

WELCOME

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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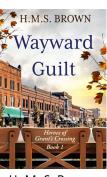
Festival Authors & Illustrators

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).





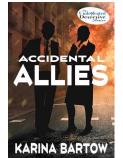
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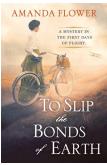
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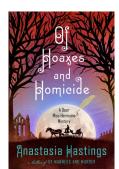
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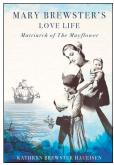
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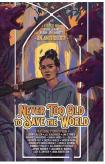
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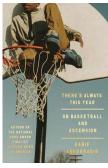
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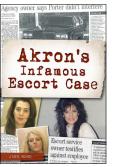




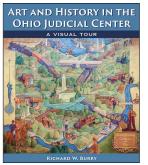




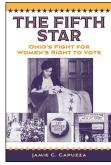
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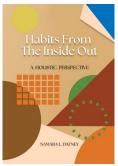
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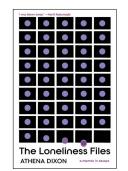
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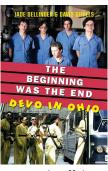
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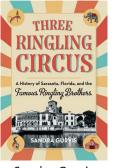
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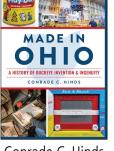
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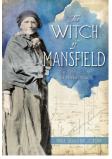
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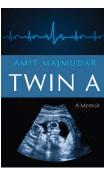
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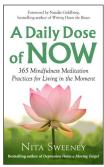
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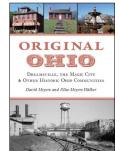
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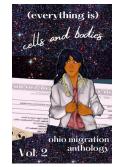
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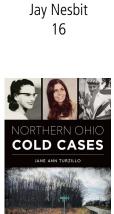
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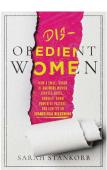
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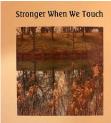
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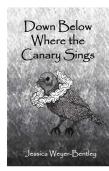
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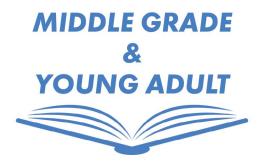
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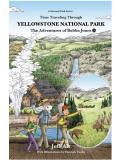


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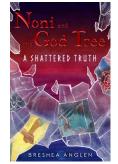


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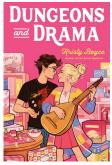
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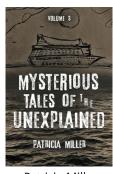


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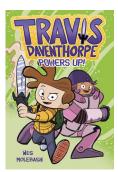
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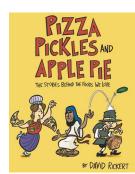
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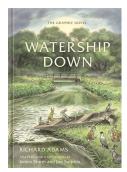
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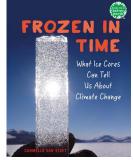
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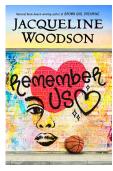
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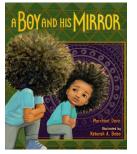


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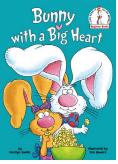
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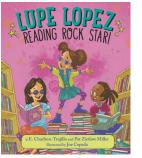
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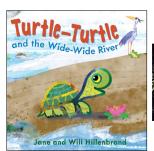
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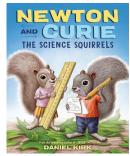
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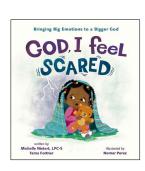
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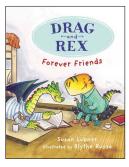
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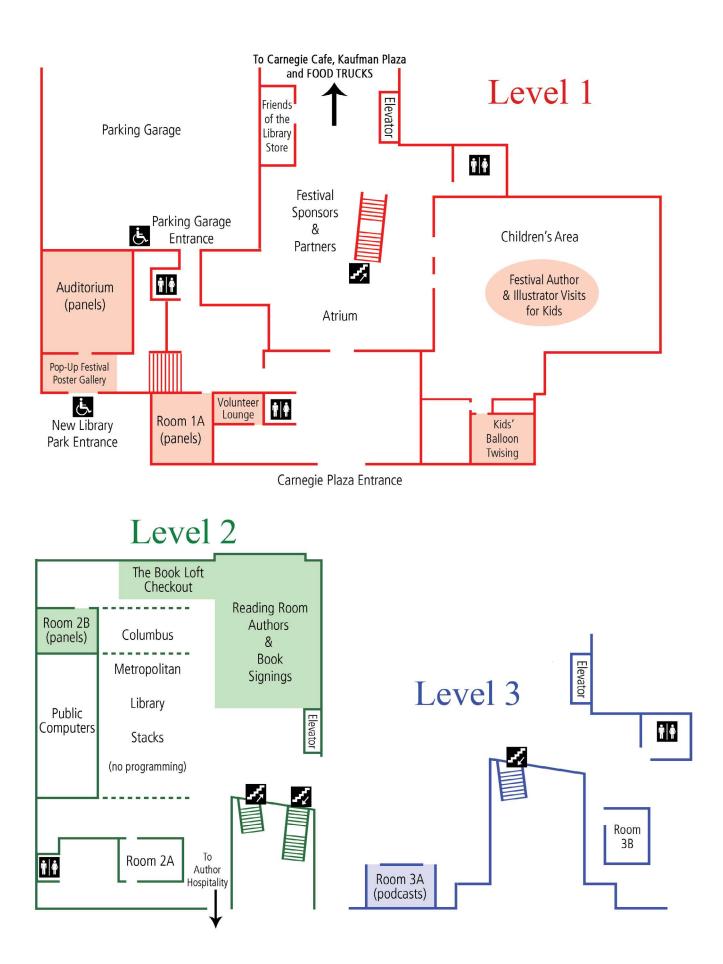


