

COLUMBUS BOOK FESTIVAL

Featured Author Schedule

Saturday, July 15 | 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Author book signings are immediately after each session in the 2nd floor Reading Room. Books can be purchased in the Official Festival Bookstore.

Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction

Young Adult

Kids' & Middle Grade

Local Interest

Presentation/Workshop

Headliner Author Talk

	Signings	Signings	Signings	Signings	Signings	
	10-11 AM	11:30AM-12:30 PM	1-2 PM	2:30-3:30 PM	4-5 PM	
Main Library	AUDITORIUM	Christian Fiction Lynn Blackburn, <i>Under Fire</i> Erin Bartels, <i>Eventything is Just Beginning</i> Shelley Shepard Gray, <i>Her Heart's Desire</i> Explore the genre intricacies where dynamic characters navigate holding on to their faith in a complex world. Mod: Kathryn Hauelsen, author	In Conversation with Maggie Smith Maggie Smith, <i>You Could Make This Place Beautiful</i> Acclaimed poet Maggie Smith in conversation with Kelly Sundberg, explores the disintegration of her marriage and her renewed commitment to herself in her <i>New York Times</i> bestselling memoir.	Author Talk with Prince Shakur Prince Shakur, <i>When They Tell You To Be Good</i> In his acclaimed debut book, writer and multi-medium artist, Prince Shakur, charts his political coming of age as a Black queer activist in an immigrant family. Mod: Karen Hewitt, Culture of You	The Author's Journey in 3 Acts: Writing Careers at Different Stages Tamika Burgess, <i>Sincerely Sicily</i> Wesley Chu, <i>The Art of Prophecy</i> Margaret Peterson Haddix, <i>Falling Out of Time</i> Hear authors speak about their careers in publishing, whether it's their first book or fortieth. Mod: Tobias Buckell, author	In Conversation with Ali Hazelwood Ali Hazelwood, <i>Love, Theoretically</i> <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author and #BookTok sensation, Ali Hazelwood, discusses her steamiest (and STEMist!) romance novels and life in academia with fellow author, Vanessa Riley. Ticket required. SOLD OUT.
	MEETING ROOM 1A	How To: Book Marketing & Publicity for Authors Leann Schneider Webb Session for aspiring and published authors who are daunted by publicizing and marketing their work. Hear from a publicist who will answer questions about the publishing industry, and give tips for organizing author talks, selling to stores & libraries, building your author "brand," and getting your book into the hands of readers.	Becoming an Author: The Debut Journey B.L. Blanchard, <i>The Mother</i> Susan Azim Boyer, <i>Jasmine Zumideh Needs A Win</i> Thao Thai, <i>Banyan Moon</i> Drafting, revising, finding an agent and more! Hear from debut authors on the process of publishing their first book. Mod: Elisa Stone Leahy, CML	Queer Romance Jess Everlee, <i>The Gentleman's Book of Vices</i> Courtney Kae, <i>In the Event of Love</i> Amy Spalding, <i>For Her Consideration</i> Sweet, steamy, spicy, and definitely queer! Swoon over decadent Victorian gentlemen, charming hometown lumberjanes and glam LA celebrities. Mod: Erin Upchurch, Kaleidoscope Youth Center	Here There Be Monsters: Kids' Horror Matt McMann, <i>Monstrous: Escape From Grimstone Manor</i> Mar Romasco-Moore, <i>Krazyland</i> Amusement parks take a turn into horror in both of these spooky Middle Grade books. Monsters, ghosts and alternate universes await! Mod: Tricia Springstubb, author	Horror Lucy Snyder, <i>Sister, Maiden, Monster</i> Jaime Jo Wright, <i>The Vanishing at Castle Moreau</i> Mercedes Yardley, <i>Darling</i> These three books broaden the range of the horror genre, from spooky suspense and evocative dark fantasy, to queer body horror apocalypse. Mod: Wes Strobel, Westerville Public Library
	MEETING ROOM 2A	Author Speed-Matching Neely Tubati Alexander, Sara Brunsvold, Grace Ellis, Courtney Kae, Kaija Langley & Rasheed Newson Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!	Author Speed-Matching Erik Brown, Sydney Dunlap, Jocelyn Green, Katherine Reay, Amber Morrell & Jessica Vitalis Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!	Author Speed-Matching Francesca Lia Block, Tamika Burgess, J. Anderson Coats, Ellen O'Clover, Tricia Springstubb & Jane Anne Turzillo Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!	Gaming with YA Authors Anna Gracia, Jenna Miller, Skye Quinlan, Justine Pucella Winans Challenge one of our featured Young Adult authors to a round of Checkers, UNO and more in this small group gaming session. Space is limited.	Author Speed-Matching Denny Bryce, Tori Eldridge, Julie Anne Lindsey, Lauren Thoman, Mia Tsai & Shannon Watters Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!
