

# OHIOana LIBRARY

*Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers*

*April 2018*

## THE 2018 OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL

Love reading? Enjoy mingling with authors and other readers? Then the Ohioana Book Festival was made for you! And it's FREE!

The twelfth annual edition of the festival takes place at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square on Saturday, April 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets and no advance registration are required.

Whether you're new to the festival or a long-time attendee, we promise you'll have a great time: an all-day extravaganza that features panel discussions, activities for kids and teens, a huge book fair, food trucks, and more! And thanks to you, it's grown to become the state's largest event dedicated to Ohio authors and literature.

Speaking of Ohio authors—with 120 coming to the festival, you're sure to meet your favorites and also find new ones. This is your chance to learn firsthand what goes into your favorite fiction, nonfiction, and books for young readers—and get autographed copies while you're there! Yes, the Ohioana Book Festival is a book lover's dream!

### MEET THE AUTHORS

The stellar lineup of authors this year (check out the complete list starting on page 3) represents every genre from picture books to poetry, from novels to nonfiction. As we like to say, there is something for every reader of every age at the Ohioana Book Festival!



2018 Ohioana Book Festival poster designed by Christina Wald

Among the authors are more than a dozen Ohioana Book Award winners. And nearly twenty authors are featured from Choose to Read Ohio, a special collaborative project of the State Library of Ohio, Ohioana, and the Ohio Center for the Book that encourages everyone to "Read Together, Read Ohio, Read for Life."

We're excited that, in addition to many popular authors making return visits to the festival, we have twenty-eight authors who are making their first appearance with their debut books. It's always a thrill to introduce readers to the new authors who may soon become their favorites!

By the way, the Sheraton Columbus is not the only place you'll be seeing festival authors. Many of them will be doing outreach in the community during the week leading up to the main event—visiting schools and libraries, making appearances on radio and television, and other activities. We'll keep you posted on our website about these events.

## DIALOGUES & DISCUSSIONS

The heart of Saturday's program has always been the panels and roundtables. Festival goers tell us they love to hear authors talk about their books and discuss their creative process. Each discussion lasts forty-five minutes and includes ample time for questions from the audience.

Practically every literary genre is covered. We'll also present our annual roundtable on publishing—everything you wanted to know about getting your book in print! Check out pages 15-16 for the list of the panels and participating authors.

## FUN FOR KIDS

Our special "Kid's Room" is back and better than ever. Once again, we'll have a full day of activities just for kids, from crafts and games to building with Legos® to balloon twisting.

We'll also have visits throughout the day from the festival's children's authors, who will be reading stories, drawing pictures, and leading other fun creative things. And some special surprises, too!

## JUST FOR TEENS

For the third year, the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA) is proud to partner with Ohioana for the festival with special programming for the Teen Space. Activities will include a "makerspace" filled with exciting materials you can use to wonder, imagine, and create. School librarians will be on hand to guide you with these hands-on activities.



Readers and writers at the 2017 Ohioana Book Festival

In addition, the Teen Space will offer special sessions with a number of Ohio authors and illustrators who will discuss tips for writing and illustrating for publication. It lets the teens get up close and personal with these authors—to ask questions, get autographs, and take selfies.

## COME JOIN US!

*Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers.*

Ohioana Library's tagline says it all. And no event does this better than the Ohioana Book Festival! As we've said 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 wouldn't be possible without readers like you. The Ohioana Book Festival was created for you. And it exists because of you. We'll see you at the Sheraton Columbus on April 14!

For updates and further information, visit [www.ohioanabookfestival.org](http://www.ohioanabookfestival.org).

