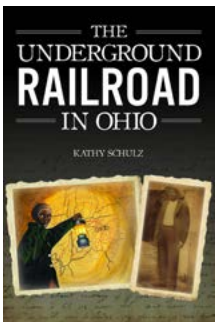
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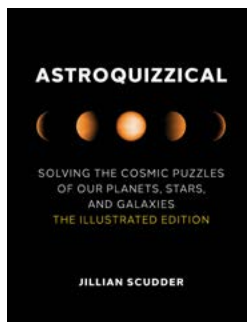
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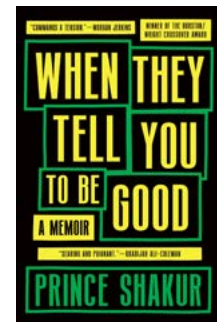
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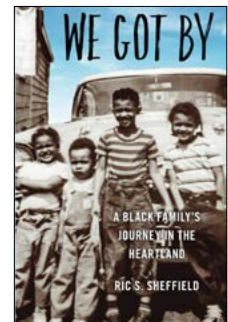
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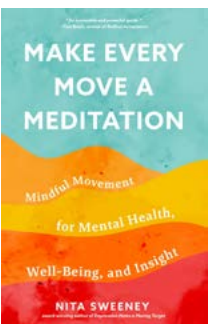
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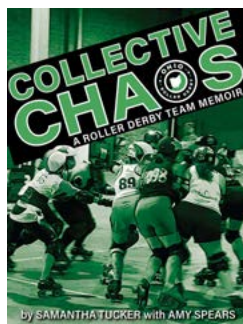
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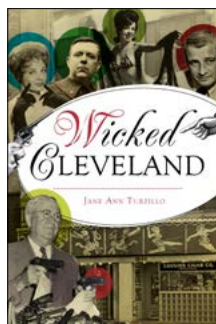
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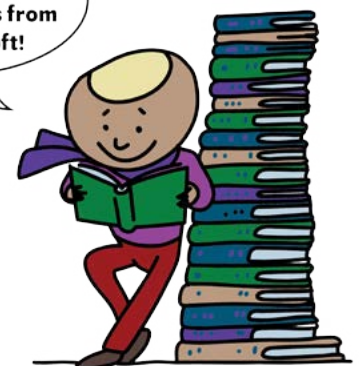


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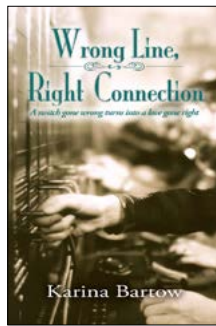


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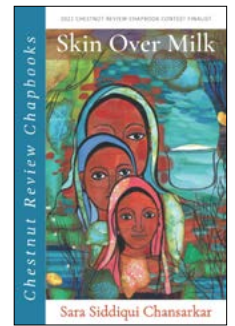