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Kids' Room Activities & Storytimes

Children's Area, 1st Floor



All Day Activities Balloon Twisting Character Visits

Author & Illustrator Visits

12:30 p.m.: Nomar Perez 1:00 p.m.: Mary Kay Carson 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

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

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 awardwinning 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 Boom 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**

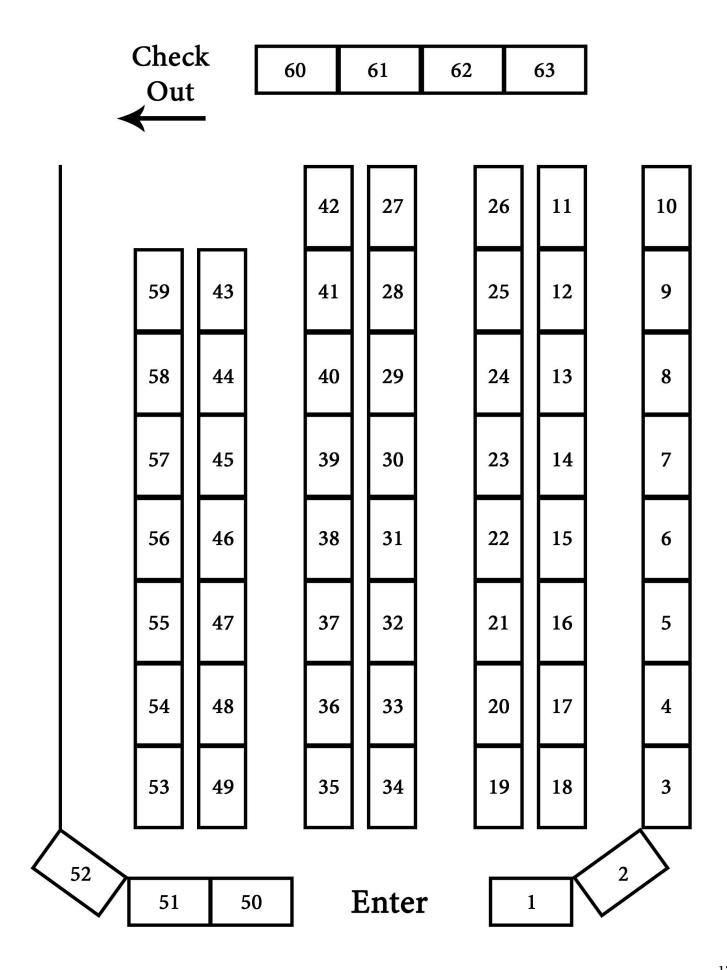
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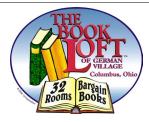
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Author Visit: Julia Kuo

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

Join Julia Kuo at Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers for an author-illustrator visit and book signing. She will share her children's book *Luminous: Living Things That Light Up the Night*. For more information, visit https:// www.covertocoverchildrensbooks. com/event/afternoon-author-andillustrator-julia-kuo.

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!

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Author Visit: Linda 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.

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!

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

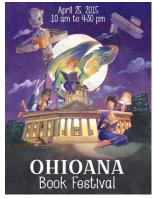
Join Tim Bowers at Paragraphs Bookstore for an illustrator visit, drawing presentation, and book signing. He will share his children's book *It's Better Being a Bunny*. A great event for kids! For more information, visit https:// paragraphsbookstore.indielite.org/ event/author-event-tim-bowers.

Author Visit: Marcy Campbell

April 27, 2024 12:00 p.m. Paragraphs Bookstore Mount Vernon, Ohio

Join Marcy Campbell at Paragraphs Bookstore for an author visit and book signing. She will share her children's book *The More You Give*. A great event for kids! For more information, visit https:// paragraphsbookstore.indielite.org/ event/author-event-marcy-campbell.

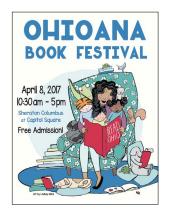
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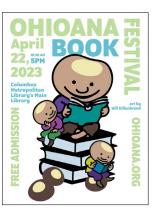
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