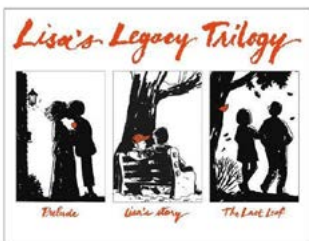


A lively panel discussion during the 2017 Ohioana Book Festival



# Festival Authors

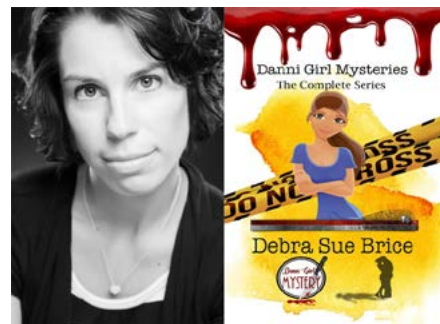
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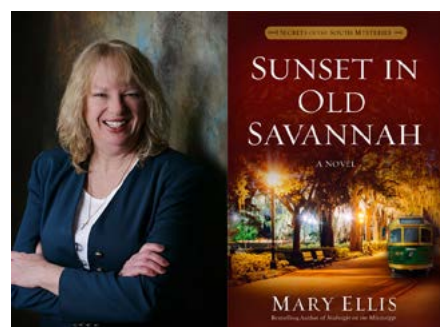
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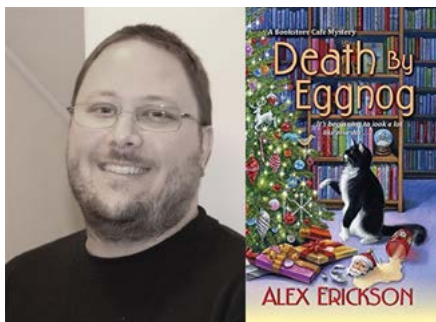
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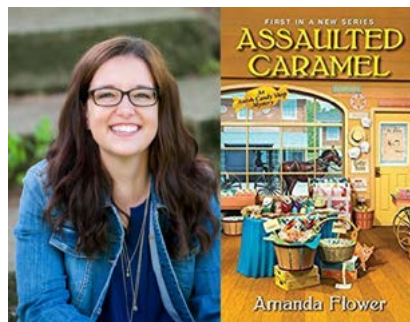
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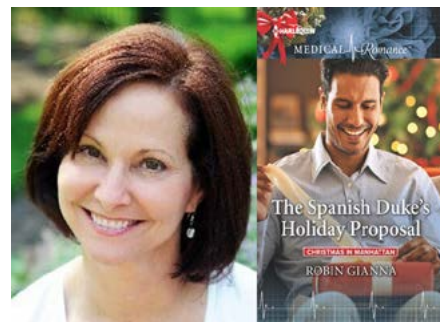
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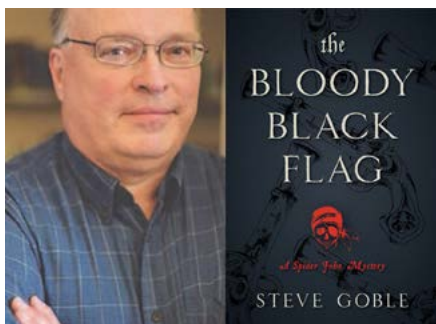
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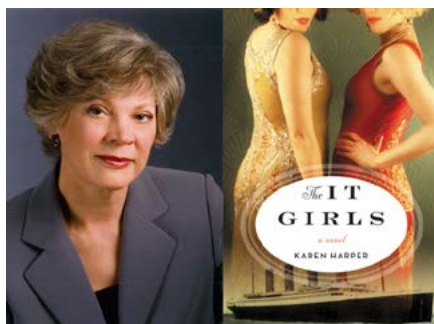
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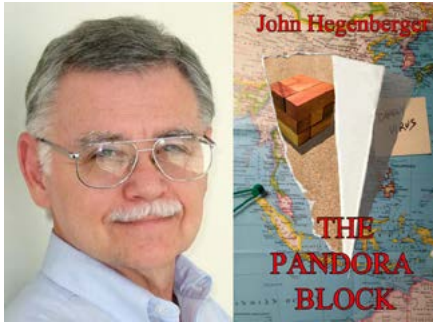


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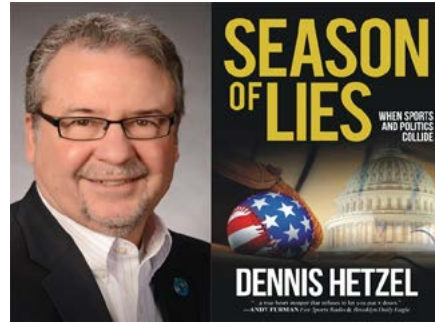
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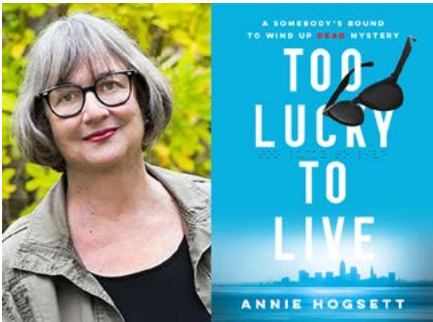
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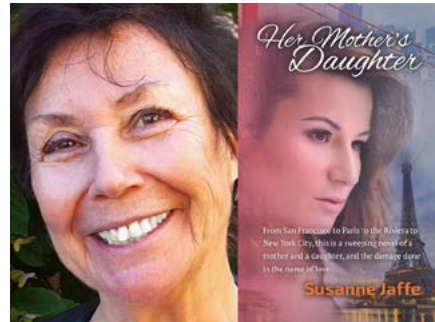
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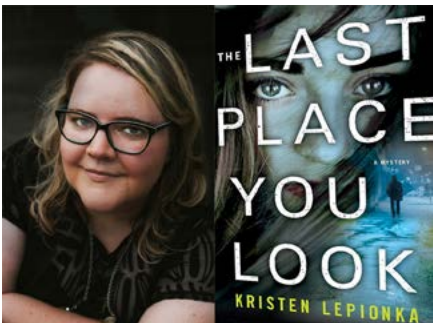
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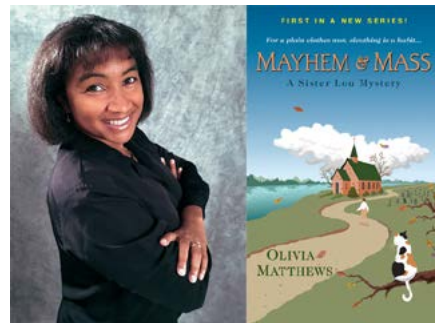
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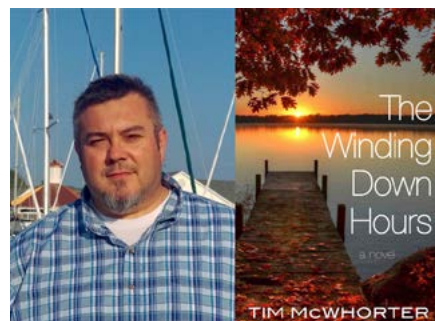
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Tiffany McDaniel



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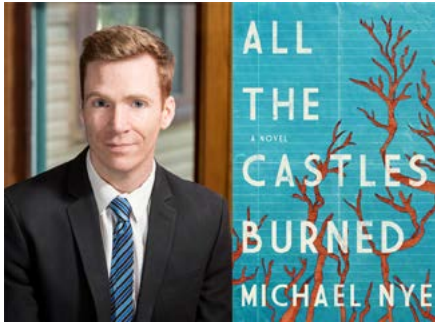