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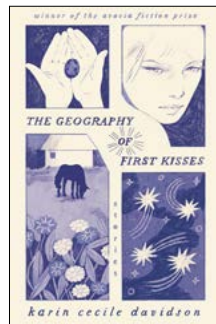
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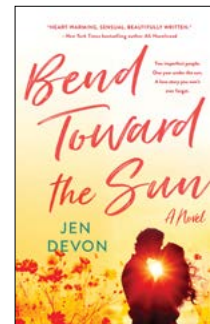
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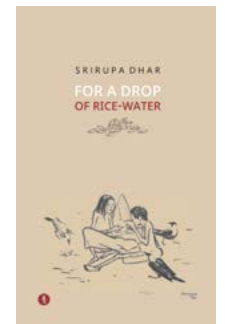
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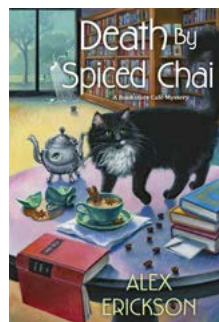
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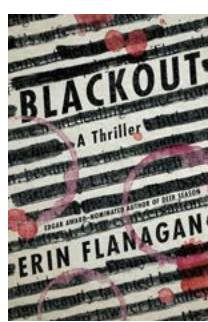
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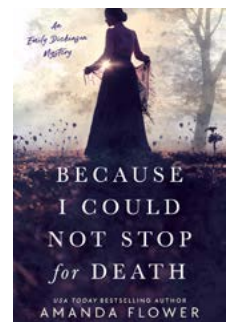
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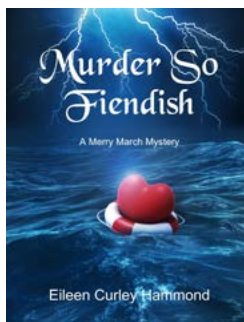
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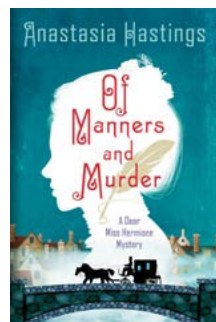
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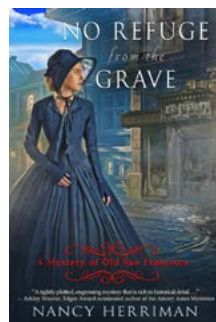
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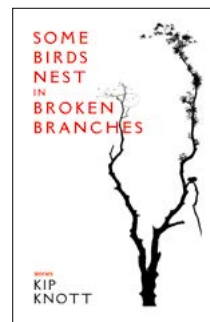
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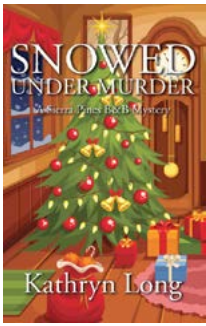


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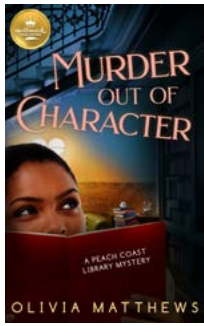