	MEETING ROOM 2B	Sit. Stay. Read! Dogs in Kids' Fiction Reese Eschmann, <i>Etta Invincible</i> Polly Farquhar, <i>Lolo Weaver Swims Upstream</i> Tricia Springstubb, <i>Looking for True</i> Magical adventures, mysterious abductions, daring rescues! Children's authors describe their tail-waggingly good tales. Mod: Erik Slangerup, author	Thrills, Chills and Heartbreak Ashley Audrain, <i>The Whispers</i> Francesca Lia Block, <i>House of Hearts</i> Robyn Gigli, <i>Remain Silent</i> In these nail-biting works one thing is certain: the female lead will have to solve a thrilling mystery that uncovers eye-opening information about the people and places around her. Mod: Kris Hickey, CML	Where Do We Shelve It? Genre-Bending Fiction Tori Eldridge, <i>Dance Among the Flames</i> Grace Ellis, <i>Fung Out of Space</i> Mary Turzillo, <i>Cosmic Cats & Fantastic Furballs</i> Don't put these books in a box - they defy easy labels! Try a magical vengeance Brazilian thriller, a cat-centered sci-fi short story collection or a mostly true graphic novel about a lesbian crime writer. Mod: Robin Nesbitt	Against the System Lucy Jane Bledsoe, <i>Tell the Rest</i> Rasheed Newson, <i>My Government Means to Kill Me</i> Explore the lives of queer adults, the devastating systems that controlled their formative years and the ways they fought back. With gripping tension, nuanced compassion, humor and heart-break, these novels will shatter you. Mod: Jonathan Pope, Prologue Bookshop	Identities On and Off the Page Jayne Allen, <i>Black Girls Must Have It All</i> Robyn Gigli, <i>Remain Silent</i> Prince Shakur, <i>When They Tell You to Be Good</i> Authors delve into how their real-life identities (race, gender, orientation, culture, and more) intertwine with their books and their publishing careers. Mod: Wesley Chu, author
	MEETING ROOM 3A	Poetry Paul Hlava Ceballos, <i>Banana []</i> Darren Demaree, <i>Clawing at the Grounded Moon</i> Mary Jane White, <i>Dragonfly. Toad. Moon.</i> The human experience ranges across parenting, political histories and speculative dystopia in these lyrical books of poetry. Mod: Wes Strobel, Westerville Public Library	Why We Fall in Love Over and Over: YA Romance Tropes RaeChell Garrett, <i>Promposal</i> Susan Lee, <i>Seoulmates</i> Edward Underhill, <i>Always The Almost</i> There is no one right way to fall in love and no one knows that better than these protagonists. YA romance novelists share new books filled with relationships that put a spin on it's complicated. Mod: Debbie Rigaud, author	Graphic Novels Wes Molebash, <i>Travis Davenport for the Win!</i> Shannon Watters, <i>Hollow</i> Misty & David Wilson, <i>Play Like a Girl</i> Hear from authors and illustrators about the unique role graphic novels fill on our kids' and teens' bookshelves. Mod: Rafael Rosado, illustrator	Weight and Whimsy: Picture Books Kevin Johnson & Kitt Thomas, <i>Cape</i> Kenneth Kraegel, <i>Mushroom Lullaby</i> From navigating grief to discovering a magical mushroom world, these authors demonstrate the remarkable range of picture books. Mod: Claudia Plumley, Great Lakes Publishing	Kids Through Time: Historical Fiction J. Anderson Coats, <i>A Season Most Unfair</i> Federico Erebia, <i>Pedro & Daniel</i> Doan Phuong Nguyen, <i>Mèo and Bé</i> Experience the lives of a young girl in war-torn Vietnam, a strong-minded apprentice in medieval England and two neurodivergent brothers in 1970's Ohio. Mod: Amber Morrell, author