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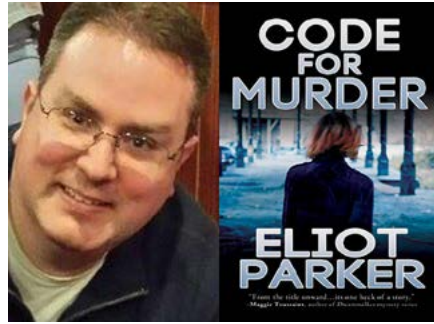
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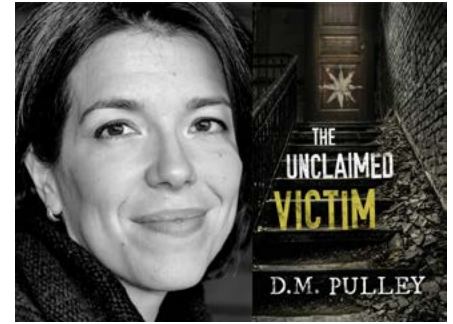
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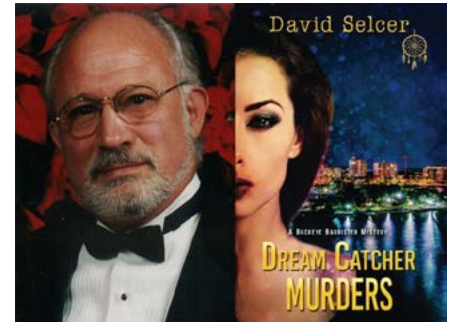
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David Selcer



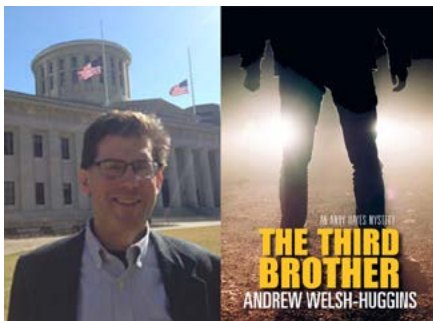
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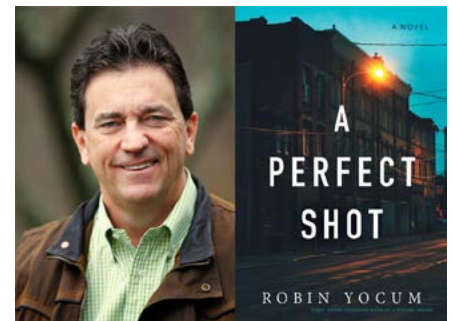
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Nick White



