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Ohioana Book Festival

It’s FREE!

At Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Main Library

April 20, 2024 from 10:30am to 5pm

Art by Tracy Subisak

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Welcome to the 18th annual Ohioana Book Festival, hosted by the Ohioana Library Association! We are pleased to serve as the Honorary Chairs of this year’s event.

Each year, the Ohioana Book Festival showcases incredible Ohio authors and illustrators. When visiting the second floor Reading Room, guests can see just how lucky we all are to live in Ohio.

We have always enjoyed browsing the aisles, chatting with the authors and illustrators, and listening to them talk about their passions. We often depart with a stack of new books for us and our grandchildren!

Here in Ohio, we want everyone to live up to their God-given potential. With support from organizations like the Ohioana Library Association, Ohio authors and illustrators have a strong support system to create, develop, and promote their works of art. Thank you to the Ohioana Library Association’s Executive Director, David Weaver, for your unwavering commitment to literacy in Ohio. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!

We hope you and your family enjoy the festival and walk away with many books!

Mike DeWine
Governor of Ohio

Fran DeWine
First Lady of Ohio

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OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL
April 20, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Columbus Metropolitan Library
Main Library – 96 S. Grant Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

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Become a member of the Ohioana Library! Scan this QR code to make your donation today. New memberships and renewals of $50 or more will have a chance to win a Book Loft gift card or a grand prize of two tickets to the 2024 Ohioana Book Awards.

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

www.ohioana.org

OUR MISSION
The Ohioana Library collects, preserves, and celebrates Ohio literature and other creative endeavors.
Festival Authors & Illustrators

Meet your favorite Ohio authors and illustrators and get books signed from 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Reading Room, presented by the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Authors are listed alphabetically by genre. The number below an author’s name indicates their table number (see map on page 17).

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1:30 p.m.: Keturah A. Bobo
2:00 p.m.: Michelle Houts
2:30 p.m.: Jane & Will Hillenbrand
3:00 p.m.: Oge Mora
3:30 p.m.: Jeffrey Ebbeler
4:00 p.m.: Carmella Van Vleet
4:30 p.m.: Marcy Campbell

All Day Activities
Balloon Twisting
Character Visits

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

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Schedule of Panel Discussions

Session One: 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Adults Can Choose to Read Ohio Too! Celebrate Ohio literature with these four authors from Choose to Read Ohio book lists. They will discuss their writing processes and their books of various genres.
**Panelists:** David Giffels, Katrina Kittle, Amit Majmudar, Thrity Umrigar
**Auditorium**

Empowering Children Through Picture Books: These panelists will offer insights on writing about topics that empower children, from learning about historical figures and events to encouraging literacy as kids begin to read.
**Panelists:** e.E. Charlton-Trujillo, Katie Mazeika, Carlotta Penn, Debbie Rigaud
**Room 1A**

Writing Horror: Fans of all things frightful will enjoy hearing these authors explore the ways they include horror in books that span various genres.
**Panelists:** Kalynn Applewhite, Maxwell I. Gold, Leanna Renee Hieber, Natalie D. Richards, Lucy A. Snyder
**Room 2B**

History of Food: Prepare to be hungry as two authors discuss their food-themed books during this live recording of WCBE’s *Craft: The Show* with host Doug Dangler.
**Panelists:** Renee Casteel Cook, David Rickert
**Room 3A**

Session Two: 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Ohio Center for the Book Presents *Page Count* Live: Join host Laura Maylene Walter and award-winning authors Hanif Abdurraqib and Jacqueline Woodson for a live recording of Ohio Center for the Book’s *Page Count* podcast.
**Sponsored by:** Ohio Humanities
**Panelists:** Hanif Abdurraqib, Jacqueline Woodson
**Auditorium**

Fiction Inspired by True Events: These authors find inspiration in real people, places, and events. Come hear them talk about the unique opportunities and hurdles they encounter while writing historical fiction.
**Panelists:** Tom Batiuk, Patti Flinn, John Kachuba, Linda Kass, Claire McMillan
**Room 1A**

True Crime in Ohio: Four writers discuss their true crime books and writing processes, and remind us that sometimes, truth is scarier than fiction!
**Panelists:** Jane Bond, Mark Sebastian Jordan, Robinson D. Lizano Briceño, Jane Ann Turzillo
**Room 2B**

Comics for Kids: Comics fans, assemble! Learn all about writing and illustrating comics for young readers (and the young at heart) during this live recording of WCBE’s *Craft: The Show* with host Doug Dangler.
**Panelists:** Annie Hunter Eriksen, Wes Molebash
**Room 3A**

Session Three: 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Illustrating for Young Readers: Join four illustrators from Choose to Read Ohio book lists for a discussion about their creative processes. The panelists will explore how creating stories through images isn’t always easy, but it is always fun!
**Panelists:** Jashar Awan, Tim Bowers, Daniel Kirk, Tracy Subisak
**Auditorium**

Mystery Most Marvelous: From suspenseful to cozy, historical to modern, these mystery writers create stories that keep us on the edge of our seats. Come hear them chat about their writing processes and how they put their own spin on the genre.
**Panelists:** Karina Bartow, Erin Flanagan, Anastasia Hastings, Olivia Matthews
**Room 1A**
Exploring Social Issues in Nonfiction: From memoir to research-based narrative, these authors confront the good, the bad, and the complicated in their books, addressing a wide range of social issues.

