

# OHIOana LIBRARY

*Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers*

*April 2019*

## THE 2019 OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL

### CONNECTING READERS AND OHIO WRITERS

No event fulfills Ohioana Library's tagline better than the Ohioana Book Festival. With something for every reader of every age, it's a book lover's dream. And this year's festival promises to be the biggest and best ever, as we move to a fabulous new space: the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Library. We'll present the 13th Annual Ohioana Book Festival at the Main Library on Saturday, April 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. And ... it's FREE!

### AUTHORS! AUTHORS! AUTHORS!

One exciting opportunity that our move to the Main Library has created is that we'll be able to increase the number of authors to more than 150 – the most in festival history!

These authors (see the complete list starting on page 3) represent every genre, from picture books to poetry, from novels to nonfiction. Among them are Ohio's Poet Laureate, more than a dozen Ohioana Book Award winners, and nearly twenty authors from Choose to Read Ohio, a special project that encourages everyone to "Read Together, Read Ohio, Read for Life."

Many authors who are fan favorites will be returning, and we'll also be welcoming nearly two-dozen debut authors. Meet them all at the festival!

### A NEW HOME

We were thrilled when the Columbus Metropolitan Library invited us to hold the festival in the Main Library. One of the nation's leading public library systems, Columbus Metropolitan Library has been a partner with Ohioana since the first book festival in

2007. Several years ago, the Main Library underwent an extensive, multi-million-dollar renovation and expansion of the historic and beautiful Carnegie building that first opened in 1907. The result is an open and spacious facility designed to meet the growing needs of the hundreds of thousands of patrons the Main Library serves annually.

This year marks the 90th anniversary of Ohioana's founding. Presenting the festival for the first time at the Main Library will definitely be one of the highlights of this celebratory year.

### DIALOGUES & DISCUSSIONS

Festival-goers tell us that two of the things they love best about the event are the panels and

roundtables. It's a chance to get up close and personal with authors, to hear them talk about their books, and to discuss their creative process. Each discussion lasts forty-five minutes and includes ample time for questions from the audience.



2019 Ohioana Book Festival poster  
designed by Tim Bowers

Panels are scheduled throughout the day, covering almost every literary genre. Check out our website for the list of the panels and participating authors. They'll also be in the printed program you can pick up for free at the festival.

### FUN FOR KIDS

The Ohioana Book Festival is a family-friendly event, and once again we'll be offering a full day of fun activities just for kids – from storytime and drawing pictures to crafts and games to building with Legos® and balloon twisting. We'll also have visits throughout the day from festival authors who write for kids. And some special surprises, too!

If you've never seen the children's space at the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Library, you're in for a treat! It's a literal Treasure Island for young readers.

### JUST FOR TEENS

Young adults will have their own special place at the festival, as Ohioana teams up once again with the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA) to present our popular Teen Space. Activities will include a Makerspace filled with exciting materials you can use to explore, imagine, and create. School librarians will be on hand to help guide you through these hands-on activities. 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 meet and mingle with these authors to ask questions, get autographs, and take selfies.

### COME JOIN US!

As we've said before, the Ohioana Book Festival is a book lover's dream. And moving the festival to the Main Library is truly an exciting new chapter!

It wouldn't be possible without the 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 Main Library on April 27!

For updates and further information, visit [www.ohioana.org](http://www.ohioana.org). Also check us out on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



A panel discussion during the 2018 Ohioana Book Festival. Photo credit: Mary Rathke.

