

COLUMBUS BOOK FESTIVAL

Featured Author Schedule Saturday, July 11 | 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Headliner author talks are ticketed. Reserve a **free ticket** starting June 10 or **join the day-of standby line**.

All other sessions and signings are first come, first served.

Head to the Official Festival Bookstore (2nd floor Reading Room) to purchase books and meet authors for signings after their sessions. Headliners will sign near the Auditorium for session attendees only.

- Adult Fiction & Nonfiction
- Young Adult
- Kids & Middle Grade
- Local Interest
- Author Speed Matching
- Writing & Publishing
- Ticketed Headliner 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	In Conversation with Paul Tremblay <i>Paul Tremblay, Dead But Dreaming of Electric Sheep</i> Horror author Paul Tremblay tackles a sci-fi world of proprietary AI brain implants and remote-controlled dead bodies in this existential nightmare full of sharp wit and dark humor. Ticket required. Mod: Tobias Buckell, author	Queer in Every Genre <i>Soman Chainani, Young World</i> <i>Sarah Gailey, Make Me Better</i> <i>TJ Klune, We Burned So Bright</i> <i>Frederick Smith, Love Is a Contact Sport</i> Queer representation stretches across a world of genres. LGBTQIA+ authors discuss writing that reflects the full spectrum of the identity rainbow. Mod: Becca Coffindaffer, author	In Conversation with Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw <i>Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, Backtalker: An American Memoir</i> Canton, Ohio native and UCLA Professor of Law, Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, shares an intimate portrait of a scholar whose lifelong practice of “talking back” helped shape conversations on race, gender and power. Ticket required. Mod: Hanif Abdurraqib, author	All Too Human: Science Fiction <i>John Chu, The Subtle Art of Folding Space</i> <i>Isabel J. Kim, Sublimation</i> <i>Paul Tremblay, Dead But Dreaming of Electric Sheep</i> Discover sci-fi that reveals the human condition through split instances of the self, mind-bending physics, and remote-controlled dead bodies. Mod: Emily Jane, author	In Conversation with TJ Klune <i>TJ Klune, We Burned So Bright</i> As a wandering black hole approaches Earth, an older gay couple sets off on a cross-country road trip in this tender, queer apocalyptic story from bestselling author TJ Klune. Ticket required. Mod: Donna Zuiderweg, Columbus Metropolitan Library
	MEETING ROOM 1A	Plotting, Pantsing & Tormenting Protagonists <i>Michelle Knudsen, Into the Wild Magic</i> <i>Mia P. Manansala, Death and Dinuguan</i> <i>Joe Pan, Florida Palms</i> Festival authors chat about plot structure. Do they plan it all out, let characters lead or just pick what hurts them the most? Mod: Natalie D. Richards, author	Workshop: Book Marketing and Author Publicity Literary publicist Leann Schneider Webb shares practical tools to help published or aspiring authors get books into reader's hands on a right-sized scale and budget. Presented by: Leann Schneider Webb, publicist	Let's Launch: Debut Authors <i>T.A. Chan, The Celestial Seas</i> <i>Chris DeVille, Such Great Heights: The Complete Cultural History of the Indie Rock Explosion</i> <i>Hugo dos Santos, Reduction in Force</i> Hear from brand new authors about their publishing journeys, including early challenges and the path to seeing their work in print. Mod: Elizabeth Zaleski, author	Faith and Fiction <i>Whitney Amazeen, The Wrong Kind of Falling</i> <i>Stephanie Mack, Twenty Something Else</i> <i>Angela Shupe, In the Light of the Sun</i> From romance to historical fiction, these authors center faith in their writing. Join a discussion on bringing belief to the page and the role of faith in storytelling. Mod: Colette R. Harrell, author	All About Publishing <i>Shaylin Gandhi, Love Letters for Other People</i> <i>Nikki Grimes, Twice Blessed: Yard Sale Stories</i> <i>Virginia Pye, Marriage and Other Monuments</i> So you want to publish, huh? Join established authors across the publishing landscape to discuss the in's and out's of the writing industry. Mod: J.P. Mitchell, author