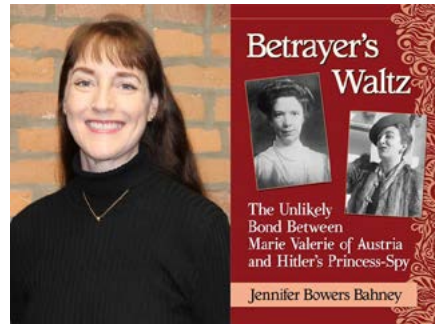
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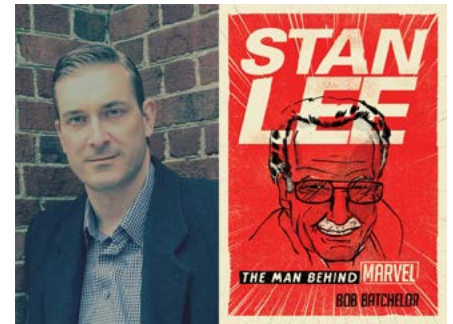
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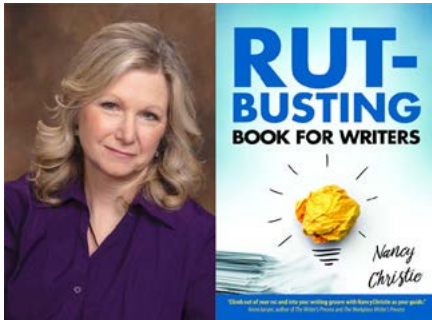
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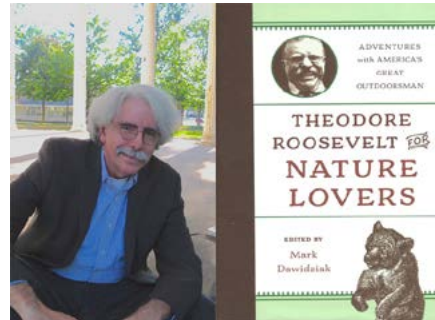
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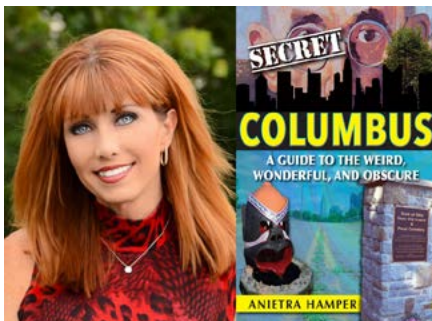
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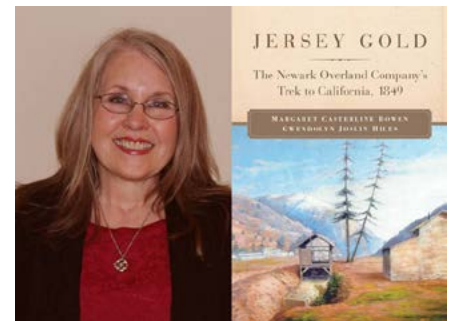
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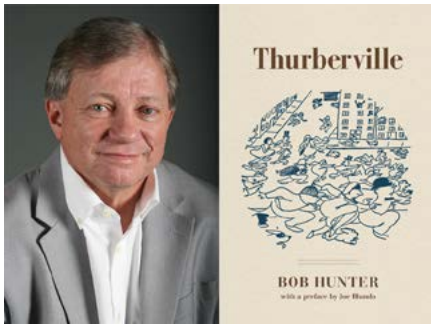
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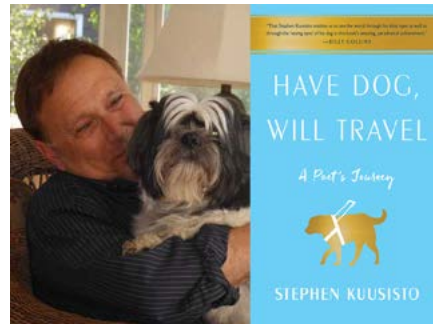
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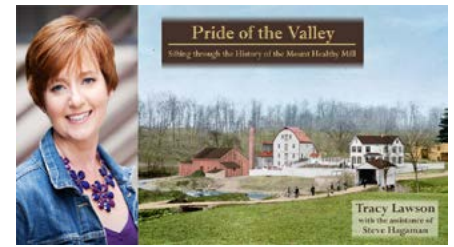
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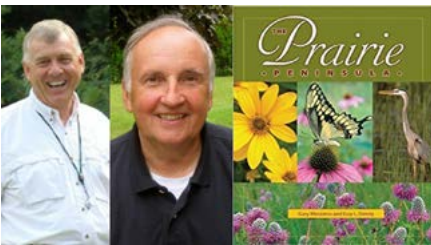
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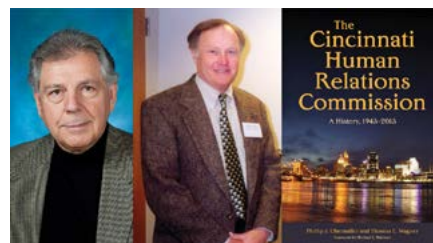
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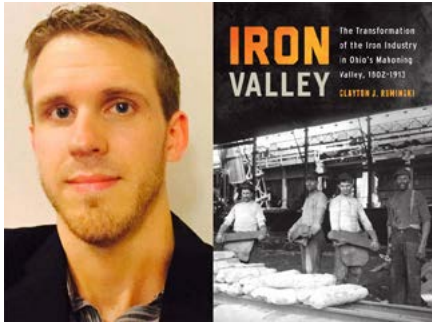
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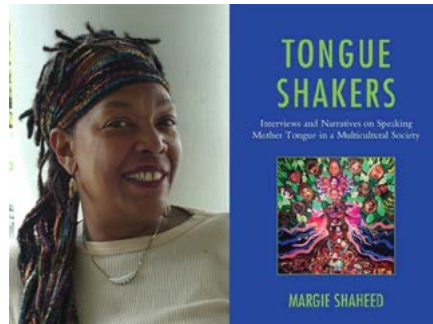
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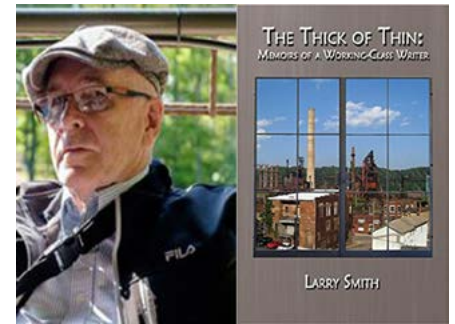
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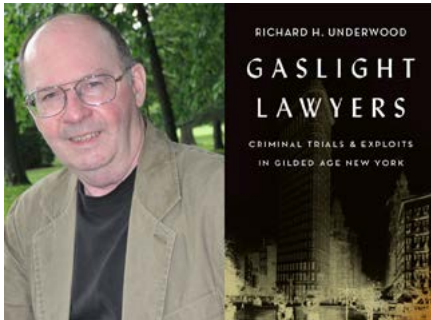
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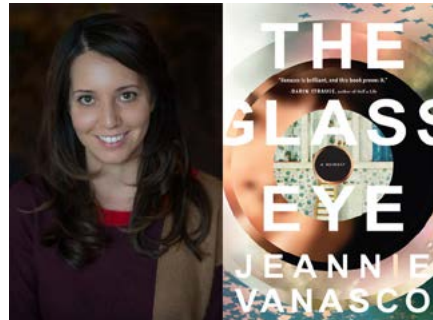
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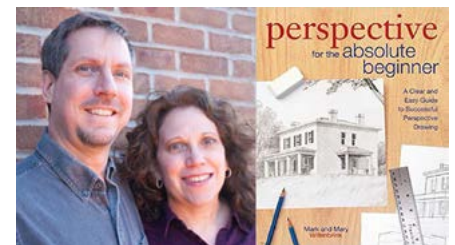
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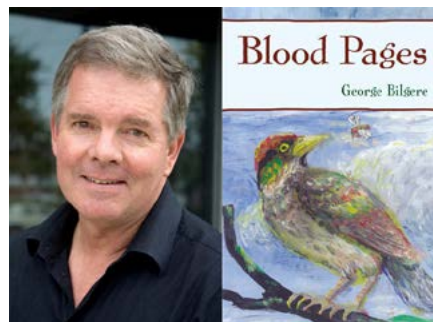