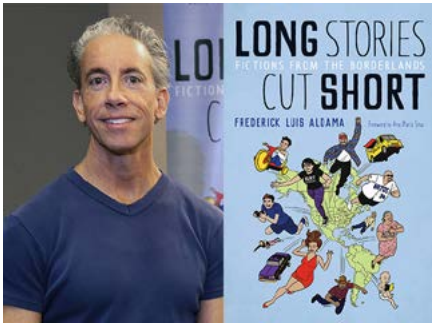


2018 Ohioana Book Festival. Photo credit: Mary Rathke.



# Festival Authors

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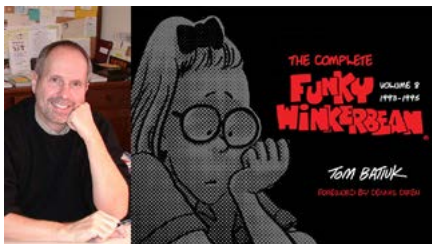
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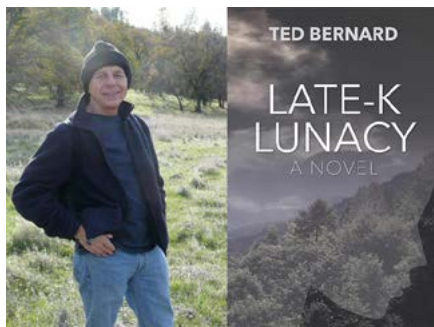
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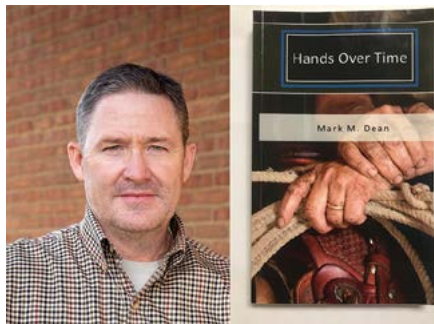
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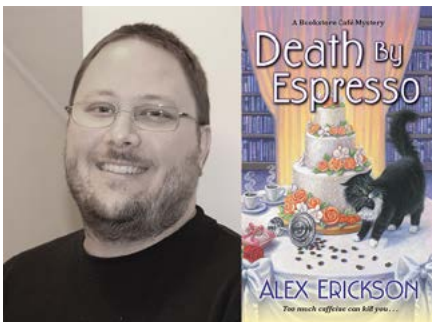
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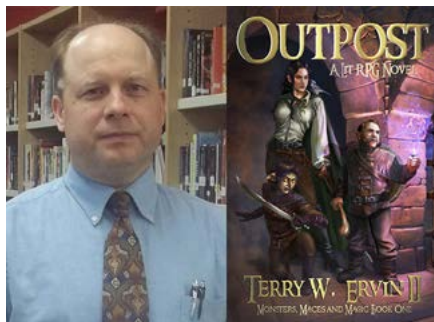
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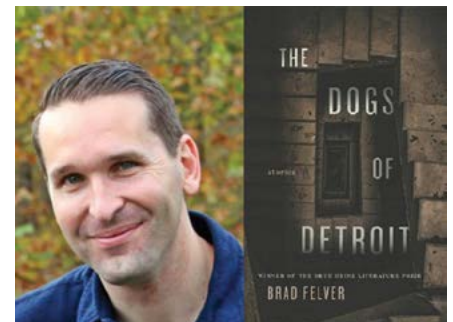
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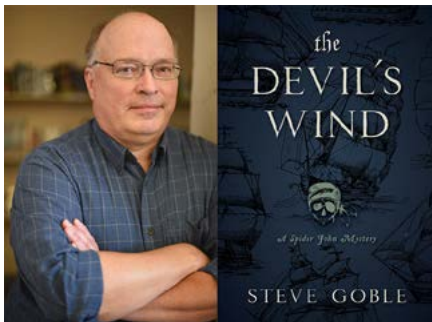
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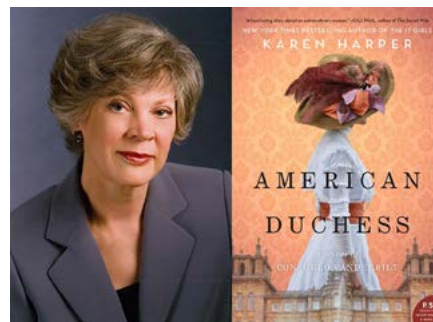
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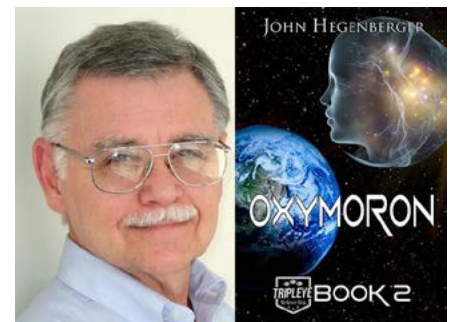
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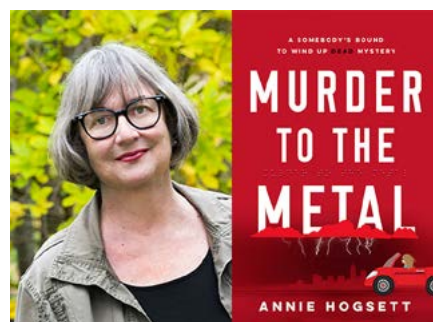
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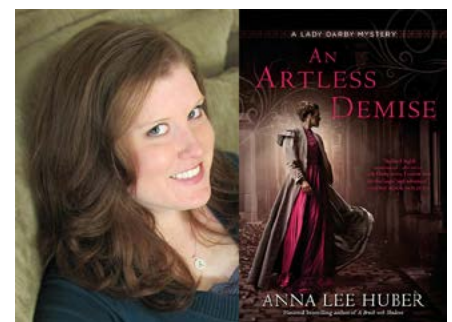
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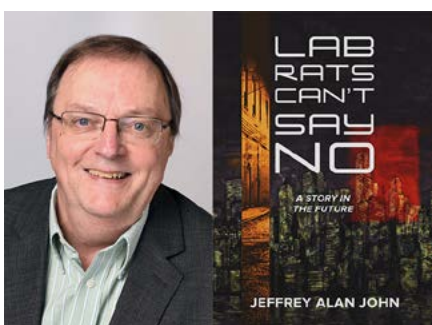
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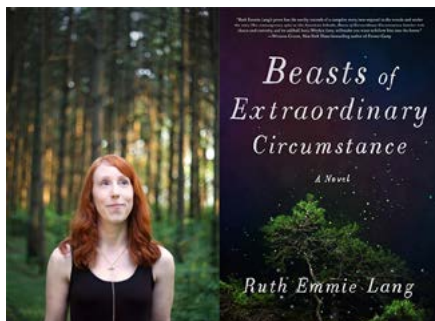