	MEETING ROOM 3B	Forgotten Landmarks Tom Betti, <i>Historic Hotels</i> Doreen Uhas Sauer, <i>Forgotten Landmarks of Ohio</i> Some of Columbus' most important and beautiful buildings have been reduced to dust or left in disrepair. Local historians recapture memories of a forgotten time. Mod: Angela O'Neal, CML	Fertile Earth Elisabeth Weiser & Tim Jordan, <i>The Fertile Earth and the Ordered Cosmos</i> Ohio's Newark Earthworks, the largest geometric earthen complex ever known, are beautifully documented in a book with lush photographs and wide-ranging essays. Mod: Cindy Lindsay, CML	We Got By Ric S. Sheffield, <i>We Got By: A Black Family's Journey in the Heartland</i> Spanning four generations and assessing the legacies of traumatic events and racial dynamics of a small community, this gripping memoir is a rare chronicle of Black life in the rural Midwest. Mod: Nicole Sutton, CML	Settling Ohio Timothy Anderson & Brian Schoen, <i>Settling Ohio: First Peoples and Beyond</i> Scholars discuss the first people who inhabited the Ohio Valley region, built civilizations, established trading networks and navigated wars, and sought to preserve their identity and land. Mod: Eugene Rutigilano, CML	Ohio True Crime Nellie Kampmann, <i>Murder & Mayhem in Columbus, Ohio</i> David Meyers & Elise Meyers Walker, <i>Historic Columbus Crimes</i> Jane Ann Turzillo, <i>Ohio Heists</i> Every city and state has its dark underbelly of crime. Delve into historic true-crime cases that happened right in our own backyard. Mod: Shelby Owings, CML
Topiary Park	AUTHOR STAGE 1	Real Talk: Biographies & Personal Essays Neema Avashia, <i>Another Appalachia</i> Negesti Kauda, <i>Ripe: Essays</i> These deeply personal works of prose excavate the realities of family, belonging and identity across intersections of culture and race. Mod: Amanda Page, writer	The World Around Us: Non-Fiction Picture Books Rajani LaRocca, <i>A Vaccine is Like a Memory</i> Carmella Van Vleet & Chiquita Mullins Lee, <i>You Gotta Meet Mr. Pierce!</i> Authors speak about the multifaceted world of non-fiction picture books. Mod: Kathryn Powers, SCBWI	Rom-Com Neely Tubati Alexander, <i>Love Buzz</i> Kristy Boyce, <i>Hot Dutch Daydream</i> Brian D. Kennedy, <i>A Little Bit Country</i> From sweet to sizzling, these meet-cute romances are the perfect summer addition to any TBR bookshelf! Mod: Donna Zuiderweg, CML	Contemporary Women's Fiction Rochelle Alers, <i>Along the Shore</i> Jayne Allen, <i>Black Girls Must Have It All</i> Jen Devon, <i>Bend Toward the Sun</i> These rich, layered stories follow women through the pitfalls of life, weaving community, career and romance into lush, unforgettable novels. Mod: Terrece Clarke, author	Madcap Middle Grade: Fun Kids' Fiction Erik Slangerup, <i>Molly and the Machine</i> Merril Wyatt, <i>Tangled Up in Nonsense</i> The game is afoot in these middle school mysteries. Whether on the hunt for missing millions or investigating strange disappearances, these junior detectives won't let anything get in their way. Mod: Kathryn Powers, SCBWI
	AUTHOR STAGE 2	YA Mystery & Thrillers Mindy McGinnis, <i>A Long Stretch of Bad Days</i> Lauren Thoman, <i>I'll Stop The World Justine Pucella Winans, Bianca Torre Is Afraid of Everything</i> Time travel, bird-watching, and MURDER!? Follow along as the protagonists of these novels balance between the horrors of adolescence and the horrors of their hometowns. Mod: Ellen O'Clover, author	Cozy Mystery Amanda Flower, <i>Blueberry Blunder</i> Claudia Gray, <i>The Late Mrs. Willoughby</i> Julie Anne Lindsey, <i>Pleading the Fish</i> Settle in to hear the authors of three well-loved mystery series share all the juicy details of their latest installments. Mod: Rebecca Asmo, Ohio Humanities	Historical Fiction Set in the 1920s Denny S. Bryce, <i>In the Face of the Sun</i> Jocelyn Green, <i>The Metropolitan Affair</i> Ruth P. Watson, <i>A Right Worthy Woman</i> Transport yourself to an old Hollywood full of family secrets, the world of art forgery in Prohibition-era NYC or Virginia's Black Wall Street with these tales that dive into the 1920s. Mod: Christopher Purdy, WOSU	Historical Fiction Katherine Reay, <i>A Shadow In Moscow</i> Vanessa Riley, <i>Queen of Exiles</i> Eric Walker, <i>Lost Souls Recovered</i> Head back in time with a southern Black man on the run in the post-Civil War America, the exiled first-and-only queen of Haiti, and two female spies entangled with Soviet espionage in different Cold War eras. Mod: Linda Kass, Gramercy Books	Grown-ups Adrift: Contemporary Adult Fiction Tara Conklin, <i>Community Board</i> Joe Meno, <i>Book of Extraordinary Tragedies</i> Bart Yates, <i>The Language of Love and Loss</i> Explore the nuances of living in community with fellow humans, the trickiness of adulthood and the endless possibilities of connection through the comedies and tragedies of life. Mod: Jess Montgomery, author