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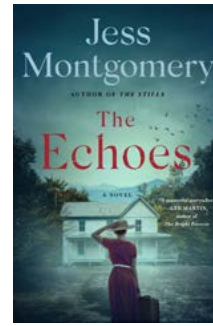
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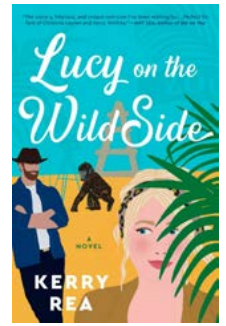
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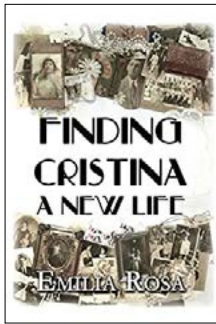
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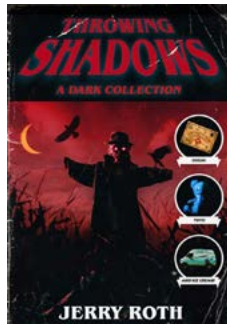
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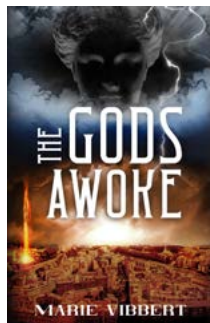
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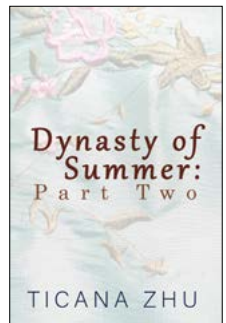
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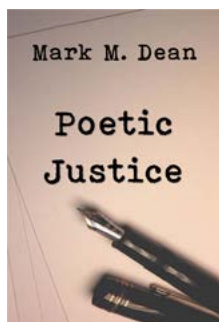
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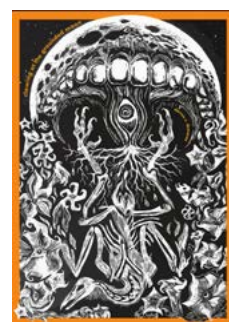
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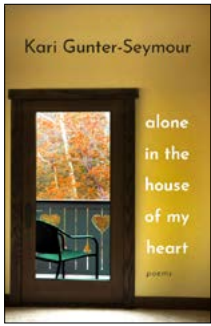
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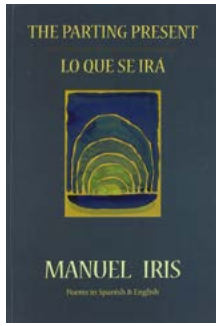
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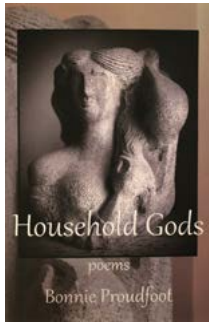
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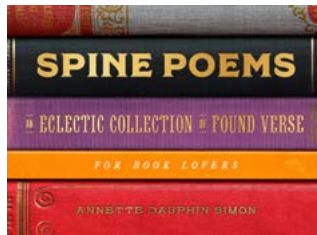
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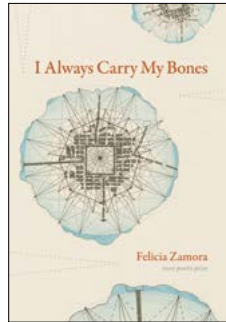
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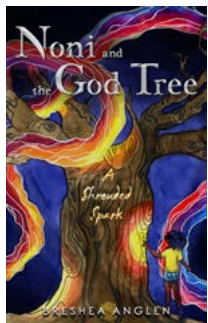
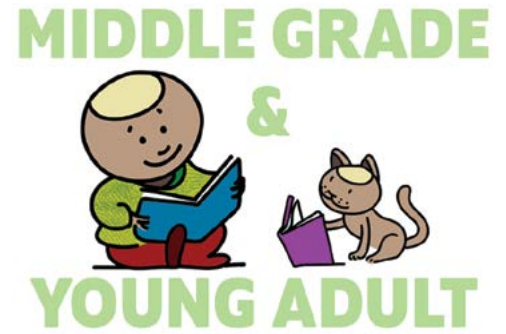
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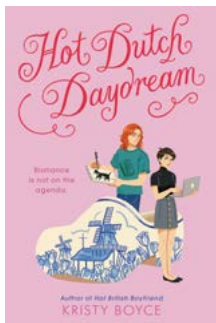
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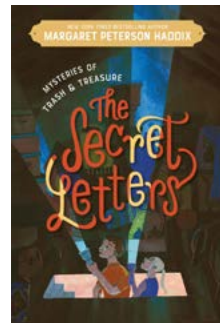
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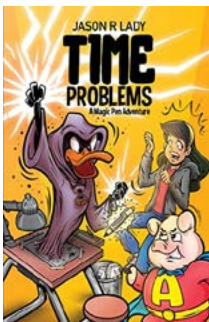
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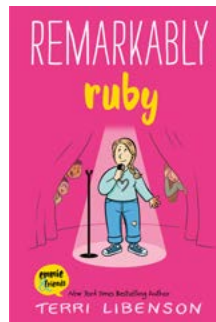
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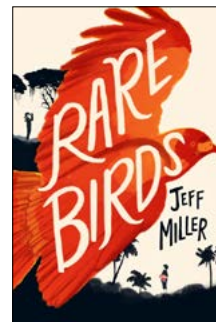
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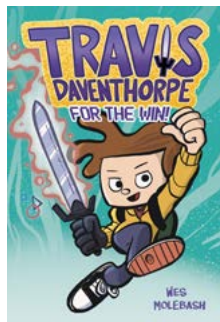
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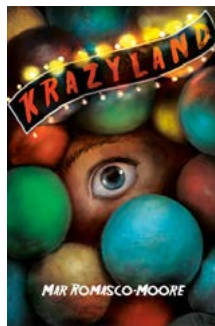




