

COLUMBUS BOOK FESTIVAL

Featured Author Schedule

Saturday, July 13 | 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Books can be purchased in the Official Festival Bookstore.

Book signings are immediately after each session in the 2nd floor Reading Room.

Headliners will sign books near the Auditorium.

- Adult Fiction & Nonfiction
- Young Adult
- Kids & Middle Grade
- Local Interest
- Writing & Publishing
- Presentation
- Headliner Author Talk

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		10-11 AM	11:30AM-12:30 PM	1-2 PM	2:30-3:30 PM	4-5 PM
Main Library	AUDITORIUM	Success with a Side of Steamy Romance Terreece M. Clarke, <i>Fingertips</i> Tracey Livesay, <i>The Duchess Effect</i> Kennedy Ryan, <i>This Could Be Us</i> From the palace to the boardroom to the school PTO, these powerful women find love with plenty of sizzle. Mod: Melissa Saavedra, Steamy Lit Bookstore	Author Talk with Nick Petrie Nick Petrie, <i>The Price You Pay</i> Join award-winning thriller author Nick Petrie to hear about his propulsive new thriller. In this latest installment in the <i>Peter Ash</i> series, a former marine must confront the demons of his past to protect what he holds dear. Ticket required. Reserve seat here. Mod: Donna Zuiderweg, CML	In Conversation with Porochista Khakpour Porochista Khakpour, <i>Tehrangelles</i> Renowned writer Porochista Khakpour discusses her "Most Anticipated" (<i>TIME</i> , <i>Vogue</i> , <i>The National</i>) new book, <i>Tehrangelles</i> , a tragicomic saga about family dysfunction and self-acceptance. Ticket required. Reserve seat here. Mod: Ruth Awad, author	Writing the Middle Grade Voice Julia DeVillers, <i>Meet Isabel and Nicki</i> Karina Yan Glaser, <i>The Vanderbeekers Ever After</i> Margaret Peterson Haddix, <i>Mysteries of Trash and Treasure: The Ghostly Photos</i> Hear how veteran authors of beloved children's books capture those fleeting moments between childhood and adolescence on the page. Mod: Desiree Thomas, Chose to Read Ohio	In Conversation with Kennedy Ryan Kennedy Ryan, <i>This Could Be Us</i> New York Times bestselling author Kennedy Ryan explores the thrill of romantic love and the healing power of self-love in her latest steamy romance, <i>This Could Be Us</i> . Ticket required. SOLD OUT Mod: Alissa Henry, Good Day Columbus/ABC6
	MEETING ROOM 1A	How To: Author Marketing & Publicity Leann Schneider Webb, publicist Literary and author/book publicist, Leann Schneider Webb, will help new or aspiring authors develop the tools to get books into reader's hands on a scale and budget that's right for you.	Breaking In: Authors Talk Publishing Mark Cecil, <i>Bunyan and Henry: Or, the Beautiful Destiny</i> Yume Kitasei, <i>The Stardust Grail</i> Christine Ma-Kellams, <i>The Band</i> New authors discuss what it's like to enter the current world of publishing. Mod: Jessica Parra, author	Sapphic Swoons Mazey Eddings, <i>Late Bloomer</i> Jess Everlee, <i>A Bluestocking's Guide to Decadence</i> Amy Spalding, <i>At Her Service</i> Racing hearts and female love stretch from historical to contemporary in these charming and steamy queer romances. Mod: Leann Schneider Webb, publicist	Disturbing Reads: Horror Novels Chris Panatier, <i>The Redemption of Morgan Bright</i> Ananda Lima, <i>Craft: Stories I Wrote For the Devil</i> Sarah Gailey, <i>Know Your Station</i> A murder in the psych ward, a billionaire's deadly space station, and a Halloween party with the Devil. Unravel these timely, surreal tales. Mod: Scott Woods, CML	Slow-Burn Mysteries Jessica Strawser, <i>The Last Caretaker</i> Wanda Morris, <i>What You Leave Behind</i> Stephen Mack Jones, <i>Deus X</i> Dark networks of men who will stop at nothing and hidden safehouses that are magnets for danger—our heroes have much to uncover in these suspenseful mysteries. Mod: Sara Herchenroether, author