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Main Library	AUDITORIUM	Taking a Stab at Story Structure: Crafting a Mystery Claudia Gray, <i>The Late Mrs. Willoughby</i> Lauren Thoman, <i>I'll Stop the World</i> Vanessa Riley, <i>Murder In Westminster</i> Masters of mystery discuss weaving whodunits that will keep you turning pages and counting bodies! Mod: Sara Herchenroether, author	Author Talk with Matthew Quirk Matthew Quirk, <i>Inside Threat</i> Washington D.C. crime and terrorist reporter turned novelist, Matthew Quirk spins intriguing political thrillers from international headlines. His 2019 <i>Night Agent</i> is a Netflix hit, teeing up his next pulse-pounding suspense, <i>Inside Threat</i> , out June 2023. Mod: Amelia Robinson, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	World of Pure Imagination Reese Eschmann, <i>Etta Invincible</i> Margaret Peterson Haddix, <i>Falling Out of Time</i> Lisa McMann, <i>The Forgotten Five: Rebel Undercover</i> Transport yourself to new world of superhero heists, futuristic dystopias and magical trains with these beloved children's authors. Mod: Julia DeVillers, author	Author Talk with Fonda Lee Fonda Lee, <i>Untethered Sky</i> Join World Fantasy Award-winning author Fonda Lee (Jade City) for a discussion of her latest high fantasy novel, <i>Untethered Sky</i> , a magical fable about the pursuit of obsession at all costs. Mod: Wesley Chu, author
	MEETING ROOM 1A	Writing & Illustrating for Children The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) supports and educates writers, illustrators, and translators of children's literature at all career levels, from beginners to multi-published, award-winning authors and illustrators. Attendees will learn more about the global organization, Ohio's local chapters, and the children's publishing industry.	Your Guide to Ohio Travel Matthew Caracciolo, <i>Moon Ohio: Getaway Ideas, Outdoor Adventure & Family Fun, Creative Cuisine & Culture</i> From cities with old-world charm to endless family adventures in the great outdoors, experience the best of the Buckeye State with Ohio travel writer, Matthew Caracciolo. Mod: Grace Freeman, CML	Book Buzz: Preview of Summer 2023 New Releases Book selectors from Columbus Metropolitan Library will share their can't miss fiction and nonfiction titles that are about to hit library shelves. Be the first to know which books everyone will be talking about this summer!	Novels in Verse Kate Fussner, <i>The Song of Us</i> Kaija Langley, <i>The Order of Things</i> Rajani LaRocca, <i>Mirror to Mirror</i> With humor, heart and longing, these stories all ring true. You'll find it truly compelling what a novel in verse can do. Mod: Dr. Samantha Stewart
	MEETING ROOM 2A	Paper Toy Making with Merrill Rainey Merrill Rainey, <i>Roar! I'm A Dinosaur</i> Hands-on workshop where kids can create and build their own paper toy characters alongside picture book creator, illustrator and paper engineer Merrill Rainey. Supplies provided. Ages 6-10.	Author Speed-Matching Lucy Jane Bledsoe, Kimberly Duffy, Kate Fussner, Matt McMann, Jess Montgomery & Eric Walker Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!	Author Speed-Matching Jess Everlee, Nishanth Injam, Brian Kennedy, Natalie D. Richards, Jaime Jo Wright & Mercedes Yardley Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!	Author Speed-Matching Rochelle Alers, Matthew Caracciolo, Kristi McManus, Wes Molebash, Mar Romasco-Moore & Erik Slangerup Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before moving to another author's table. Find your perfect literary match!