	MEETING ROOM 2A	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. <i>Jenna Blum, Jen Dary, Jeaniene Frost, Angela Henry and Kathleen Smythe</i>	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. <i>Loretta Ellsworth, Eric Gnezda, Kim Mager, Natalie D. Richards and Chris Smalls</i>	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. <i>Lynn Cahoon, Christopher Castellani, David Ellis, Rebekah Faubion and J.E. Thomas</i>	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. <i>Jedediah Berry, Nicole Glover, Jack Marchbanks, Maria Ingrande Mora and Taylor Tracy</i>	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. <i>Charlie Donlea, Julia Flint, Sarah Mughal Rana, Frederick Smith and Tiffany L. Warren</i>
	MEETING ROOM 2B	Families Uprooted <i>Isabel J. Kim, Sublimation</i> <i>Davin Malasarn, The Outer Country</i> <i>Sahar Mustafah, The Slightest Green</i> With sharp insight and tenderness, these literary stories examine ancestry, inheritance, belonging, and identity through the lens of diaspora. Mod: Seema Vennam, DiversifyYourShelf	The Ties that Bind <i>Meryl Branch-McTiernan, What You Should Worry About</i> <i>Marshall Fine, Hemlock Lane</i> <i>Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay, Chitra Demands to Go Home</i> <i>Virginia Pye, Marriage and Other Monuments</i> Whether blood relatives or found family, relationships take center stage in these stories featuring buried truths, estranged sisters, and plenty of drama. Mod: Jen McConnell, author	No Boys Allowed <i>Sonia Feldman, Girl's Girl</i> <i>Shasta Grant, When We Were Feral</i> <i>Emily Nemens, Clutch</i> <i>Jessica Strawser, The Quitters Club</i> Coming-of-age meets midlife crisis in these heartfelt novels of female friendships that explore connection, change, and identity through the years. Mod: Kelly Young, Columbus Metropolitan Library	Digging Up Crime: Cozy Mysteries Through Time <i>Connie Berry, A Grave Deception</i> <i>Karen Odden, An Artful Dodge</i> <i>Naomi Stephens, Don't Upstage the Body</i> Travel through history in these cozy mysteries, where fascinating settings and clever clues lead the way to solving the case. Mod: Claudia Plumley, Great Lakes Studios	The Meaning of Home <i>Radha Lin Chaddah, And the Ancestors Sing</i> <i>Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay, Chitra Demands to Go Home</i> <i>Sahar Mustafah, The Slightest Green</i> These poignant tales examine what pulls our hearts to the places and the people who define a home in this complicated world. Mod: Mandy Shunnarah, Prologue Bookshop
	MEETING ROOM 3A	Shine a Light on the Past: Inspirational Historical <i>Stephanie Mack, Twenty Something Else</i> <i>Naomi Stephens, Don't Upstage the Body</i> <i>Sarah Loudin Thomas, These Empty Places</i> Look back to 1930s North Carolina, a 1950s manor house and the not-so-distant past of a 40-year-old rethinking her choices. Mod: Jesse Lockwood, blogger	A Slice in Time: Historical Fiction <i>Radha Lin Chaddah, And the Ancestors Sing</i> <i>Vanessa Riley, Fire Sword and the Sea</i> <i>Lisa See, Daughters of the Sun and Moon</i> Travel from post-cultural revolution China, to the swashbuckling Caribbean Sea of the 1600s, and to Los Angeles in 1871 in richly imagined historical novels. Mod: Thao Thai, author	All the Feels: YA Romance <i>Eva Des Lauriers, I'm Gonna Get You Back</i> <i>Taylor Tracy, Pasta Girls</i> <i>Lakita Wilson, Pretty Girl County</i> Amid