	MEETING ROOM 2A	More than Cornfields: Rural Teens Nora Shalaway Carpenter, <i>Fault Lines</i> Jen Ferguson, <i>Those Pink Mountain Nights</i> Michael Thomas Ford, <i>Every Star That Falls</i> From fracking and mental health to the disappearances of Indigenous women, teens grapple with more than meets the eye in small town stories. Mod: Kelly Young, CML	Author Speed-Matching Alisa Alering, Neely Tubati Alexander, Susan Lee, Michael Streissguth and Suma Subramaniam Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Rebecca Epperson, CML	Author Speed-Matching Nora Shalaway Carpenter, Mark Cecil, Phyllis Dixon, Ali Terese and Kat Zhang Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Rebecca Epperson, CML	Author Speed-Matching Steve Basford, Meghan P. Browne, Jason B. Dutton, Meredith R. Lyons and Skye Quinlan Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Chrissie Harris, CML	Author Speed-Matching Erik J. Brown, George Jreije, Anya Liftig, Christine Ma-Kellams, Kellie M. Parker and Kathy Schulz Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Chrissie Harris, CML
	MEETING ROOM 2B	Claiming Space: Disability Representation on the Page Jason B. Dutton, <i>How to Dance</i> Katie Mazeika, <i>Beulah Has a Hunch! Inside the Colorful Mind of Master Inventor Beulah Louise Henry</i> S. Jae-Jones, <i>Zhara</i> Across genres and audiences, these writers advocate for destigmatizing mental health and physical disabilities in the stories they tell. Mod: Kris Hickey, CML	Mic Drop: Queer Stories Take the Stage Alex Brown, <i>Damned If You Do</i> Skye Quinlan, <i>Don't Be a Drag</i> Jonny Garza Villa, <i>Canto Contigo</i> These queer teen characters know how to put on a show with tales of snarky demons, drag kings and mariachi rivals. Mod: Justine Pucella Winans, author	Collabs and Co-Authors: Writing as a Team Nicole Melleby, <i>Winnie Nash is Not Your Sunshine</i> Debbie Rigaud, <i>Step by Step! How The Lincoln Marchers Blazed a Trail to Justice</i> A.J. Sass, <i>Just Shy of Ordinary</i> Learn the in's and out's of collaborating with others to co-author books from these successful collaborators. Mod: Nancy Roe Pimm, author	To Science Fiction and Beyond: Genre Mash-up Tobias Buckell, <i>Runes of Engagement</i> Yume Kitasei, <i>The Stardust Grail</i> John Scalzi, <i>Starter Villain</i> Military RPG Fantasy? Space Heist? Superhero Comedy? Sci-Fi writers prove there are no limits to the imagination. Mod: Kayla Toon, Upper Arlington Public Library	Justice and Power in YA Lit Jen Ferguson, <i>Those Pink Mountain Nights</i> Kim Johnson, <i>The Color of a Lie</i> LaDarrion Williams, <i>Blood At the Root</i> From thrillers to fantasy, these young adult books center Indigenous, queer and Black teens up against systems of injustice. Mod: Alex Brown, author
	MEETING ROOM 3A	Up Against the World: Women Through History Phyllis Dixon, <i>A Taste For More</i> Linda Kass, <i>Bessie</i> Sarah Sundin, <i>Embers in the London Sky</i> These women confront the powers trying to tear them and their families apart, from Jim Crow prejudice to WWII discrimination. Mod: Colette Harrell, author	Alchemy, Myths and Magic: Kids Fantasy Nashae Jones, <i>Courtesy of Cupid</i> George Jreije, <i>Shad Hadid and the Forbidden Alchemies</i> Kat Zhang, <i>The Magic Paintbrush</i> Kids take on evil spirits, magical quests and surprising powers in these diverse adventures. Mod: Erik Slangerup, author	Worth 1,000 Words: Graphic Novels Rafael Rosado, <i>Call Me Iggy</i> V Anderson & Tatiana Hill, <i>Blood City Rollers</i> Explore the illustrated world of comics and community through identity-seeking quests and supernatural roller derby. Mod: Dan Gearino, CXC	Young Love (sigh) Susan Lee, <i>The Name Drop</i> Jessica Parra, <i>The Quince Project</i> Christen Randall, <i>The No-Girlfriend Rule</i> Fairytale romances and comedic mix-ups will take your heart on a tour across Latine and Korean cultures and surprising queer crushes. Mod: Kristen Simmons, author	Another Time, Another Place: Historical Fiction Denny S. Bryce, <i>The Other Princess: A Novel of Queen Victoria's Goddaughter</i> Amanda Dykes, <i>Born of Gilded Mountains</i> Sujata Massey, <i>The Mistress of Bhatia House</i> The only female lawyer in 1920's India; an African princess raised in the British royal court; and a former Hollywood starlet in a Colorado mining town. Discover tales spanning continents and centuries. Mod: Phyllis Dixon, author