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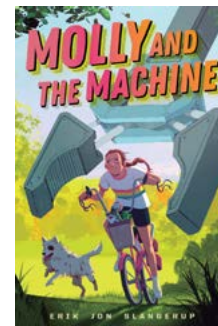
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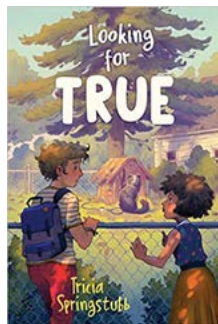
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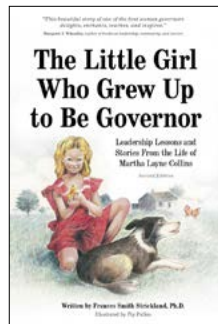
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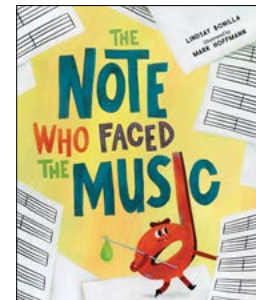
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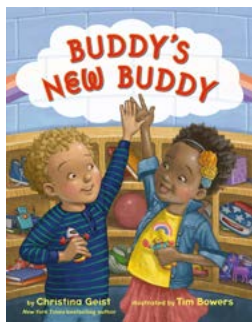
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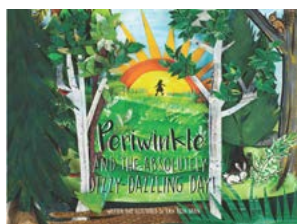
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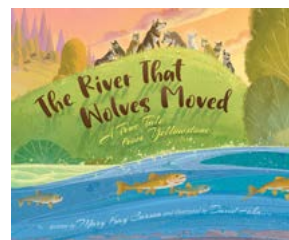
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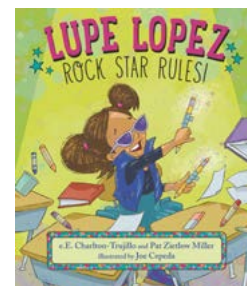
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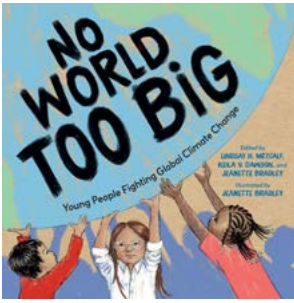


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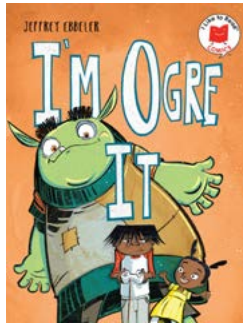


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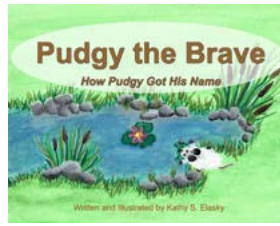




