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# OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL

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May 3, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
State Library of Ohio and Ohioana Library  
274 E. First Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio, 43201

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# Festival Authors & Illustrators

Meet your favorite Ohio authors and illustrators and get books signed from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Authors are listed alphabetically and by genre.

The number below an author's name indicates their table number.

(See page 8 for an alphabetized list of all authors with table numbers.)

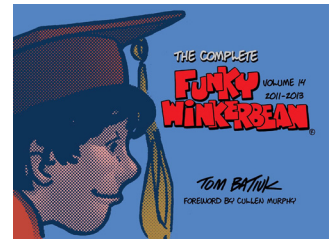
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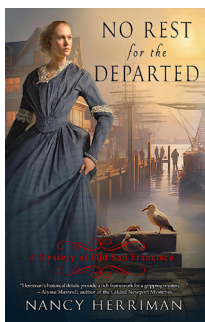
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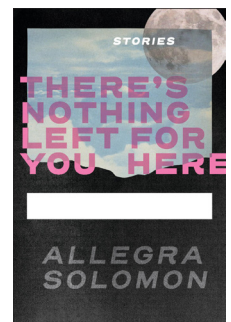
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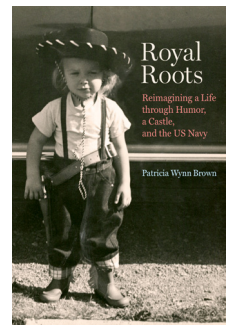


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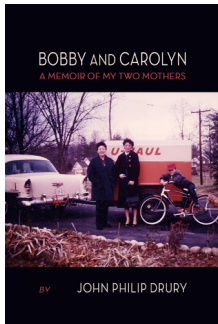


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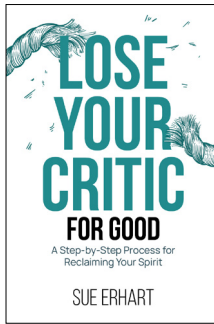
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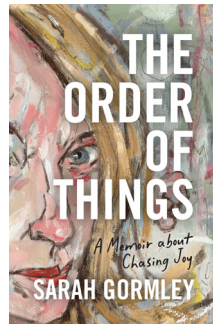
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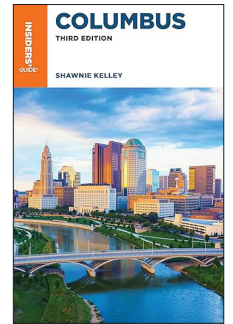
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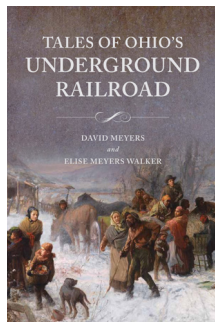
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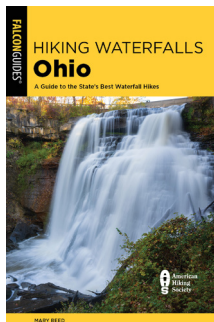
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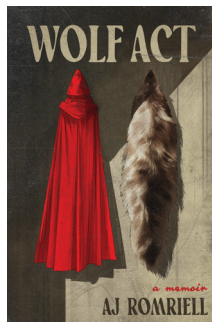
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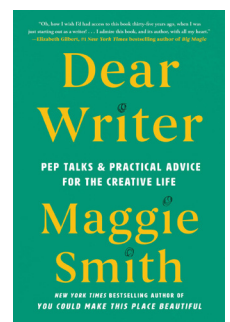
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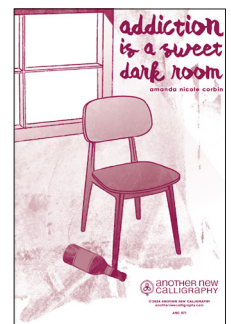


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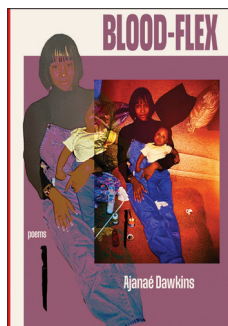
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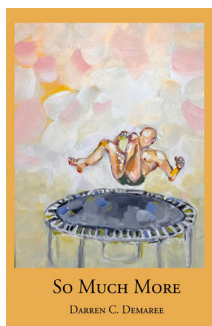


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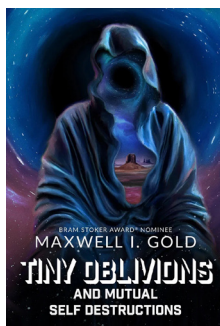