Topiary Park	MEETING ROOM 3B	Columbus Fire Departments Steve Heselden & Steven Martin, <i>Columbus Fire Department 200th Anniversary History Book</i> Learn about the Columbus Division of Fire's commitment to documenting and sharing CFD history through stunning visuals, the written word, and their archives. Mod: Grace Freeman, CML	Columbus Institutions Richard W. Burry, <i>Art and History in The Ohio Judicial Center: A Visual Tour</i> Dayna Jalkanen, <i>The Art and Artistry of the Ohio Statehouse</i> Experts discuss landmarks that serve the practical functions of government with an aesthetic bent, showcasing public art and architectural excellence in downtown Columbus. Mod: Jeff Darbee, architectural historian	Underground Railroad David M. Goodrich, <i>On Freedom Road: Bicycle Explorations and Reckonings on the Underground Railroad</i> Kathy Schulz, <i>The Underground Railroad in Ohio</i> Follow these authors along the paths of abolitionists and conductors on the Underground Railroad. Mod: Nicole Sutton, CML	Bluegrass Fred Bartenstein, <i>Industrial Strength Bluegrass</i> Tom Ewing, <i>Bill Monroe: The Life and Music of the Blue Grass Man</i> Michael Streissguth, <i>Highways and Heartaches: How Ricky Skaggs, Marty Stuart and Children of the New South Saved the Soul of Country Music</i> Hear the history of Bluegrass from those who play it, study it and share it on the radio waves. Mod: Brent Davis & Rich Baker, WOSU Bluegrass Ramble	Ohio Sports Steve Basford, <i>Ohio State Football 2002: The Improbable National Championship</i> Andrew King & Ben Ferree, <i>Friday Night Lies: The Bishop Sycamore Story</i> Keith O'Brien, <i>Charlie Hustle: The Rise and Fall of Pete Rose, and the Last Glory Days of Baseball</i> Stories about a legendary college football team, a scandalous high school football program, and one of the most polarizing figures in baseball. Mod: Bob Hunter, Columbus Historical Society
	AUTHOR STAGE 1	Twists and Turns: Middle Grade Mysteries Margaret Peterson Haddix, <i>The Ghostly Photos</i> H.D. Hunter, <i>Futureland: The Nightmare Hour</i> Jenn Reese, <i>Puzzleheart</i> On this mysterious panel, you'll find ghosts, puzzles, futuristic tech and emotional healing. Mod: Meghan P. Browne, writer	Fates, Tropes and Smolder: Contemporary Romance Lauren Kung Jessen, <i>Red String Theory</i> Ali Rosen, <i>Alternate Endings</i> Kerry Winfrey, <i>Faking Christmas</i> From fake dating to star-crossed love, these light romantic reads offer happily ever afters with depth. Mod: Jen Devon, author	The Teens Are Not Ok! Kim Johnson, <i>The Color of a Lie</i> Kellie M. Parker, <i>Thin Air</i> Kristen Simmons, <i>Find Him Where You Left Him Dead</i> A suspenseful flight to Paris, 1950's race relations, and a deadly board game in the underworld. Be careful whom you trust in this world of YA thrillers. Mod: Erik J. Brown, author	A Touch of Wonder: Magical Contemporary Fiction Alisa Alering, <i>Smothermoss</i> Mark Cecil, <i>Bunyon and Henry: Or, The Beautiful Destiny</i> Douglas Westerbeke, <i>A Short Walk Through a Wide World</i> Our world is full of terrible, wonderful, inexplicable things. Explore the mythic and the mysterious in stories that reinvent reality. Mod: Andrew Frost, CML	School Hijinks Jenn Bishop, <i>Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up</i> Nashae Jones, <i>Courtesy of Cupid</i> Ali Terese, <i>Free Period</i> School is complicated enough without a major sports rivalry, period pranks gone awry, and a bit of love magic. Step into contemporary middle grade stories and have some fun. Mod: Desiree Thomas, Chose to Read Ohio