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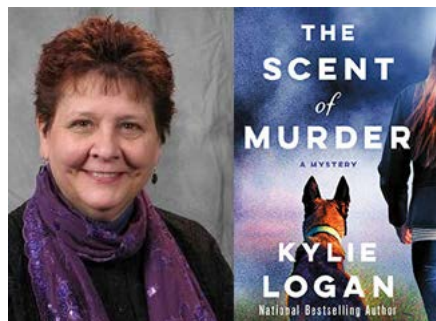
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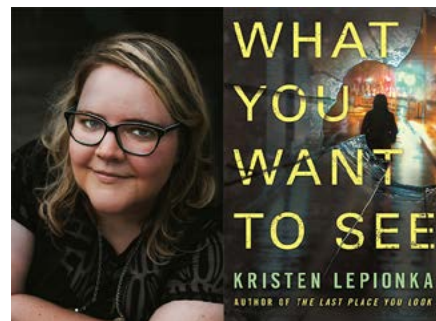
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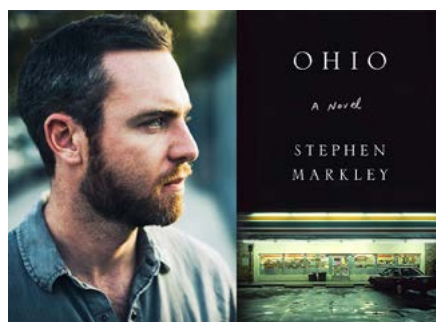
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Stephen Markley



M.L. Mastran



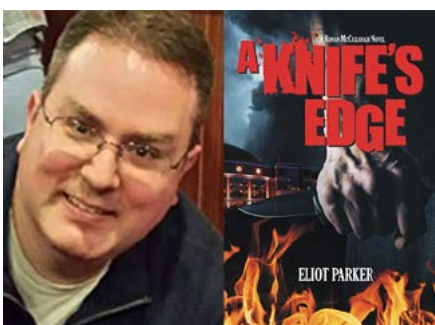
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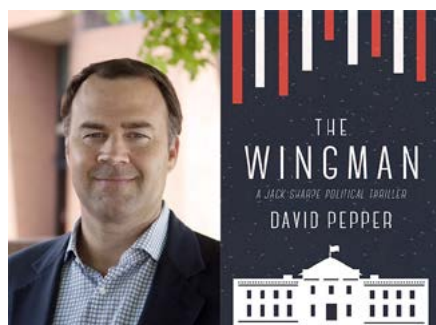
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Jess Montgomery



Eliot Parker



David Pepper



Moriel Rothman-Zecher

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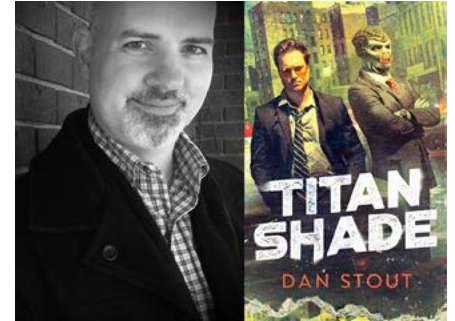
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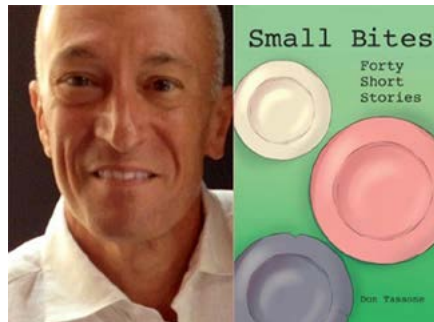
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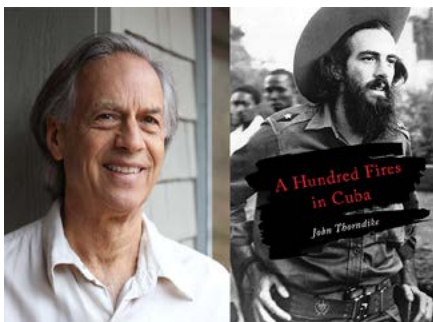
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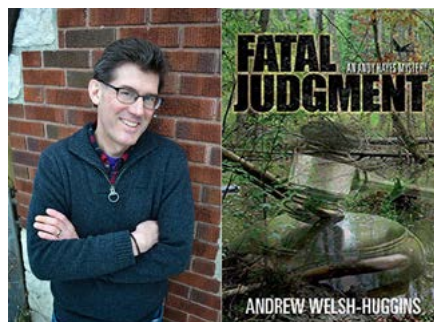
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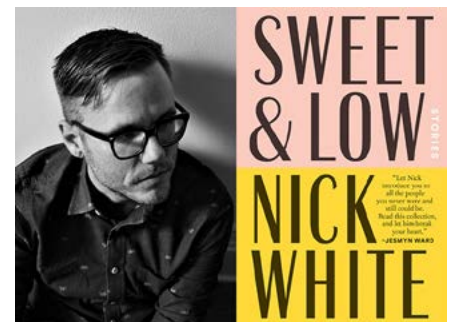
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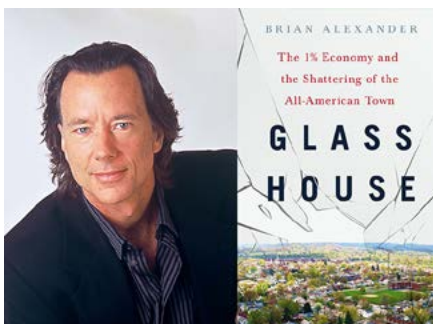