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## POETRY



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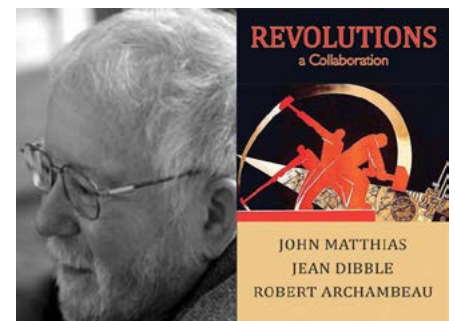
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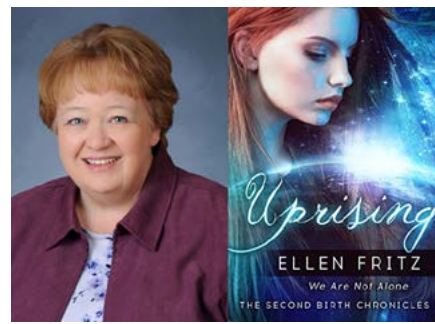
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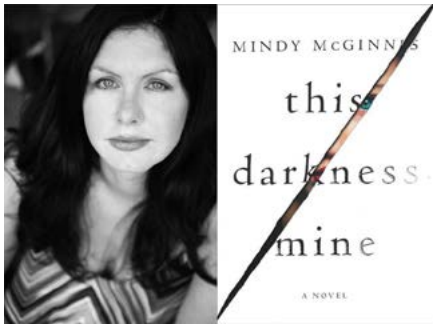
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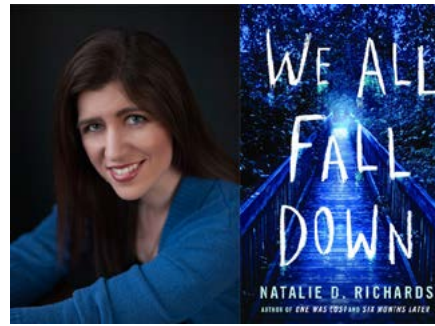
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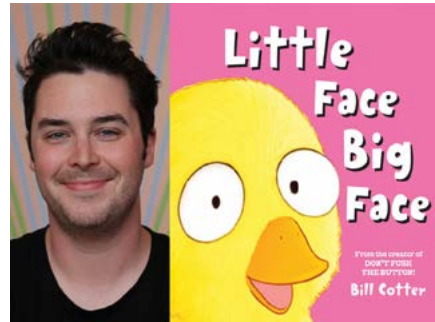