	AUTHOR STAGE 2	Mysterious Disappearances Wanda Morris, <i>What You Leave Behind</i> Chris Panatier, <i>The Redemption of Morgan Bright</i> Andromeda Romano-Lax, <i>The Deepest Lake</i> Enter the eerie and intriguing world of those gone missing and those uncovering the unsettling truths left behind. Mod: Alissa Henry, Good Day Columbus/ABC6	Cults, Cats and Killers: Cozy-ish Mysteries Alex Erickson, <i>A Pose Before Dying</i> Anastasia Hastings, <i>Of Hoaxes and Homicide</i> Vanessa Riley, <i>Murder in Drury Lane</i> Bodies pile up in light and fast-paced mysteries that hail from regency-era London to a modern yoga studio in Ohio. Mod: Lindsay Jackson	Inspired Stories: Faith-Based Fiction Amanda Dykes, <i>Born of Gilded Mountains</i> Toni Shiloh, <i>A Run at Love</i> Sarah Sundin, <i>Embers in the London Sky</i> From war-torn Europe to America's racetracks and mining towns, faith underscores romance and mystery alike. Mod: Meredith Wickham, Southwest Public Libraries	Cracks in the Mirror: Critiquing Our World Through Fiction Ryan Chapman, <i>The Audacity</i> Christine Ma-Kellams, <i>The Band</i> Joseph Earl Thomas, <i>God Bless You, Otis Spunkmeyer</i> Examine contemporary stories that reflect on our own society with authenticity, humor and wit. Mod: Rebecca Asmo, Ohio Humanities	Hey! Look, It's Me. Mental Health in Stories Nora Shalaway Carpenter, <i>Fault Lines</i> Mazey Eddings, <i>Late Bloomer</i> H.D. Hunter, <i>Futureland: The Nightmare Hour</i> With joy and compassion, these authors bring real life depictions of mental health to the page, along with the intersecting identities of race, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. Mod: Kris Hickey, CML

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Main Library	AUDITORIUM		In Conversation with Veronica Roth Veronica Roth, <i>When Among Crows</i> Join #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of the <i>Divergent</i> series, Veronica Roth to hear about her newest tale of mythical curses, legendary magic and the possibility of redemption. Ticket required. SOLD OUT Mod: John Scalzi, author		In Conversation with Hanif Abdurraqib Hanif Abdurraqib, <i>There's Always This Year</i> Acclaimed poet and cultural critic, Hanif Abdurraqib delves into his latest <i>New York Times</i> bestseller, <i>There's Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension</i> . Ticket required. SOLD OUT Mod: Tyiesha Radford Shorts, poet
	MEETING ROOM 1A	Somos Escritores: Latine/Latinx in Publishing Melissa Mogollon, <i>Oye</i> Maria Alejandra Barrios Vélez, <i>The Waves Take You Home</i> Jonny Garza Villa, <i>Canto Contigo</i> Meet three Latine authors writing vibrant stories of the Latin American experience with authenticity, tenderness and joy. Mod: Aní Palacios McBride, author	Book Buzz: Summer 2024 New Releases Book selectors from Columbus Metropolitan Library will share their “can’t miss” fiction and nonfiction titles that are hitting library shelves this summer. Mod: Library staff	Book Club Reads Denny S. Bryce, <i>The Other Princess: A Novel of Queen Victoria's Goddaughter</i> Andromeda Romano-Lax, <i>The Deepest Lake</i> Jessica Strawser, <i>The Last Caretaker</i> With complex characters and intriguing premises, these novels will offer plenty to talk about at your next book club meetup. Mod: Heather Frese, author	Friends, Family and Middle Grade Fiction Jenn Bishop, <i>Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up</i> Julia DeVillers, <i>Meet Isabel and Nicki</i> Karina Yan Glaser, <i>The Vanderbeekers Ever After</i> Explore forbidden budding friendships, a unique bond between polar opposite 90's twins and a beloved family's greatest trial yet. Mod: Wendy Parris, author