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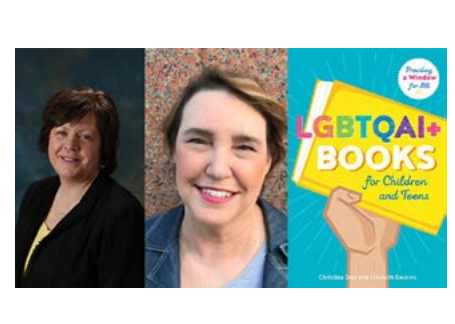
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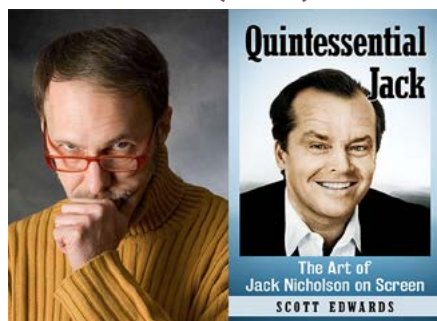


Christina Dorr and Liz Deskins

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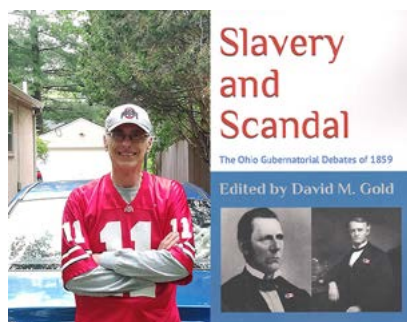
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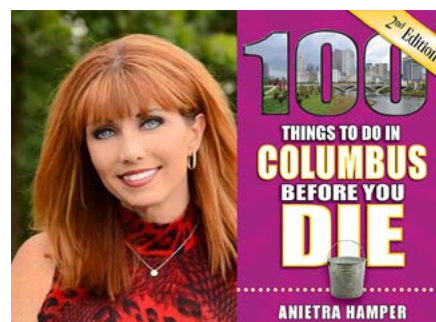
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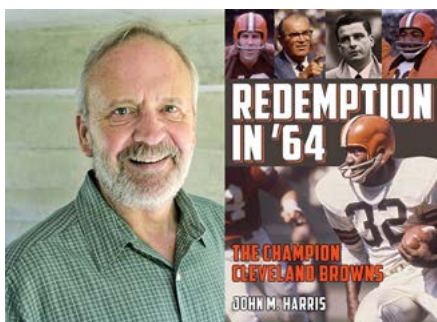
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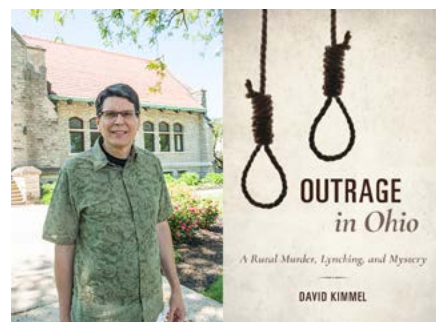
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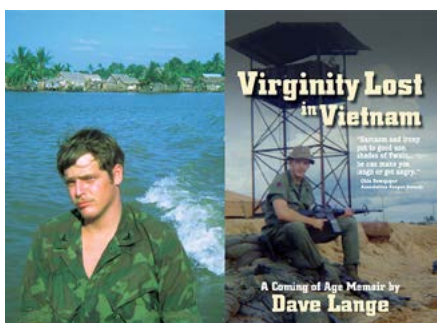
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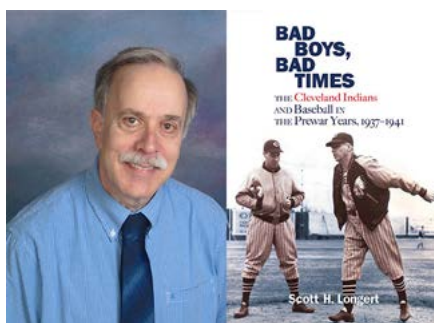
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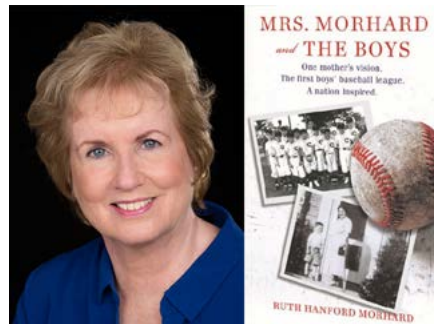
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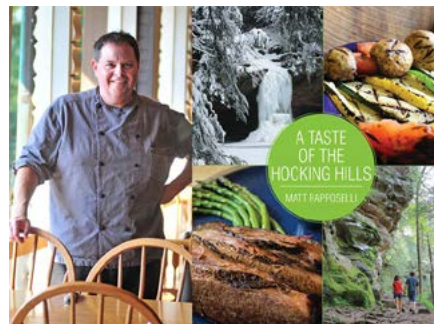
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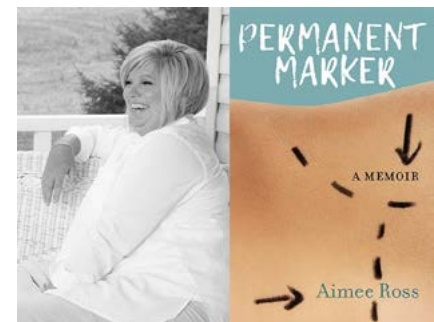
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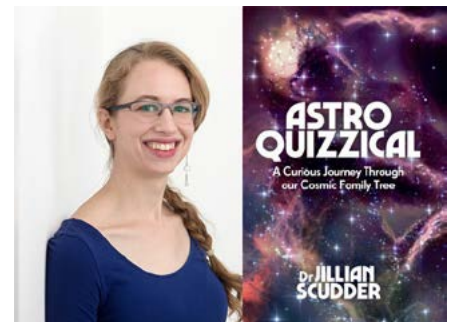
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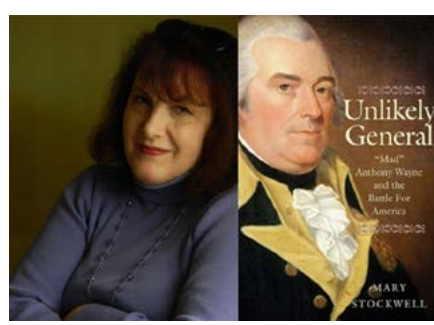
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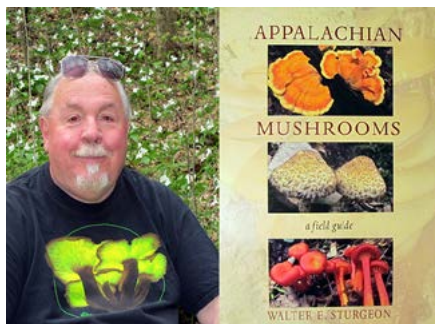