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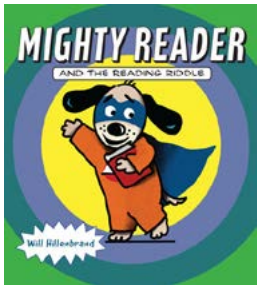
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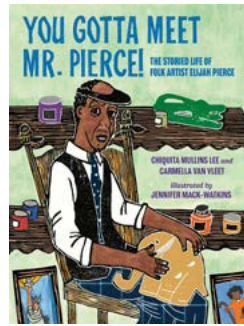
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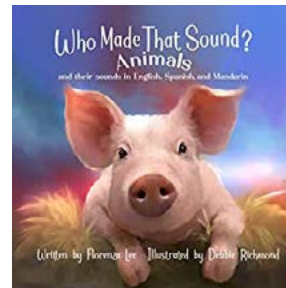
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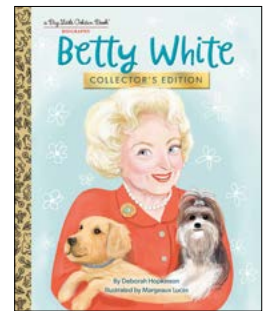
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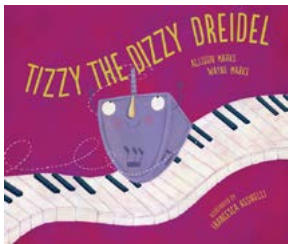
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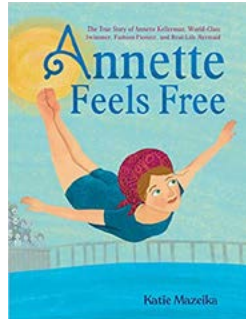
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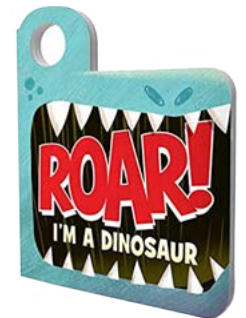
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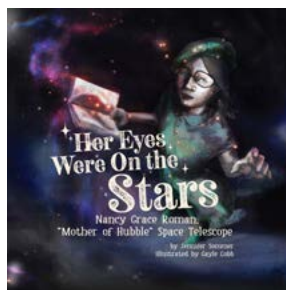
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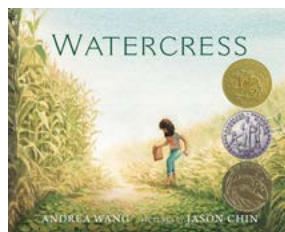
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## Author Readings

Stop by all day for short readings from your favorite Ohio authors of Middle Grade, Young Adult, Nonfiction, and Fiction books. (Lineup is subject to change.)

**11:15 a.m.:** Sara Bennett Wealer  
**11:30 a.m.:** Brian Michael Murphy  
**11:45 a.m.:** Frances Smith Strickland  
**12:00 p.m.:** Judy Orr James  
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**2:00 p.m.:** Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
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**2:30 p.m.:** Don Tassone  
**2:45 p.m.:** Srirupa Dhar  
**3:00 p.m.:** Ticana Zhu  
**3:15 p.m.:** Jillian Scudder  
**3:30 p.m.:** Josef Matulich  
**3:45 p.m.:** Brianna Wilkoff

**Presented by:**  
The Reinberger Foundation  
*Room 2A*

## Live Poetry Readings

The words of these poets will enchant and inspire you as they read from their books throughout the day. (Lineup is subject to change.)

**11:30 a.m.:** Felicia Zamora  
**12:00 p.m.:** Mark M. Dean  
**12:30 p.m.:** Adam J. Gellings  
**1:00 p.m.:** Kari Gunter-Seymour  
**1:30 p.m.:** Annette Dauphin Simon  
**2:00 p.m.:** Megan Neville  
**2:30 p.m.:** Darren C. Demaree  
**3:00 p.m.:** Emily Patterson  
**3:30 p.m.:** Elana Pitts  
**4:00 p.m.:** Bonnie Proudfoot  
**4:30 p.m.:** Manuel Iris

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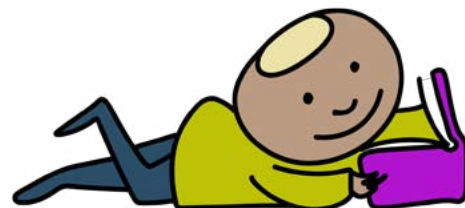
## WCBE Podcast Sessions

### ***Craft: The Show* Live Recordings**

Join host Doug Dangler for four live recording sessions of WCBE's *Craft: The Show* featuring Ohio writers and the exploration of creativity. (Lineup is subject to change.)