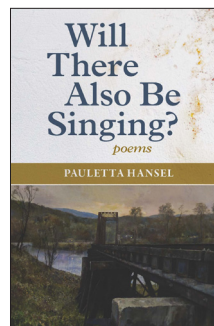
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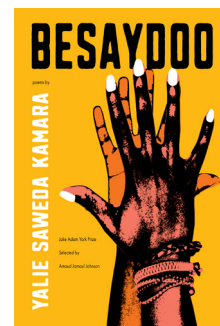
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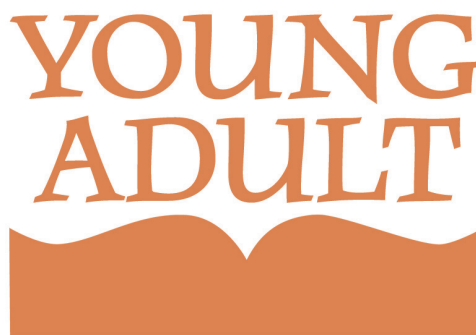
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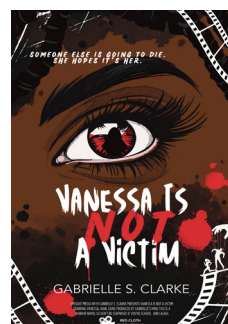
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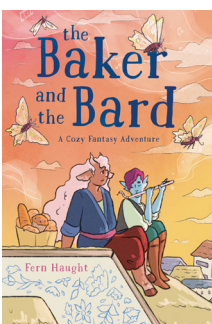
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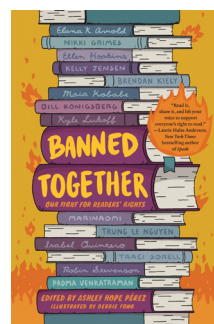
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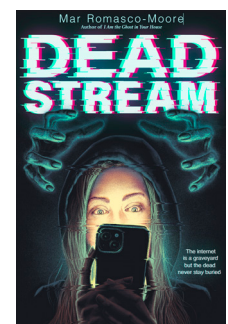
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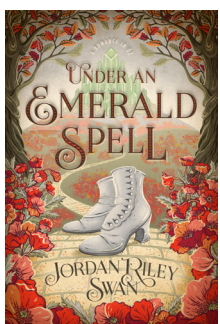
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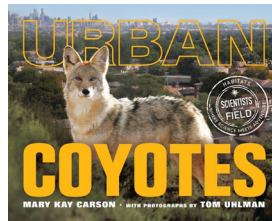
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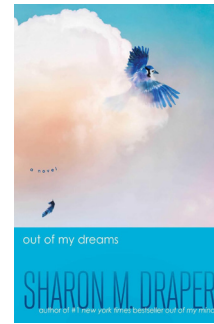
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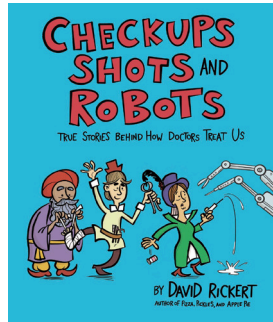
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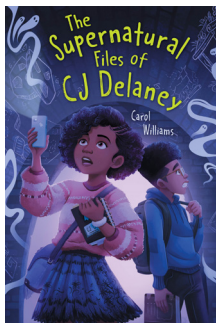
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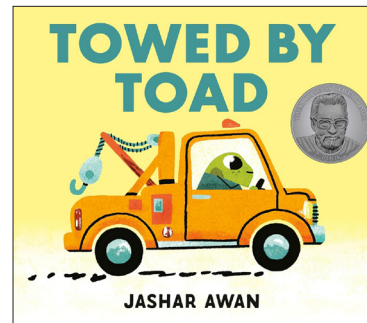


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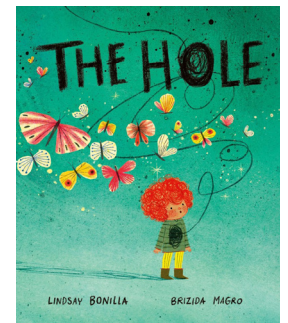