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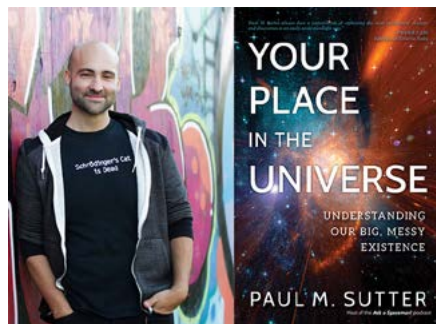
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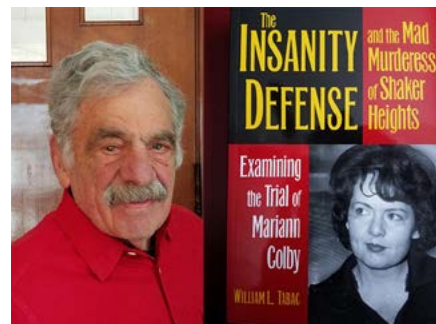
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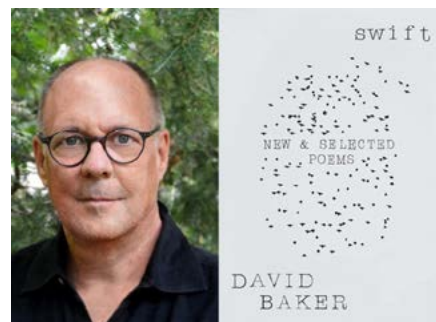
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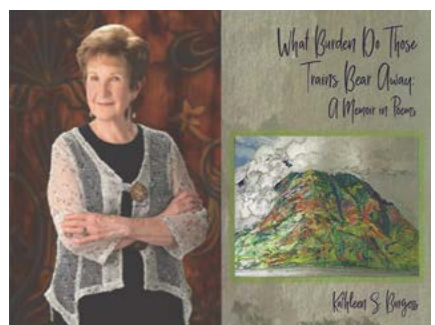
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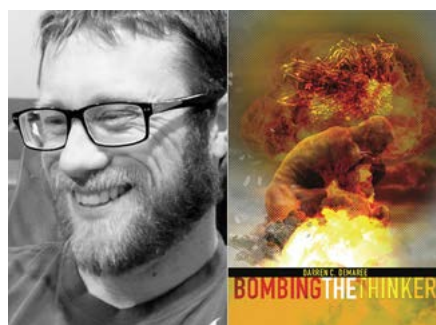
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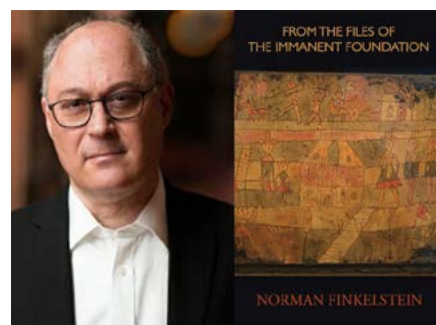
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Kathleen S. Burgess



Darren C. Demaree



Norman Finkelstein



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Charlene Fix



Dave Lucas



Sarah Rose Nordgren



Doug Ramspeck



E.F. Schraeder



Anna O. Soter



Kezia V. Sproat



Ann Townsend

## YOUNG ADULT



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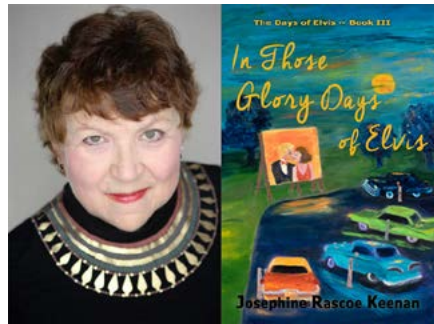
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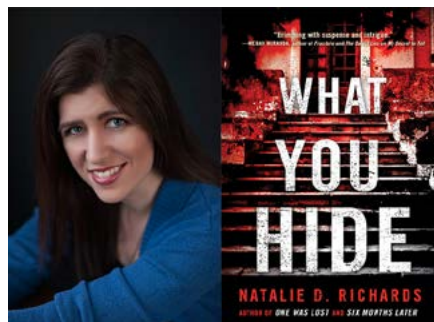
Kristen Orlando