	MEETING ROOM 2A	Author Speed-Matching Ana Ellickson, Libby Kay, Merrill Rainey, Andromeda Romano-Lax and Jessica Strawser Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Kiley Orchard, CML	Author Speed-Matching Jane Simon Ammeson, Breanna Carzoo, Jen Ferguson, H.D. Hunter, Lauren Kung Jessen and Tracey Livesay Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Kiley Orchard, CML	Author Speed-Matching Lindsay Bonilla, Alex Brown, Melissa Mogollon, Jessica Parra, Jane Ann Turzillo and Douglas Westerbeke Small groups spend 5 minutes with each author to hear all about their book before the author moves to another table. Find your perfect literary match! Mod: Kiley Orchard, CML	SCBWI: Writing for Children and Teens 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. Mod: Kathryn Powers & Kathy Halsey, SCBWI
	MEETING ROOM 2B	Playing God: Fantasy World-Building Christopher Buehlman, <i>The Daughter's War</i> Alexandra Rowland, <i>Running Close to the Wind</i> Julia Vee, <i>Ebony Gate</i> Lose yourself in the fantastic while reading worlds packed with intricate politics, mythical creatures and magic that comes with a price. Mod: Ananda Lima, author	Queer Teen Romance Erik J. Brown, <i>The Only Light Left Burning</i> Skye Quinlan, <i>Don't Be a Drag</i> Christen Randall, <i>The No-Girlfriend Rule</i> Whether in a ravaged, post-apocalyptic world, on stage at a drag king competition or at a tabletop role-playing session, queer love finds a way. Mod: Amy Spalding, author	Podcast to Page Rob Harvilla, <i>60 Songs that Explain the 90s</i> Libby Kay, <i>Faking the Fall</i> Alexandra Rowland, <i>Running Close to the Wind</i> Writers and podcasters alike, these authors have plenty to say about the books they have brought to the world. <i>Recorded live as an episode of the Page Count podcast.</i> Mod: Laura Maylene Walter, Page Count Podcast	Happily Ever After: Sweet & Spicy Neely Tubati Alexander, <i>In a Not So Perfect World</i> Jason B. Dutton, <i>How To Dance</i> Libby Kay, <i>Faking the Fall</i> Toni Shiloh, <i>A Run At Love</i> From the dance floor to the racetrack, from vacation paradise to the gossipiest of small towns, these Hallmark-esque stories will sweep you off your feet! Mod: Tracey Livesay, author
	MEETING ROOM 3A	The Art of Story: Illustrators Panel Rafael Rosado, <i>Call Me Iggy</i> Maurice Vellekoop, <i>I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together</i> DeAnn Wiley, <i>Homegrown</i> From graphic novels to picture books, these illustrators bring their artistic talents to storytelling. Mod: Fernanda Dias-Basteris, OSU	Haunting Tales Alisa Alering, <i>Smothermoss</i> Meredith R. Lyons, <i>Ghost Tamer</i> Maria Alejandra Barrios Veléz, <i>The Waves Take You Home</i> Guardian angels, dead abuelas and uncanny folk magic haunt the pages of these contemporary stories with a hint of the supernatural. Mod: Sara Herchenroether, author	We've Always Been Here: Representation in Historical Fiction Jess Everlee, <i>A Bluestocking's Guide to Decadence</i> Sujata Massey, <i>The Mistress of Bhatia House</i> Vanessa Riley, <i>Murder in Drury Lane</i> Fully embracing the diversity of the past, these narratives center female voices and authentic Black, Indian and queer experiences. Mod: Terreece M. Clarke, author	Magic in the Real World: YA Contemporary Erik J. Brown, <i>The Only Light Left Burning</i> Ana Ellickson, <i>The Vanishing Station</i> Hal Schrieve, <i>How To Get Over The End Of The World</i> Weaving together magic, romance, and activism, these authors bring the fantastical and supernatural to the familiar with characters who question the status quo. Mod: Erin Upchurch, Kaleidoscope Youth Center