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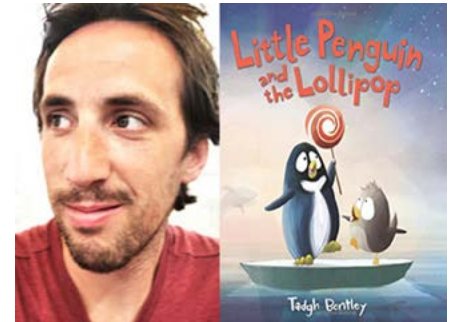
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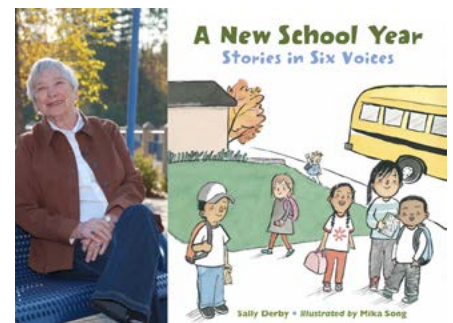
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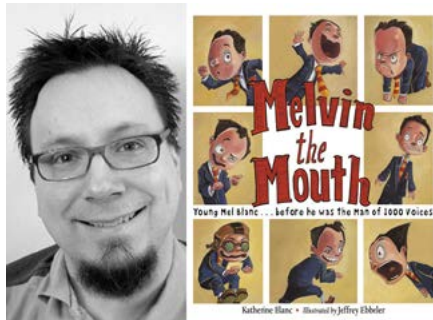
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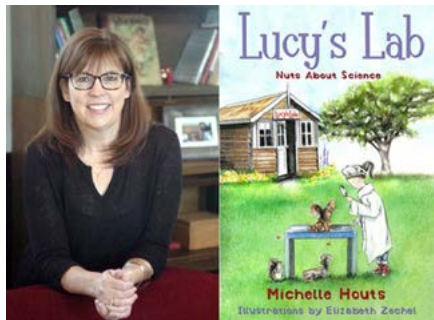
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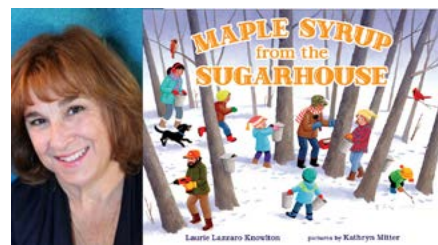
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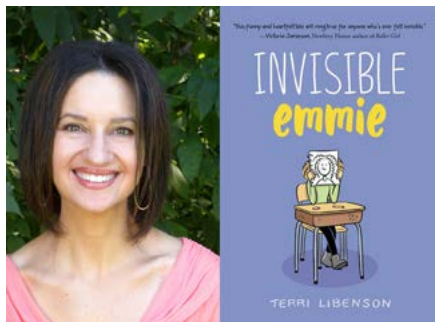
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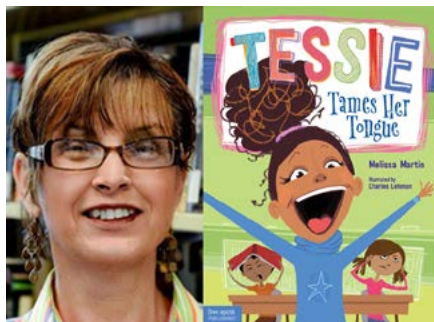
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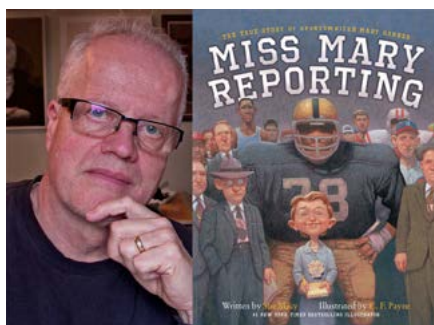
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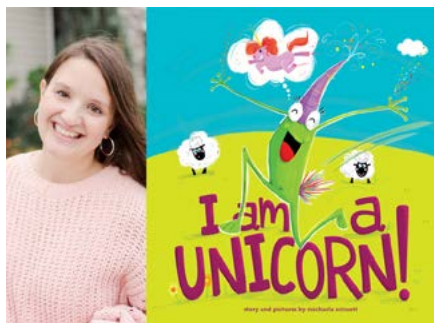
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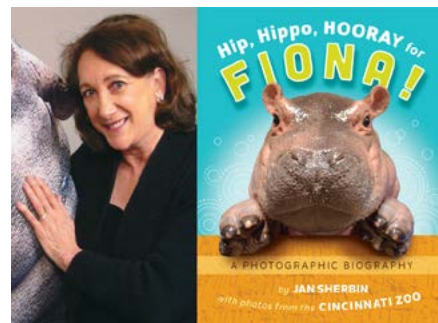
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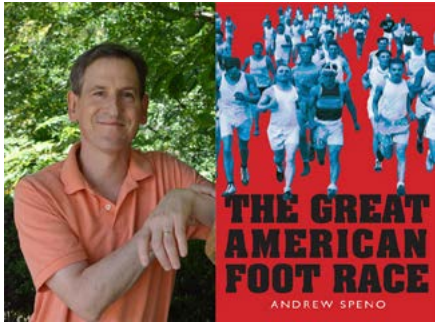
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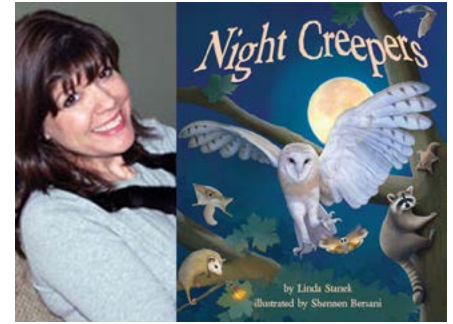
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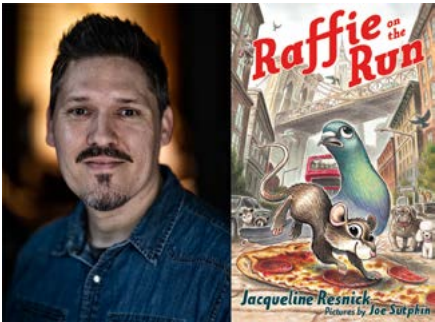
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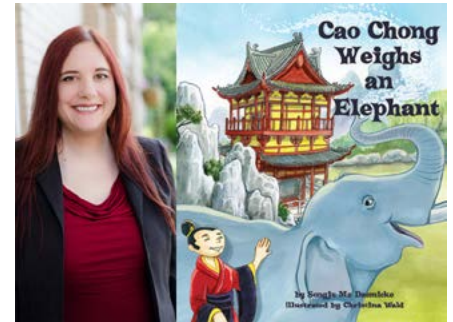
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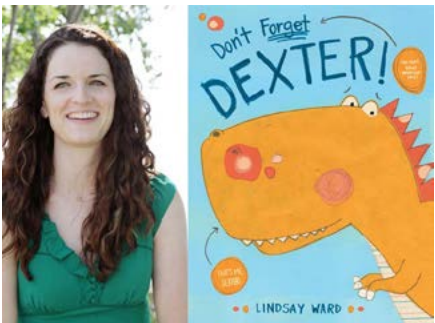
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# KIDS' ROOM



## **AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR VISITS**

- 11:00 Melissa Martin
- 11:20 Judy Carey Nevin
- 11:40 Christina Wald
- 12:00 Jeff Ebbeler
- 1:00 Lindsay Ward
- 1:20 Jan Sherbin
- 1:40 Bill Cotter
- 2:00 Michaela Schuett
- 2:20 Julie Seabrook Ream
- 2:40 Tadgh Bentley
- 3:00 Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton
- 3:20 Tamara Bundy