Edith Pattou



L. Philips



Natalie D. Richards



D. W. Vogel

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Jeff Alt



Lisa Amstutz



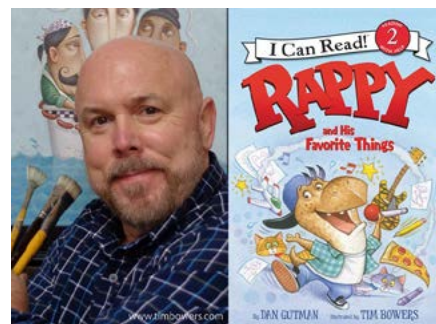
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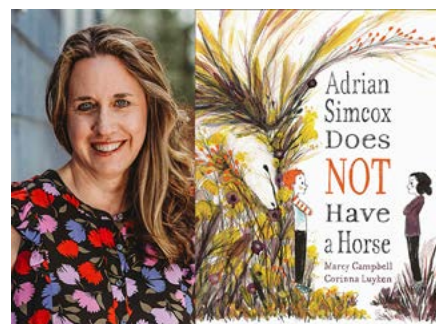
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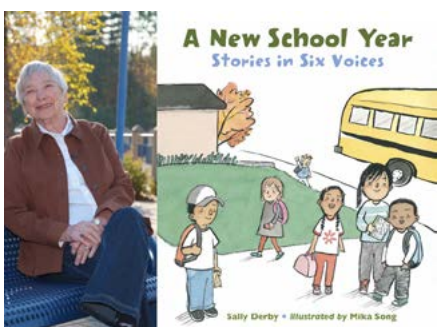
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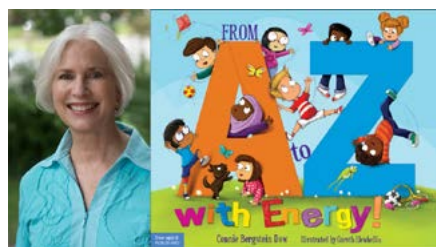
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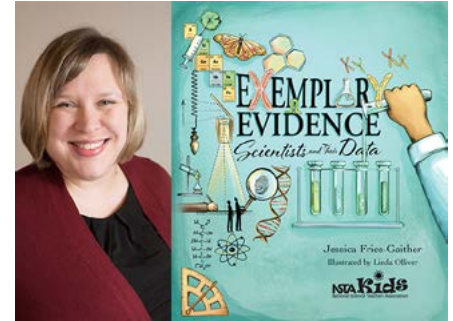
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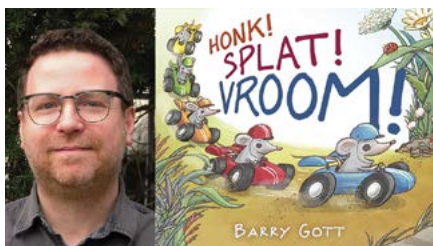
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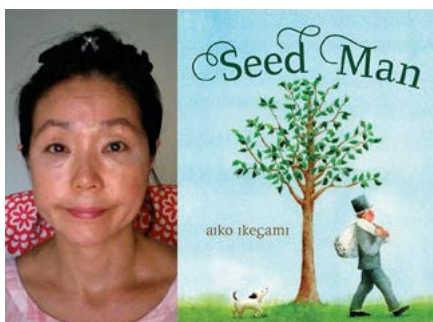
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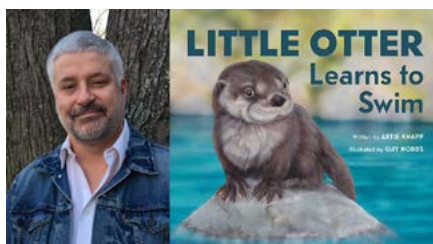
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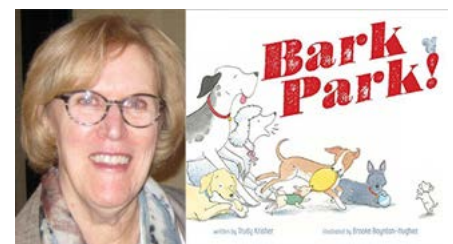
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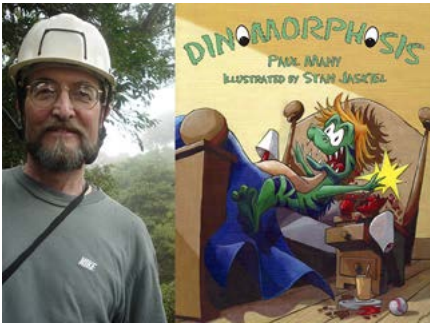
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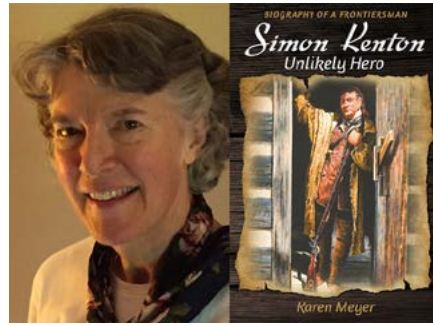
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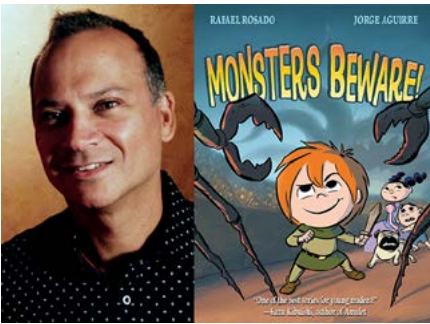
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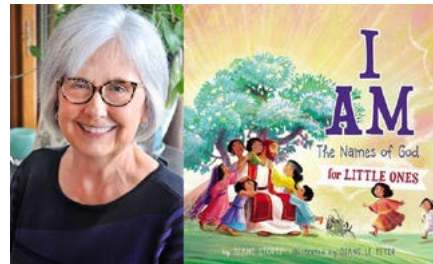
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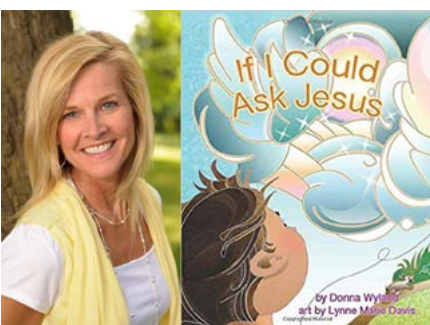
Tara Tyler