	MEETING ROOM 2B	Magical Fantasy J.R. Dawson, <i>The First Bright Thing</i> Kristi McManus, <i>Our Vengeful Souls</i> GennaRose Nethercott, <i>Thistlefoot</i> Dark folktale, twisted myth and time-travel circus fantasy—these tales will transport you to magical worlds and then bring you back with a deeper, richer understanding of our own reality. Mod: Leann Schneider Webb	Online Gone Wrong: Tangling with Tech in YA Fiction Jenna Miller, <i>Out of Character</i> Ellen O'Clover, <i>Seven Percent of Ro Devereux</i> Skye Quinlan, <i>Forward March</i> Teen love is complicated enough without online role-playing games and apps that help you find your perfect match! The online world clashes with IRL drama in these fun YA stories. Mod: Kristy Lorenz, CML	Through Other Eyes: Stories with Multiple POVs Sara Herchenroether, <i>The Night Flowers</i> Thao Thai, <i>Banyan Moon</i> Laura Warrell, <i>Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm</i> Discover three talented new authors whose literary novels span generations of love, heartbreak and redemption through a chorus of diverse female voices. Mod: Meredith Wickham, Southwest Public Libraries	Birth of a Book: The Debut Author's Journey J.R. Dawson, <i>The First Bright Thing</i> Edward Underhill, <i>Always The Almost</i> Mia Tsai, <i>Bitter Medicine</i> Drafting, revising, finding an agent and more! Hear from debut authors on the process of publishing their first book. Mod: Jess Everlee, author
	MEETING ROOM 3A	Short Stories Lydia Conklin, <i>Rainbow Rainbow</i> Nishanth Injam, <i>The Best Possible Experience</i> These authors capture a broad range of the human experience in their short fiction from intimate stories of the Indian diaspora to exuberant tales of the queer experience. Mod: Andrew Welsh-Huggins, author	Midwest Rainbow: The Many Shades of Growing Up Queer Federico Erebia, <i>Pedro & Daniel</i> Caroline Huntoon, <i>Skating on Mars</i> Phil Stamper, <i>Small Town Pride</i> With tenderness and authenticity, these Middle Grade and Young Adult novels portray queer kids finding their way to hope and resilience in their Midwest communities. Mod: Samantha Tucker, author	Messiness of Life and Young Love Erik Brown, <i>Lose You To Find Me</i> Anna Gracia, <i>Boys I Know</i> Welcome to the teen years: navigating life, love and sex under the mounting pressures of adulthood. Filipino, Taiwanese and queer representation add diverse layers to these relatable, messy stories. Mod: Jen Wiezbiski, CML	Kids vs The World: Tackling Tough Topics James Bird, <i>The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls</i> Sydney Dunlap, <i>It Happened on Saturday</i> Torrey Maldonado, <i>Hands</i> Growing up isn't easy. These kids learn to fight their own battles and cope with what's tough while staying true to themselves. Mod:
	MEETING ROOM 3B		Kahiki Scrapbook David Meyers, <i>Elise Meyers Walker</i> , Jeff Chenault & Doug Motz, <i>Kahiki Scrapbook: Relics of Ohio's Last Tiki Palace</i> To aficionados of Polynesian Pop, the Kahiki Supper Club was and remains the touchstone for all things tiki. Visit a new collection of stories, images and recipes that explain why the Kahiki was such an important artifact of the 20th century. Mod: Angela O'Neal, CML	Ohio Sports Tim Raab, <i>Powerhouses of Ohio High School Football: The 50s and 60s</i> Amy Spears & Samantha Tucker, <i>Collective Chaos: A Roller Derby Team Memoir</i> Hear about the history of Ohio's iconic Friday Night Lights and learn about the continuing evolution of the niche-yet-global sport, roller derby. It'll be a big hit! Mod: Nicole Sutton, CML	Ohio Made Renee Casteel Cook, <i>Ohio Ice Cream: A Scoop of History</i> Conrade C. Hinds, <i>Made in Ohio: A History of Buckeye Invention & Ingenuity</i> Take a tour of tasty treats from around the state, and learn how Ohio's ingenuity and practical inventiveness made it a mecca for manufacturing all-American brands like Quaker Oats, Smucker's, Shervin Williams, Play-Doh and more. Mod: Eugene Rutigliano, CML