Topiary Park	MEETING ROOM 3B	Ohio Crime Mark Sebastian Jordan, <i>The Witch of Mansfield: The Tetched Life of Phebe Wise</i> Jane Ann Turzillo, <i>Northern Ohio Cold Cases</i> Every place has its dark side, and Ohio is no exception. Learn about solved and unsolved true crime cases from Ohio's past. Mod: Angela O'Neal, CML	Ohio Country/Native Americans Susan Sleeper-Smith, <i>Indigenous Prosperity and American Conquest: Indian Women of the Ohio River Valley, 1690-1792</i> Peter Stark, <i>Gallop Toward the Sun: Tecumseh and William Henry Harrison's Struggle for the Destiny of a Nation</i> Explore the cultural and political history of Indigenous tribes in the Ohio territory and the dire consequences of United States' westward expansion. Mod: Tom Betti, historian	Columbus Food Renee Casteel Cook, <i>Ohio Buckeye Candy: A Sweet History</i> Doug Motz, <i>Lost Restaurants of Columbus; Lost Restaurants of Central Ohio and Columbus</i> Discover Columbus' many beloved restaurants and food trucks, some still going strong, and some that are now only fond memories. Mod: Bob Vitale, <i>Columbus Dispatch</i>	Ohio Places Jane Simon Ammeson, <i>Little Ohio: Small-Town Destinations</i> Conrade Hinds, <i>Made In Ohio and Lost Circuses of Ohio</i> David Meyers, <i>Original Ohio: Dreamsville, The Magic City & Other Historic Communities</i> Uncover the hidden gems of Ohio's rich past as these authors take us on a tour of our state's historic sites and communities. Mod: Andy Verhoff, Ohio History Connection
	AUTHOR STAGE 1	Queer and Creepy: YA Horror Alex Brown, <i>Damned If You Do</i> Sarah Gailey, <i>Know Your Station</i> Justine Pucella Winans, <i>One Killer Problem</i> Folklore, sapphics, and high schools, oh my! These terribly thrilling tales promise to intrigue, educate, and of course, affright. Mod: Jen Ferguson, author	Industry Secrets: How to Write and Publish Terreece M. Clarke, <i>Fingertips</i> Susan Lee, <i>The Name Drop</i> Ann Zhao, <i>Dear Wendy</i> Come hear tips and advice for writers. Go behind-the-scenes of the book industry and learn about the paths that traditionally published and self-published authors took to get their books on a shelf near you. Mod: Claudia Plumley, Great Lakes Publishing	Teen Fantasy Fern Haught, <i>The Baker and the Bard</i> S. Jae-Jones, <i>Zhara</i> LaDarrion Williams, <i>Blood at the Root</i> From gentle adventures to epic clashes of good vs. evil, these stories overflow with fantasy favorites. Stepmothers, magic schools, and mysterious toadstools abound! Mod: Andrew Frost, CML	Writing the Rainbow: Queer Representation Nicole Melleby, <i>Winnie Nash is Not Your Sunshine</i> Justine Pucella Winans, <i>One Killer Problem</i> Ann Zhao, <i>Dear Wendy</i> LGBTQIA+ voices come in all shades and all ages. Hear three authors discuss why and how the queer experience shines through their stories. Mod: Christen Randall, author
	AUTHOR STAGE 2	Eat Your Words: Food Writing Curtis Chin, <i>Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant</i> Jessica Parra, <i>The Quince Project</i> Ali Rosen, <i>Alternate Endings</i> Mouth-watering stories that range from fiction with flavor to a memoir structured like a Chinese menu, these books will leave you craving more! Mod: Patti Flinn, author	Middle School Mess Nashae Jones, <i>Courtesy of Cupid</i> Jenn Reese, <i>Puzzleheart</i> A.J. Sass, <i>Just Shy of Ordinary</i> Unexpected magic, a mysterious sentient house and problems not-so-easily solved make for captivating, but complicated messes in these middle grade stories. Mod: Ali Terese, author	Telling Our Stories: Memoirs Curtis Chin, <i>Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant</i> Anya Liftig, <i>Holler Rat</i> Maurice Vellekoop, <i>I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together</i> These real-life reflections range from Chinese restauranteurs in Detroit, Dutch immigrants in the Toronto suburbs, to a Jewish family in Appalachia. Mod: Christopher Purdy, WOSU	Just One More Chapter: Page Turners Miesha Wilson Headen, <i>Cleveland Noir</i> Stephen Mack Jones, <i>Deus X</i> Nick Petrie, <i>The Price You Pay</i> With shadowy societies and mysterious killers on the loose, our heroes are up against high stakes in these edge-of-your-seat thrillers. Mod: Claudia Plumley, Great Lakes Publishing