Carmella Van Vleet



Christina Wald



Donna Wyland

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# TEEN SPACE

## Follow Your...

### ...Creativity! 10:30-4:30

Visit the Makerspace to create and innovate as you complete a maker design challenge or craft something from your imagination! What will YOU make?

### ...Story! 11:00-11:45

Listen to experienced authors explain how they develop characters and plot their story arcs to create their YA series.  
with K.B. Laugheed, Kristen Orlando, Tara Tyler, & D.W. Vogel

### ...Muse! 12:00-12:45

Bluffton University presents an interactive, hands-on prose and poetry writing session for teens!

### ...Passion! 1:00-1:45

Join an energetic conversation with acclaimed YA author, filmmaker, playwright, and poet e.E Charlton-Trujillo, author of *Fat Angie: Rebel Girl Revolution*.

### ...Art! 2:00-2:45

Learn from an expert panel of illustrators as they discuss all things connected to creating illustrations for books.  
with Jeffrey Ebbeler, Barry Gott, Rafael Rosado, & Christina Wald

### ...Heart! 3:00-3:45

Let these YA authors sweep you off your feet! Prepare to swoon as they share the secrets of writing romantic and exciting YA stories.  
with Dee Garretson, Krysten Lindsay Hager, L. Philips, & Kerry Winfrey



# KIDS' ROOM

**ALL DAY**

**Crafts**

**Balloon Twisting**

**Lego Construction Zone**

**STEM Activities**

**Early Learning Area**

**Character Visits**

## **Author & Illustrator Visits**

**12:00 Judy Carey Nevin**

**12:30 Artie Knapp**

**1:00 Betsy Snyder**

**1:30 Aiko Ikegami**

**2:00 Connie Bergstein Dow**

**2:30 Lindsay Bonilla**

**3:00 Jessica Fries-Gaither**

**3:30 Jacob Grant**

**4:00 Paul Many**

**Don't forget to visit  
your favorite  
Authors & Illustrators  
in the Level 2  
Reading Room!**



# Author Panels & Roundtables

**10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Book Signings:** All Authors  
*2nd Floor, Reading Room*

**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Ohio Sleuths:** A discussion about some of the greatest mystery and suspense stories featuring characters from Ohio.  
Kristen Lepionka, Jess Montgomery, Eliot Parker, David Pepper, Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
*Auditorium*

**Middle Grade Fiction:** Some of the best writers of fiction for Middle Grade readers.  
Tamara Bundy, Martha Dunsky, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Carmella Van Vleet  
*Room 1A*

**Debut Fiction:** These authors published their first works of fiction in 2018 and 2019.  
Marcy Campbell, Ruth Emmie Lang, M.L. Mastran, Moriel Rothman-Zecher  
*Room 3A*

**Memoir:** Join these writers as they share the stories of their lives and experiences in unique and fascinating ways – from diary entries to poetry to blog posts, a celebration of the ways we write about our lives.  
Kathleen Burgess, Jane Congdon, Dave Lange, Aimee Ross  
*Room 3B*

**12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Ohio True Crime:** A close look at some infamous, true, Ohio-based crimes and our fascination with those who committed them.  
David Kimmel, David Meyers, Elise Meyers Walker, Jane Turzillo  
*Auditorium*

**Contemporary Fiction:** A chat between some of the rising stars of modern fiction writing.  
Karina Bartow, Brad Felver, Stephen Markley, Nick White  
*Room 1A*

**The Poet's Corner:** A chat with some of Ohio's greatest poets.  
Ruth Awad, David Baker, Dave Lucas, Sarah Rose Nordgren  
*Room 3A*

**Larger Than Life:** From generals and spiritualists to rebellious actors, performers, and musicians, the charismatic men and women profiled by these authors have fascinated not only Americans, but the entire world.  
Scott Edwards, Tom Ewing, Sharon Hatfield, Deanne Stillman, Mary Stockwell  
*Room 3B*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Historical Fiction:** Captivating fiction based on real time periods and people in history.  
Donna B. Gawell, Karen Harper, Laurie Loewenstein, Cindy Thomson  
*Auditorium*

**Food, Music, and Fun Around the Buckeye State:** Get some great ideas for fun places to visit, music to enjoy, and food to try from all over Ohio.  
Anietra Hamper, Garin Pirnia, Jason Prufer, Matt Rapposelli  
*Room 1A*