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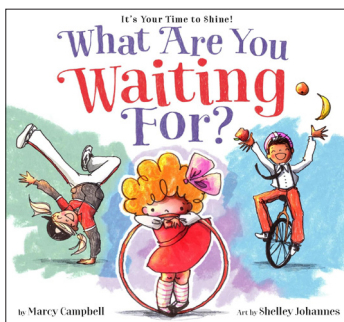
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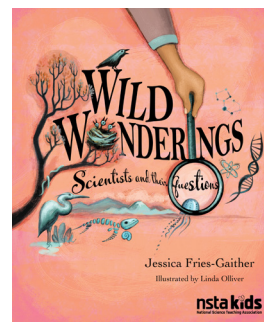
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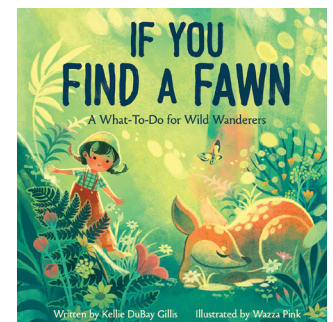
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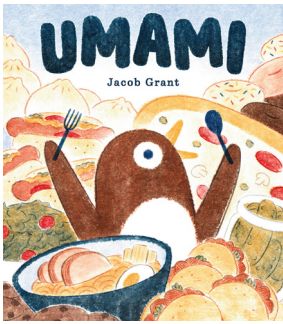


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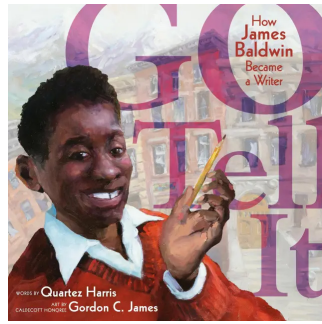


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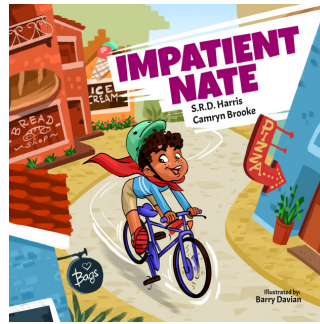




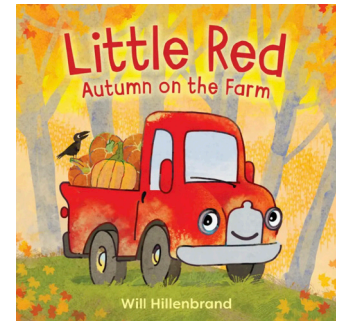
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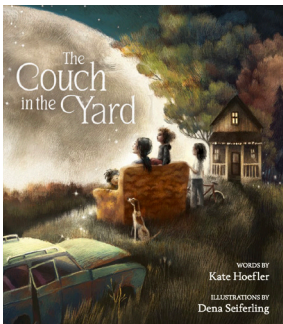
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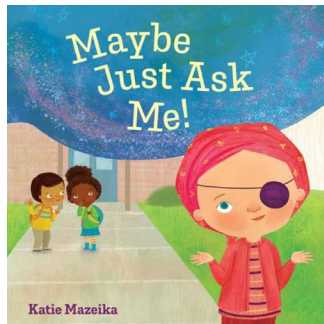
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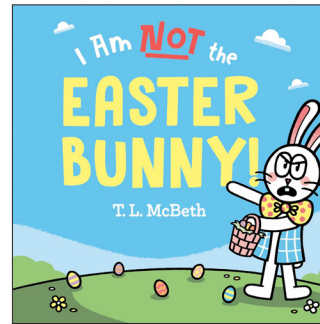
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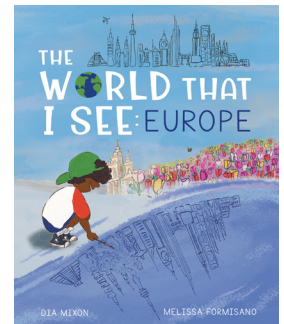
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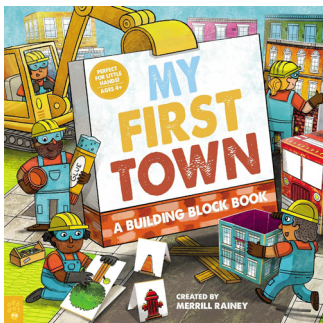
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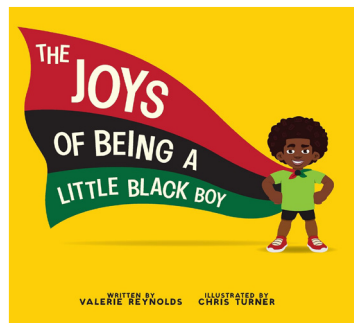
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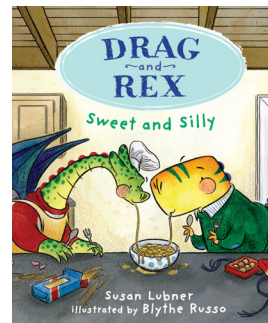
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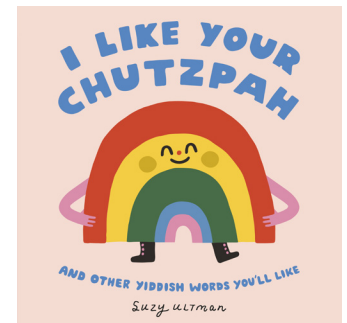
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# Author Table Numbers