## **ALL DAY**

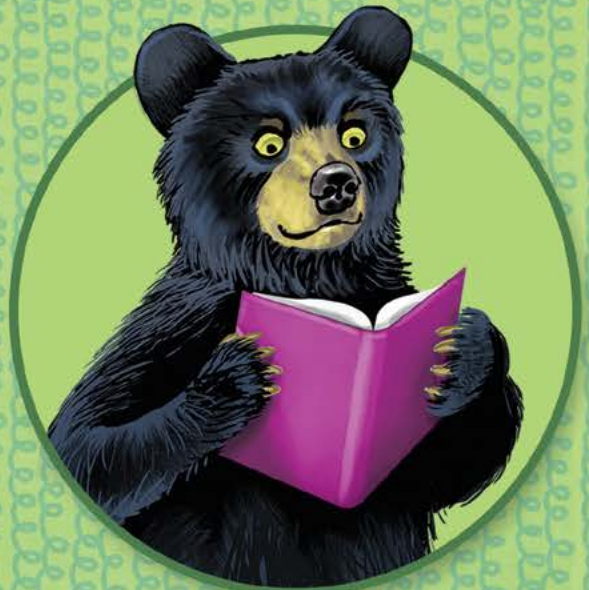
Crafts  
Lego Construction Zone  
Dress-Up  
STEM Activities  
Early Learning Area  
Character Visits

## **BALLOON TWISTING**

11:15 am - 4:15 pm

## **FACE PAINTING**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm





# TEEN SPACE

## SO YOU WANNA...

### ...MAKE SOMETHING COOL? 11:00-2:00

Our Makerspace is back and better than ever!  
Use your innovation to complete a maker design challenge  
or create something from your imagination! What will YOU make?



### ...BE A WRITER? 11:00-11:45

Listen to an expert panel of writers discuss  
the writing process, editing, and navigating the world of publishing.  
**WITH** Dee Garretson, Lorie Langdon, Jennifer Maschari, D.W. Vogel, & Mary Willenbrink

### ...MEET MARGARET? 12:00-12:45

Enjoy an exclusive session with renowned author Margaret Peterson Haddix,  
author of the new YA title *Summer of Broken Things*,  
as well as the wildly popular *Shadow Children* and *Children of Exile* series.



### ...BE AN ARTIST? 1:00-1:45

Learn from an expert panel of illustrators as they discuss  
all things connected to creating pictures for books.  
**WITH** Terri Libenson, Joe Sutphin, Christina Wald, & Mark Willenbrink

### ...MEET MINDY? 2:00-2:45

Revel in an exclusive opportunity with YA rockstar Mindy McGinnis,  
author of *This Darkness Mine* and *Given to the Earth*,  
as well as other blockbuster titles!



### ...MEET AN AUTHOR? 3:00-3:45

Spend a fast-paced, speed-dating session talking one-on-one  
with an outstanding selection of Ohio authors.

**WITH** Chelsea Bobulski, Carey Corp, Krysten Lindsay Hager, Natalie Richards, & Kerry Winfrey



# Author Panels & Roundtables

**10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Book Signings:** All Authors  
*Ballroom*

**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Ohio Sleuths:** A chat on some of the great fictional detectives based in Ohio.

Eliot Parker, David Selcer, Andrew Welsh-Huggins, Robin Yocum  
*Legislative Room A*

**Writing & Illustrating for Children, Part 1:** Writer and illustrator perspectives on creating books for young readers.

Mary Kay Carson, C.F. Payne, Julie K. Rubini, Andrew Speno  
*Legislative Room B*

**The Poet's Corner, Part 1:** A conversation with some of Ohio's greatest poets.

Ruth Awad, George Bilgere, Teri Ellen Cross Davis, John Matthias  
*House Room A*

**Gone to the Dogs:** A conversation about man's best friend, from inspiring stories of photographing rescue dogs to the selfless loyalty of canine service animals. Stephen Kuusisto, Susannah Maynard, Greg Murray  
*House Room B*

**Transcending Genres:** Writers discuss the differences in writing poetry, fiction, nonfiction, etc.

Karen Harper, Tracy Lawson, Margie Shaheed, Lucy A. Snyder  
*Executive Room C*

**12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**YA in the Spotlight:** A discussion with some of the best and brightest of Young Adult fiction writers.

Cinda Williams Chima, Josephine Rascoe Keenan, Kristina McBride, Mindy McGinnis  
*Legislative Room A*

**Close to Home:** Biographical and autobiographical stories of family.

David Giffels, Karen A. McClintock, Sarah Menkedick, Jeannie Vanasco  
*Legislative Room B*

**Debut Fiction:** These authors published their first novels in 2017 and 2018.

Annie Hogsett, Kristen Lepionka, Michael Nye, Nick White  
*House Room A*

**Fantastic Fiction:** Exploring the supernatural, urban fantasy, and fantasy/science fiction.

Laura Bickle, Jillian Kuhlmann, Susie Newman, Linda Robertson  
*House Room B*

**Ohio History:** From Cincinnati to Youngstown, riots to iron, an examination of Ohio's rich history.

Dan Mendéz Moore, Phillip Obermiller & Thomas E. Wagner, Clayton J. Ruminski  
*Executive Room C*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**The Impact of Pop Culture in Our Modern World:**

From reality star presidents to superhero movies – a conversation on how popular culture has influenced nearly every aspect of twenty-first century life.

Hanif Abdurraqib, Bob Batchelor, Mark Dawidziak, Dan Gearino  
*Legislative Room A*

**Cozy Mystery:** Grab a cup of tea and a furry friend and enjoy this chat about the cozy side of mysteries.

Debra Sue Brice, Amanda Flower, Olivia Matthews, Lisa Karon Richardson  
*Legislative Room B*



**1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (cont.)**

**Writing & Illustrating for Children, Part 2:** Writer and illustrator perspectives on creating books for young readers.

Tim Bowers, Emma Carlson Berne, Michelle Houts,  
Linda Stanek  
*House Room A*

**How We Write What We Write:** Every author has a different writing process – our authors will share some of theirs.

Gwendolyn Hiles, Tracy Lawson, Stephen Kuusisto,  
Larry Smith  
*House Room B*

**Healthy Mind, Healthy Body:** Eating healthy, exercise, and a healthful mindset go hand in hand. These authors discuss how to find ways to do all those things and live your best life.