Topiary Park	AUTHOR STAGE 1	Page Turners Amina Akhtar, <i>Kismet</i> Rosalie Knecht, <i>Vera Kelly Lost and Found</i> Natalie D. Richards, <i>Four Found Dead</i> From today's toxic wellness industry to the devastating homophobia of the 1970s, these authors take on more than just murder in their twisty mysteries that will keep you reading. Mod: Robin Nesbitt	Bittersweet Books: Emotional Middle Grade Fiction Amber Morrell, <i>The Alchemy of Letting Go</i> Doan Phuong Nguyen, <i>Mèo and Bé</i> Jessica Vitalis, <i>The Rabbit's Gift</i> Middle Grade writers discuss creating characters in profound journeys of healing and hope that reach from war-torn Vietnam to a mythical land of magical animals. Mod: Sydney Dunlap, author	Reimagining Worlds: Fantasy & Speculative Fiction B.L. Blanchard, <i>The Mother</i> GennaRose Nethercott, <i>Thistlefoot</i> Marie Vibbert, <i>The Gods Awoke</i> Whether through alternate history or fantastical sci-fi, these works of speculative fiction reimagine what our world could be. Mod: Andrew Frost, CML	Ohio Crime On and Off the Page Wendy Koile, <i>Lake Erie Murder and Mayhem</i> James Renner, <i>Little, Crazy Children</i> Andrew Welsh-Huggins, <i>The End of the Road</i> From Ohio's idyllic suburbs and rural countryside, to the shores of Lake Erie, join these authors to hear their tales of crimes both true and fictional. Mod: Darren Demaree, author
	AUTHOR STAGE 2	We All Contain Multitudes: Intersecting Identities in YA Fiction Susan Lee, <i>Seoulmates</i> Susan Azim Boyer, <i>Jasmine Zumideh Needs A Win</i> Justine Pucella Winans, <i>Bianca Torre Is Afraid of Everything</i> Teens navigate the complexity of their identity through swoonworthy K-drama, prospects of an arranged marriage and a competitive high school election. Mod: Charlotte Price, Columbus Acamedy	WorldBuilding Wesley Chu, <i>The Art of Prophecy</i> Lisa McMann, <i>The Forgotten Five: Rebel Undercover</i> Mia Tsai, <i>Bitter Medicine</i> Explore the intricacies of playing God in this discussion on the cornerstone of the fantasy genre. From cultures to cartography, plants to politics, fantasy authors dive into how they build their worlds. Mod: Kayla Toon, Upper Arlington Public Library	Inspirational Fiction Erin Bartels, <i>Everything Is Just Beginning</i> Sara Brunsvold, <i>The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip</i> Jessica Strawser, <i>The Next Thing You Know</i> With tenderness and hope, these profound and inspirational stories explore both the beginnings and the endings in our lives, and the surprising possibilities in between. Mod: Michaela Herrick, CML	Strong Women Through Time Kimberly Duffy, <i>The Weight of Air</i> Jess Montgomery, <i>The Echoes</i> Ruth Watson, <i>A Right Worthy Woman</i> These works of Historical Fiction all feature strong female leads including a sheriff in 1920's Appalachia, the first woman banker on Virginia's Black Wall Street, and circus performers in the early 1900's. Mod: Robin Nesbitt

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