**Contemporary Suspense:** Dangerous, page-turning tales of suspense and the authors who write them.

Mary Ellis, Jennifer Lane, Kylie Logan,  
Jessica Strawser  
*Room 3A*

**Middle Grade Biography:** Biographies for Middle Grade readers.

Cynthia A. Crane, Michelle Houts, Nancy Roe  
Pimm, Julie K. Rubini  
*Room 3B*

### 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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

Mindee Arnett, Josephine Rascoe Keenan, Mindy McGinnis, Edith Pattou, Natalie Richards  
*Auditorium*

**Mystery Series:** Grab a cup of tea and a furry friend and enjoy this chat about mystery series.

Bree Baker, Amanda Flower, Annie Hogsett,  
Olivia Matthews  
*Room 1A*

**The Creative Life:** What does the creative process look like, especially for authors whose works are not “straightforward” written narratives?

Frederick Luis Aldama, Tom Batiuk, Susannah Maynard, Stephanie Romine  
*Room 3A*

**Talking Sports:** An in-depth look at baseball, football, and more.

Chad Dotson, Chris Garber, John M. Harris, Scott Longert, David Wanczyk  
*Room 3B*

### 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Fantastic Fiction:** Exploring horror, the supernatural, urban fantasy, and speculative fiction.  
Matt Betts, Laura Bickle, Gary Buettner, Lucy A. Snyder, Dan Stout  
*Auditorium*

**Choose to Read Ohio:** A discussion between authors and illustrators whose books have been honored by the Choose to Read Ohio program, which spotlights Ohio authors and promotes reading across Ohio and the nation.

Louise Borden, Tim Bowers, Sharon M. Draper, Trudy Krisher, Linda Stanek  
*Room 1A*

**Ohio Politics:** From small towns to the Statehouse, Ohio’s political climate has impacted that of every other state. This panel will discuss a variety of historical and regional political topics.

Brian Alexander, David M. Gold, David E. Rohr, Dylan Taylor-Lehman  
*Room 3A*

**Science Is for Everyone!** A panel of experts who write for all age groups on space, inventions, archaeology, and more.

Mary Kay Carson, Kerrie Hollihan, Jillian Scudder, Paul M. Sutter  
*Room 3B*



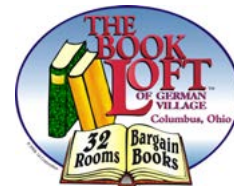
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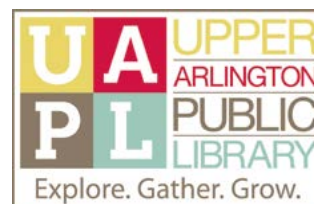
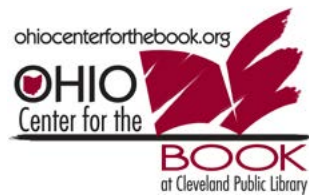
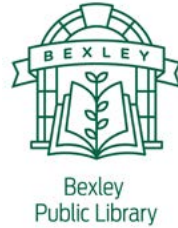


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# Ohioana in the Community!

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 27. Check [www.ohioana.org](http://www.ohioana.org) for updates and new events as they are added!

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## **April 23, 6:00 p.m.**

Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Branch  
<https://www.covertocoverchildrensbooks.com/event/author-visit-margaret-peterson-haddix-uapl>

## **April 24, 6:30 p.m.**

Anietra Hamper  
Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Branch  
<https://www.threewordpress.com/event/100-things-to-do-in-columbus-before-you-die-book-launch-at-upper-arlington-public-library/>

## **April 25, 5:30 p.m.**

e.E. Charlton Trujillo and Mindy McGinnis  
Westland Area Library  
<https://www.swpl.org/about-spl/info/library-locations-a-hours/64-westland-area-library>

## **April 25, 6:30 p.m.**

Brian Alexander  
Pickerington Public Library, Sycamore Plaza Branch  
<https://pickeringtonlibrary.org/event/ohioana-author-brian-alexander/>

## **April 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Deanne Stillman  
Bexley Public Library  
<https://www.bexleylibrary.org/>

## **April 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Columbus Metropolitan Library, Gahanna Branch  
<https://events.columbuslibrary.org/event/1895376>

## **April 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Edith Pattou  
Upper Arlington Public Library, Tremont Branch  
<https://ohiocensouth.scbwi.org/cincinnati-happenings/>

## **April 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Ohioana Poetry Night at the MAC  
Ruth Awad, Darren C. Demaree, Ann Townsend  
McConnell Arts Center  
<https://www.mcconnellarts.org/>

## **April 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Moriel Rothman-Zecher  
Prologue Bookshop  
<https://www.prologuebookshop.com/>

## **April 26, 10:00 a.m.**

Will Hillenbrand  
Columbus Metropolitan Library, New Albany Branch  
<https://events.columbuslibrary.org/event/1890667>

## **April 26, 5:00 p.m.**

Julie K. Rubini  
Cover to Cover Children's Books  
<https://www.covertocoverchildrensbooks.com/>

## **April 26, 7:00 p.m.**

Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
Gramercy Books Bexley  
<https://www.gramercybooksbexley.com/event/andrew-welsh-huggins-launches-new-andy-hayes-mystery-fatal-judgment>

## **April 30, 7:00 p.m.**

Ohioana Poetry Night at the Book Loft  
David Baker, Charlene Fix, Anna O. Soter  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/david-baker-charlene-fix-and-anna-o-soter-visit-the-book-loft-tickets-59271404366>