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| Karina Bartow – <i>Table 35</i>        | Jacob Grant – <i>Table 18</i>             | Mary Reed – <i>Table 23</i>            |
| Tom Batiuk – <i>Table 28</i>           | Pauletta Hansel – <i>Table 36</i>         | Valerie Reynolds – <i>Table 3</i>      |
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| Camryn Brooke – <i>Table 2</i>         | Fern Haught – <i>Table 16</i>             | AJ Romriell – <i>Table 24</i>          |
| Patricia Wynn Brown – <i>Table 25</i>  | Susan Gee Heino – <i>Table 30</i>         | Rafael Rosado – <i>Table 14</i>        |
| Diane Callahan – <i>Table 15</i>       | Nancy Herriman – <i>Table 32</i>          | Blythe Russo – <i>Table 5</i>          |
| Marcy Campbell – <i>Table 20</i>       | Will Hillenbrand – <i>Table 4</i>         | Patricia Sargeant – <i>Table 30</i>    |
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| Gabrielle S. Clarke – <i>Table 12</i>  | Rebe Huntman – <i>Table 26</i>            | Maggie Smith – <i>Table 27</i>         |
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# Schedule of Programs

## All-day Activities

Author Tables & Book Signings in Board Room  
Juvenile, Middle Grade, and Young Adult Authors

Author Tables & Book Signings in Lucas Room  
Fiction, Nonfiction, and Poetry Authors

Book Loft Checkout  
Between Board Room and Lucas Room

Partner Tables  
State Library Reading Area

Ohioana Collection Display  
Ohioana Library

Character Visits  
Throughout the State Library & Ohioana Library



## Author & Illustrator Storytimes

Location: Ohioana Library Reading Room

10:45 p.m.: Will Hillenbrand

12:00 p.m.: S.R.D. Harris & Camryn Brooke

1:15 p.m.: T.L. McBeth

2:30 p.m.: Kellie DuBay Gillis

3:45 p.m.: Jeffrey Ebbeler

## Session 1 Panels: 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**The Art of Nonfiction:** Writing nonfiction can seem like a daunting task, sometimes involving years of research—and then you must actually WRITE the book! Join these four authors as they dive into the process of creating nonfiction books—from the pitch to publication.

**Panelists:** Shawnie Kelley, Mandy Shunnarah, Maggie Smith, Annie Zaleski

**Moderator:** Laura Maylene Walter

**Location:** Room 108

**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. This discussion is a must for children, parents, teachers, and aspiring authors!

**Panelists:** Savanna Flakes, Quarte Harris, Katie Mazeika, Dia Mixon

**Moderator:** Desiree Thomas

**Location:** Training Room

## Session 2 Panels: 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**If Books Could Kill:** These masters of suspense will share the secrets behind their thrilling plot twists and unforgettable characters, discuss the inspiration for their latest novels, and reveal how they keep readers guessing until the final page.

**Panelists:** Angela Crook, E.M. Jones, Mindy McGinnis, Andrew Welsh-Huggins

**Moderator:** Patrick Stuart

**Location:** Room 108

**Voices of Ohio:** Join talented poets and storytellers for a dynamic discussion as they explore the power of language, identity, and place in their featured books, offering a deep dive into the diverse landscapes and voices that shape the Buckeye State's poetry scene.

**Panelists:** Ajanaé Dawkins, Yalie Saweda Kamara, Damaris Puñales-Alpizar, Scott Woods

**Moderator:** Lyn Ford

**Location:** Training Room



# Schedule of Programs

## Session 3 Panels: 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Love Story:** From suspenseful to cozy, historical to modern, these romance writers create stories that capture readers' hearts. Come hear them discuss their writing processes, their latest books, and how they put their own spin on the endlessly-popular genre.