**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:** All About Roller Derby: Samantha Tucker & Amy Spears  
**12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.:** Debut Books: Jen Devon and Terreece M. Clarke  
**2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.:** In Conversation: Brian Alexander  
**3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:** Biographical Comics and Graphic Novels: Tom Batiuk and Brad Ricca

**Presented by:** WCBE  
*Room 3A*





# Kids' Room Activities & Storytimes



## All Day Activities

### Crafts

Balloon Twisting  
Character Visits  
Raffle & Giveaways

## Author & Illustrator Storytimes

12:00 p.m.: Wes Molebash  
12:30 p.m.: Lindsay Bonilla  
1:00 p.m.: Erin Alon Brain  
1:30 p.m.: Kathy S. Elasky  
2:00 p.m.: Jacob Grant  
2:30 p.m.: S. R. D. Harris  
3:00 p.m.: Florenza Lee  
3:30 p.m.: Jeffrey Ebbeler  
4:00 p.m.: Julie Whitney

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*Children's Area, 1st Floor*

Don't forget to visit  
your favorite  
authors & illustrators  
at their tables in the  
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on Level 2!



# Author Panels

## Book Signings: 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meet your favorite authors and get books signed throughout the festival.

**Presented by:** Greater Columbus Arts Council  
*2nd Floor, Reading Room*

## Session One: 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Historical Mystery:** A discussion with writers who fictionalize tales of mystery and suspense featuring real people, places, and periods in history.

[Amanda Flower](#), [Anastasia Hastings](#), [Nancy Herriman](#), [Jess Montgomery](#), [Emilia Rosa](#)

**Presented by:** Ohio Humanities  
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**Middle Grade Fiction:** Featuring a panel of veteran and debut authors of books for Middle Grade readers.

[Margaret Peterson Haddix](#), [Jeff Miller](#), [Stacy Nockowitz](#), [Erik Jon Slingerup](#), [Tricia Springstubb](#)

**Presented by:** Honda  
*Room 1A*

**Writing a Great Biography:** Four writers will reveal their processes and experiences in writing true stories about real-life people and events.

[Mark Dawidziak](#), [Leanna Renee Hieber](#), [Chiquita Mullins Lee](#), [Carmella Van Vleet](#)

**Presented by:** Ariel Corporation  
*Room 2B*

## Session Two: 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Ohio Road Trip:** Get some great ideas for an Ohio vacation during this discussion on food, attractions, and fun places to visit around the Buckeye State.

[Matthew Caracciolo](#), [Renee Casteel Cook](#), [John W. Kropf](#), [Steven Rosen](#)

**Presented by:** Ohio Humanities  
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**Writing LGBTQ+ Genre Fiction:** These four authors will explore the inclusion of LGBTQ+ characters and themes in genre fiction.

[Meredith Doench](#), [Mar Romasco-Moore](#), [Lucy A. Snyder](#), [Marie Vibbert](#)

**Presented by:** Honda  
*Room 1A*

**The Art of Picture Books:** A look into the creative processes of four talented Ohio author-illustrators.

[Tim Bowers](#), [Katie Mazeika](#), [Merrill Rainey](#), [Blythe Russo](#)

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## Session Three: 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Ohio Center for the Book Presents *Page Count***

**Live:** Join host Laura Maylene Walter for a live recording of OCFB's *Page Count* podcast, featuring Ohio writers' views on "Turning Points in a Writing Career."

[Mindy McGinnis](#), [Ric S. Sheffield](#), [Judith Turner-Yamamoto](#), [Andrea Wang](#), [Felicia Zamora](#)

**Hosted by:** Ohio Center for the Book  
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**All Are Welcome:** A celebration of community and inclusion in books for younger readers.  
[Frederick Luis Aldama](#), [Marcy Campbell](#), [e. E. Charlton-Trujillo](#), [Keila V. Dawson](#), [Samuel Narh](#)  
**Presented by:** Honda  
*Room 1A*

**Women’s Fiction:** Four bestselling and award-winning authors will talk about their work, their favorite female-focused reads, and why representation of fictional women as powerful protagonists is critical for women and girls today.  
[Erin Flanagan](#), [Jen Knox](#), [Kerry Rea](#), [Jessica Strawser](#)  
**Presented by:** Ariel Corporation  
*Room 2B*