Stacy Windahl, Jill A. Grunenwald, Stephanie Romine  
*Executive Room C*

**2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**The Creative Life**

Tom Batiuk, David Giffels, Susanne Jaffe, Margie Shaheed  
*Legislative Room A*

**Historical Thrills:** The world of historical fiction.

Casey Daniels, Steve Goble, Karen Harper, D.M. Pulley  
*Legislative Room B*

**The Poet's Corner, Part 2:** A conversation with some of Ohio's greatest poets.

Darren C. Demaree, Kathy Fagan, Michael J. Rosen,  
Rikki Santer  
*House Room A*

**Different Worlds:** How these authors seamlessly merge sometimes disparate genres within their work.

Gary Buettner, Leanna Renee Hieber, Josef Matulich,  
Tara Tyler  
*House Room B*

**Columbus History:** A discussion of Columbus's layered and fascinating history, from existing attractions to lost and secret places waiting to be rediscovered.

Anietra Hamper, Christine Hayes & Doug Motz,  
Bob Hunter  
*Executive Room C*

**3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Middle Grade Masters:** Featuring award-winning writers of Middle Grade fiction.

Margaret Peterson Haddix, Tricia Springstubb,  
Carmella Van Vleet, Kathy Cannon Wiechman  
*Legislative Room A*

**The World of Publishing:** The insiders' guide to publishing a great book.

Nancy Christie, Susanne Jaffe, Kristen Lepionka,  
D.W. Vogel  
*Legislative Room B*

**Suspense & Intrigue:** Dangerous, page-turning tales of mystery and the authors who write it.

Meredith Doench, John Hegenberger, Dennis Hetzel,  
Jessica Strawser  
*House Room A*

**Danger in the Gilded Age:** From princess spies to organized crime and justice.

Jennifer Bowers Bahney, David Meyers & Elise Meyers  
Walker, Richard H. Underwood  
*House Room B*

**HERStory:** Fiction by and about women.

Mary Ellis, Robin Gianna, Sherri Hayes, Lucy A. Snyder  
*Executive Room C*



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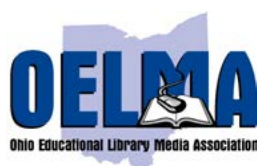
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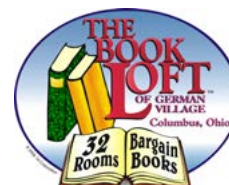
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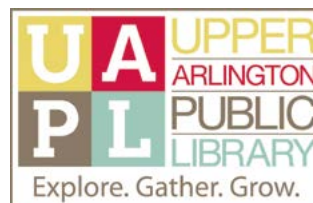
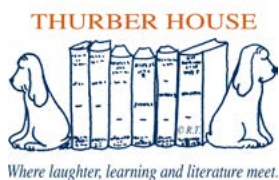


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# Ohioana in the Community!

The following programs and activities featuring Ohioana Book Festival authors are free and open to the public and take place before the main event on April 14. Check [www.ohioana.org](http://www.ohioana.org) for updates and new events as they are added!

## Media Appearances

### March 28, 8:00 p.m.

Steve Goble

*Craft: Exploring Creativity* (WCBE 90.5)

<http://www.crafttheshow.com/>

### April 4, 9:00 p.m.

Christine Hayes

*Craft: Exploring Creativity* (WCBE 90.5)

<http://www.crafttheshow.com/>

### April 11, 8:00 p.m.

Nick White

*Craft: Exploring Creativity* (WCBE 90.5)

<http://www.crafttheshow.com/>

### April 12, 11:00 a.m. – noon

Anietra Hamper and Robin Yocum

*Morning Exchange* (VOICECorps)

<https://www.voicecorps.org/>

### April 13, 11:00 a.m. – noon

Susanne Jaffe and Stephen Kuusisto

*Morning Exchange* (VOICECorps)

<https://www.voicecorps.org/>

### April 26, 11:00 a.m.

Mark Dawidziak

*All Sides with Ann Fisher* (WOSU 89.7)

<http://radio.wosu.org/programs/all-sides-ann-fisher#stream/0>

## Live Appearances

### April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Hanif Abdurraqib, Ruth Awad, Kristen Lepionka  
Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Branch

<https://www.ualibrary.org/>

### April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Mindy McGinnis

Westland Area Library

<http://www.swpl.org/about-spl/info/library-locations-a-hours/64-westland-area-library>

### April 10, 6:00 p.m.

Mindy McGinnis

Cover to Cover Children's Books

<https://www.covertocoverchildrensbooks.com/>

### April 11, 6:00 p.m.

Margaret Peterson Haddix.

Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Branch

<https://www.ualibrary.org/>

### April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Kuusisto

Gramercy Books Bexley

<https://www.gramercybooksbexley.com/>

### April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Mindy McGinnis

Pickerington Public Library, Sycamore Plaza Branch

<http://pickeringtonlibrary.org/>

### April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Dawidziak

Bexley Public Library

<https://www.bexleylibrary.org/>

### April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Night at the Book Loft

George Bilgere, Teri Ellen Cross Davis, Kathy Fagan,  
Michael J. Rosen

The Book Loft of German Village

<http://www.bookloft.com/>

### April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Andrew Welsh-Huggins

Gramercy Books Bexley

<https://www.gramercybooksbexley.com/>

### April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Westland Area Library

<http://www.swpl.org/about-spl/info/library-locations-a-hours/64-westland-area-library>