**Panelists:** Terreece M. Clarke, Patricia Sargeant, Ashley Willow

**Moderator:** Eileen Curley Hammond

**Location:** Room 108

**In Our Own Words:** These authors find inspiration in real people, places, and events in their own lives. Come hear them talk about the unique opportunities and complications they encounter while writing memoir and get some tips on how to tell your own story.

**Panelists:** John Philip Drury, Sarah Gormley, Rebe Huntman, AJ Romriell

**Moderator:** Michelle Gubola

**Location:** Training Room

## Session 4 Panels: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Writing for Young Adult Readers:** These panelists will discuss their books for Young Adult readers and why they find the genre so compelling. Join them as they share their unique books ranging from anthology to romance to thrillers and graphic novels!

**Panelists:** Kristy Boyce, Ashley Hope Pérez, Skye Quinlan, Mar Romasco-Moore, Rafael Rosado

**Moderator:** Diane Callahan

**Location:** Room 108

**Every Picture Tells a Story:** Join four creators of books for young readers as they explore the process of writing and/or illustrating a picture book. They will discuss their books, inspirations, and the importance of storytelling in the lives of young children.

**Panelists:** Jashar Awan, Lindsay Bonilla, Jacob Grant, Valerie Reynolds

**Moderator:** J.P. Mitchell

**Location:** Training Room

## Session 5 Panels: 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Middle Grade Fiction:** This panel 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:** Sharon M. Draper, Elisa Stone Leahy, Tricia Springstubb, Carol Williams

**Moderator:** Erik Jon Slingerup

**Location:** Room 108

**Exploring History Through Fiction:** Join this creative group of fiction writers who craft fascinating stories inspired by true-to-life historical events. Come hear them chat about their writing processes and how they bring the past back to life.

**Panelists:** Kalynn Applewhite, Patti Flinn, Amanda Flower, Mercedes King

**Moderator:** Robin Nesbitt

**Location:** Training Room

## Food Trucks & Stands

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: The Coffee Camper  
State Library Parking Lot

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Boba Fusion & Cafe  
State Library Front Entrance (Inside)

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: The Gourmet Mac Shak  
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11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Tortilla Street Food  
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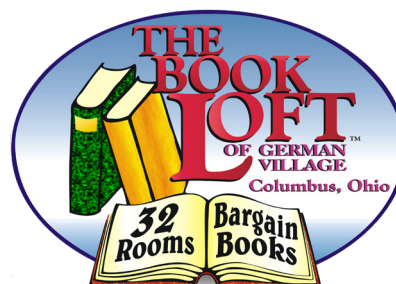
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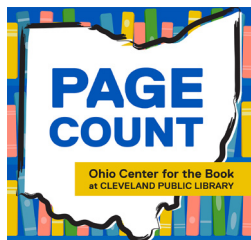
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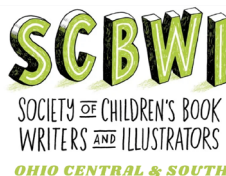
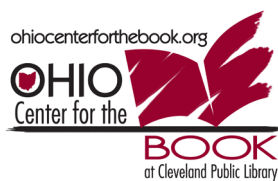
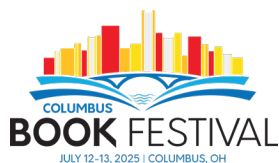
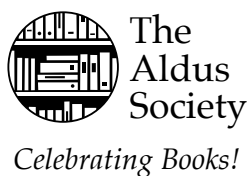
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| Board Room & Lucas Room      | Author Tables, Book Signings, & Book Loft Checkout |       |   |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |       |      |                        |      |      |      |      |                                 |      |      |      |      |                                   |      |      |      |      |
| Room 108 Panels              |  |       | The Art of Nonfiction                     |       |       |       |       | If Books Could Kill                      |       |       |       |      | Love Story             |      |      |      |      | Writing for Young Adult Readers |      |      |      |      | Middle Grade Fiction              |      |      |      |      |
| Training Room Panels         |  |       | Empowering Children Through Picture Books |       |       |       |       | Voices of Ohio                           |       |       |       |      | In Our Own Words       |      |      |      |      | Every Picture Tells a Story     |      |      |      |      | Exploring History Through Fiction |      |      |      |      |
| Ohioana Library Reading Room |  |       | Storytime: Will Hillenbrand               |       |       |       |       | Storytime: S.R.D. Harris & Camryn Brooke |       |       |       |      | Storytime: T.L. McBeth |      |      |      |      | Storytime: Kellie DuBay Gillis  |      |      |      |      | Storytime: Jeffrey Ebeler         |      |      |      |      |
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