### Session Four: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Cozy Mystery:** A fun chat about what makes a “cozy” mystery and why this genre is so enduringly popular.  
[Abby Collette](#), [Eileen Curley Hammond](#), [Kathryn Long](#), [Olivia Matthews](#)  
**Presented by:** Ohio Humanities  
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**Ohio History:** A look into the rich and varied history of the Buckeye State.  
[Larisa Harper](#), [David Meyers](#), [Elise Meyers Walker](#), [Kathy Schulz](#), [Jane Ann Turzillo](#)  
**Presented by:** Honda  
*Room 1A*

**Writing Genre Fiction for Middle Grade and Young Adult Readers:** Is your story a mystery, romance, fantasy, or something you’ve invented? These authors will give their tips on how to tell a great story no matter what genre it is, with a focus on writing for teens and tweens.  
[Breshea Anglen](#), [Kristy Boyce](#), [Cinda Williams Chima](#), [Jason R. Lady](#), [Bryan Prosek](#)  
**Presented by:** Ariel Corporation  
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### Session Five: 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Memoir:** Join four authors as they discuss writing personal narratives told from the vantage point of real-life experience.  
[Richard F. Celeste](#), [Edward P. Horvath](#), [Tashauna L. Isaac](#), [Prince Shakur](#)  
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**Writing About Nature:** These panelists will offer insights on writing about nature and the world around us, from gardens to rivers and everything in between.  
[Lisa J. Amstutz](#), [Mary Kay Carson](#), [Guy Denny](#), [Chelsea Gottfried](#), [Jim McCormac](#)  
**Presented by:** Honda  
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**Choose to Read Ohio – Floyd’s Pick:** Floyd’s Pick is an award presented in memory of children’s literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman, given annually to a book by an Ohio author or illustrator that is representative of high-quality literature created for children. Current and past Floyd’s Pick award winners and honorees will discuss their books, inspirations, and Floyd’s legacy.  
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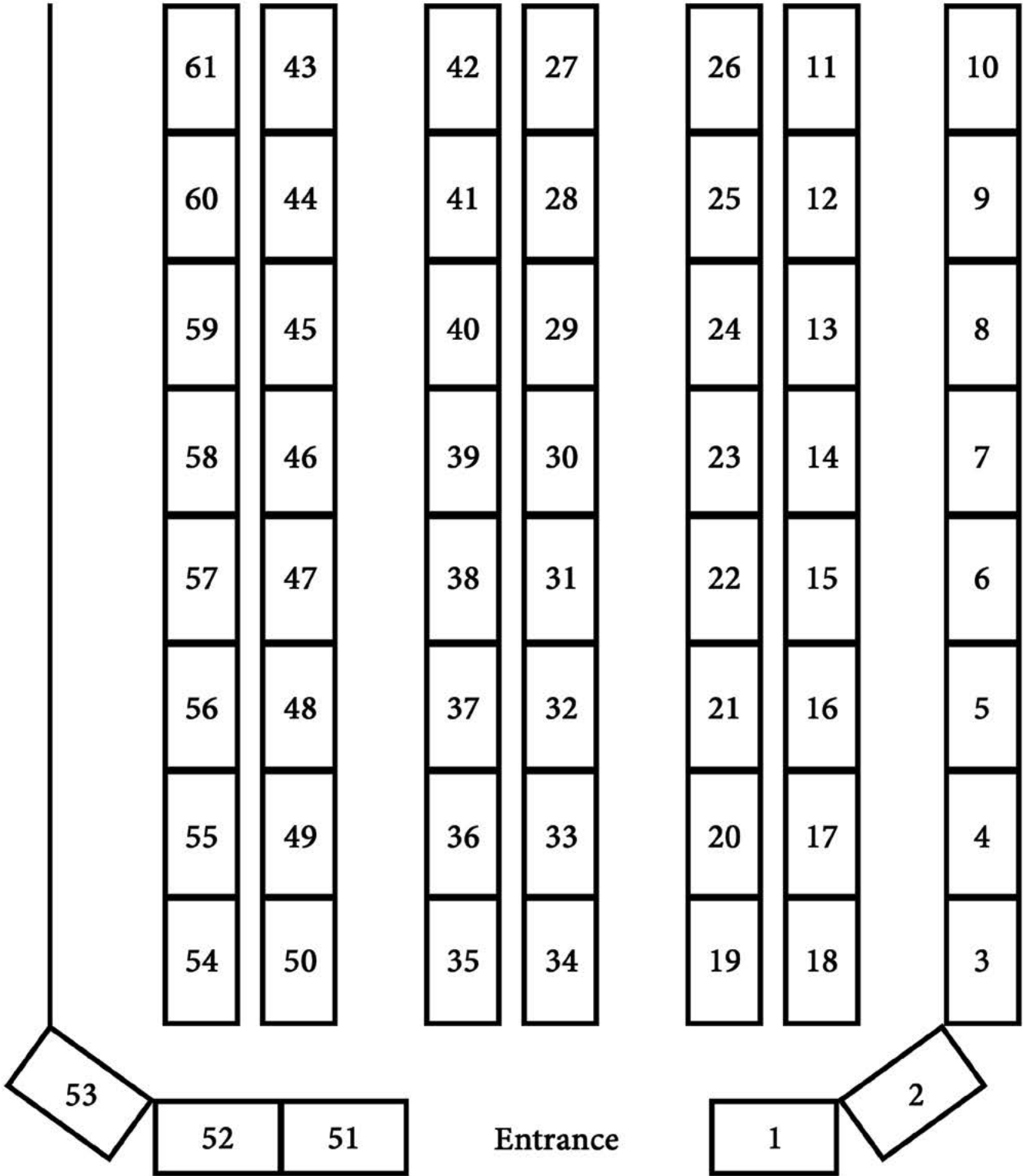
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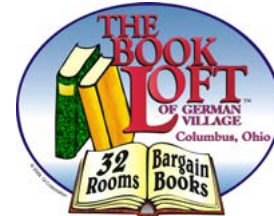
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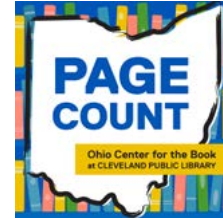
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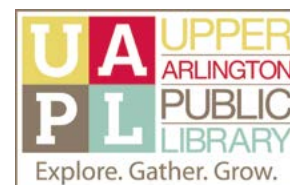
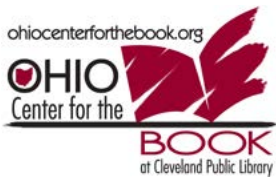
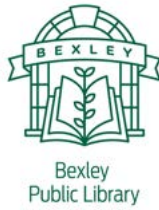


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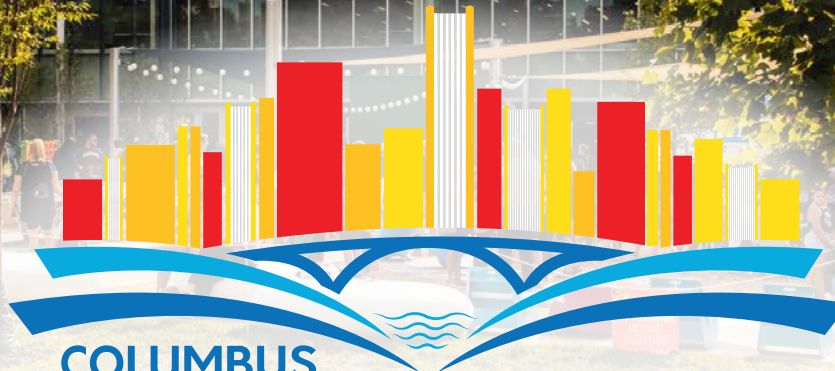
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