Panelists: Athena Dixon, Tameka N. Ellington, Kelcey Ervick, Sarah Stankorb
Room 2B

Session Four: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Writing for Young Adult Readers: Young Adult authors from Choose to Read Ohio book lists will discuss why they love writing for teen readers.

Panelists: David Arnold, Cinda Williams Chima, Mindy McGinnis
Auditorium

Ohio History: Join these authors for a look into the rich and varied history of the Buckeye State. This panel is an Ohioana special, and these authors are experts at making history come to life!

Sponsored by: America 250-Ohio
Panelists: Jamie C. Capuzza, Conrade C. Hinds, Timothy R. W. Jordan, David Meyers, Elise Meyers Walker
Room 1A

Women’s Fiction: Four 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.

Panelists: Amanda Flower, Janyce Denise Glasper, Anna Lee Huber, Jessica Strawser
Room 2B

Debut Poetry: To write a book is a remarkable achievement, but to get it published and on bookstore and library shelves is no easy task! Two poets will discuss the triumphs and tribulations of writing and publishing their debut poetry collections during this live recording of WCBE’s Craft: The Show with host Doug Dangler.

Panelists: Carolyn Grace, Sandra Rivers-Gill
Room 3A

Session Five: 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Middle Grade Fiction: These Choose to Read Ohio authors will discuss writing for a Middle Grade audience, from crafting storylines to writing authentic and relatable characters. Featuring a panel of award-winning authors of books for Middle Grade readers, this is a session you won’t want to miss!

Panelists: Jenn Bishop, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Terri Libenson, Andrea Wang
Auditorium

Celebrating Floyd’s Pick: Floyd’s Pick is an award presented in memory of children’s literature expert, advocate, and librarian Floyd Dickman. The 2024 Floyd’s Pick Book Award winner and past honorees will discuss their books and inspirations, and the importance of good storytelling.

Sponsored by: State Library of Ohio
Panelists: Kate Hoefler, Aya Khalil, Julia Kuo, Dinara Mirtalipova
Room 1A

Women in Appalachian Poetry: Five poets will reveal their processes for writing poetry, and how their perspectives as women from and living in Appalachia is reflected in their work.

Sponsored by: Ohio Arts Council
Panelists: Kari Gunter-Seymour, Cathy Cultice Lentes, Wendy McVicker, Deni Naffziger, Jessica Weyer-Bentley
Room 2B

Debut Fiction: The path to publication can be long and winding, and every author must follow their own map to success. Join two fiction authors as they discuss their publication journeys and debut novels during this live recording of WCBE’s Craft: The Show with host Doug Dangler.

Panelists: H. M. S. Brown, M. C. Jeter
Room 3A

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Authors & Illustrators in the Community
All events are free and open to the public, no registration needed.

Author Visit:
Julia Kuo
April 21, 2024
1:00 p.m.
Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers
Upper Arlington, Ohio


Author Visit:
Mariel Jungkunz
April 21, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Columbus Metropolitan Library's Whitehall Branch

Join author Mariel Jungkunz at Columbus Metropolitan Library's Whitehall Branch for a discussion and reading of her children's book *Dreams of Green: A Three Kings’ Day Story*. A great event for kids!

Author Visit:
D. M. Guay
April 22, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Columbus Metropolitan Library's South High Branch

Join D. M. Guay at Columbus Metropolitan Library’s South High Branch for an author visit. She will be discussing her various books including *Revenge of the Furballs: 24/7 Demon Mart #5*, followed by Q&A time with the audience.

Author Visit:
Paula Johnson Neal
April 22, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Gahanna Branch

Join author Paula Johnson Neal at Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Gahanna Branch for a discussion and reading of her children’s book *Breathe, Gabby, Breathe!* A great event for kids!

Author Visit:
Pamela Kass
April 22, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Hilliard Branch

Join author Linda Kass at Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Hilliard Branch for a discussion on her historical fiction novel *Bessie*, followed by Q&A time with the audience.

Poetry Reading:
Cindy Juyoung Ok & Michael Leong
April 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Streetlight Guild
Columbus, OH

Head over to Streetlight Guild for a poetry reading and discussion with poets Cindy Juyoung Ok and Michael Leong. Cindy Juyoung Ok will be reading from her book *Ward Toward*, and Michael Leong will be reading from his various collections.

Author Visit:
Carlotta Penn
April 24, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Whetstone Branch

Join author Carlotta Penn at Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Whetstone Branch for a discussion and reading of her children’s book *Step by Step! How the Lincoln School Marchers Blazed a Trail to Justice*. A great event for kids!

Illustrator Visit:
Tim Bowers
April 27, 2024
10:30 a.m.
Paragraphs Bookstore
Mount Vernon, Ohio


Author Visit:
Marcy Campbell
April 27, 2024
12:00 p.m.
Paragraphs Bookstore
Mount Vernon, Ohio


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Visit the pop-up gallery on the 1st Floor to see 10 years of Ohioana Book Festival posters!

Jeffrey Ebbeler (2015)  
David Catrow (2016)  
Lindsay Ward (2017)

Christina Wald (2018)  
Tim Bowers (2019)

Rafael Rosado (2020)  
Tom Batiuk (2021)  
Terri Libenson (2022)

Will Hillenbrand (2023)  
Tracy Subisak (2024)
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