high school drama, shifting friendships and scandals, the heart wants what it wants in these young adult “kissing books.” Mod: Julia DeVillers, author	Folklore, Fable, Fantasy <i>Annah Browning, Cryptid</i> <i>Kayla Hardy, The Quarter Queen</i> <i>P.C. Verrone, Rabbit, Fox, Tar</i> Meet three authors whose books are recovering, retelling, and redeeming the myths, legends, and folklore of our roots. Mod: Tyiesha Radford Shorts, The Giovanni Collective	Art on the Page: Illustrators <i>Stephanie Stalvey, Everything in Color</i> <i>Lindsay Ward, Best Day Ever</i> <i>Zach Weinersmith, Sawyer Lee and the Quest to Just Stay Home</i> Creativity spills across the page in these colorful books illustrated and written by professional artists. Mod: Fernanda Diaz-Basteris, The Ohio State University
	MEETING ROOM 3B	Making Waves: Black Civil Rights <i>Simone C. Drake, Becoming Educated</i> <i>Jack Marchbanks, Art and Activism</i> <i>Ric S. Sheffield, False Promises</i> Trace the fight for Black civil rights from 1800s Ohio to present-day Columbus. Mod: Nicole Sutton, Columbus Metropolitan Library	Roots Run Deep: Community Histories <i>Carolyn Behrman, What Remains</i> <i>Jacqueline Jones Royster, Finding Sarah and Mary</i> <i>Patrick Wensink, The Great Black Swamp</i> Family and community histories intersect in these accounts of memory and belonging. Mod: Gayle Wilson, Franklin Co. Genealogical & Historical Society	The Power of Place <i>John E. Hancock, Traveler's Guide to Ancient Ohio</i> <i>Kathleen Smythe, Bicycling Through Dayton</i> <i>Brent Warren, Columbus in 50 Maps</i> Authors explore how place shapes identity, mapping its history and transformation over time. Mod: Jennifer Aultman, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	From My Desk in Columbus <i>Conrade C. Hinds, Hollywood in Ohio</i> <i>David Meyers, Bucking the Tiger</i> <i>Lou Varga, A Tapestry of Vivid Strands</i> Columbus authors share their latest contributions to Ohio's history and cultural record. Mod: Andy Verhoff, Ohio History Connection	Heavy Hitters: Ohio Sports <i>Robert A. Bennett III, More than an Athlete</i> <i>Nina Mandell, A Fraction Of A Point</i> <i>Bill Rabinowitz, Buckeye Brotherhood</i> Learn about the progress of athletic excellence in the Buckeye state. Mod: Bob Hunter, Columbus Historical Society
	Topiary Park	AUTHOR STAGE 1	Magic, Mystery, and Murder <i>Jedediah Berry, Kill All Wizards</i> <i>Nicole Glover, The Starseekers: A Murder and Magic Novel</i> <i>Kayla Hardy, The Quarter Queen</i> Embark on journeys ranging from a barbarian seeking revenge in wizard high society, to a complex web of intrigue in the bayou and NASA with magic. Mod: Rachel Estep, D4EO Literary Agency	Vengeance-Fueled Fantasy <i>Sarah Mughal Rana, Dawn of the Firebird</i> <i>K.X. Song, The Dragon Wakes with Thunder</i> <i>Serra Swift, Kill the Beast</i> Magic comes with a thirst for revenge in these fantastical adventures inspired by fairy tales, Muslim mythology, and Chinese legends. Mod: Kayla Toon, Upper Arlington Public Library	Deadly Thrills, Serial Kills <i>Charlie Donlea, Guess Again</i> <i>Angela Henry, Nobody Heard a Thing</i> <i>Nick Petrie, The Dark Time</i> Three thriller authors deliver nonstop suspense that will keep you on the edge of your seat...and looking over your shoulder. Mod: Karen Hewitt, The Culture of You	The Rot Beneath: Thrillers <i>Jenna Blum, Murder Your Darlings</i> <i>Joe Pan, Florida Palms</i> <i>Kaira Rouda, We Were Never Friends</i> These cerebral explorations probe our twisted humanity, drawing you in before delivering a sharp stab in the back. Mod: Matt Glaviano, Westerville Public Library
		AUTHOR STAGE 2	Who Hurt You? Romance Tropes <i>Mazey Eddings, You Won't Forget Me</i> <i>Kristina Forest, The Summer Girlfriend</i> <i>Alisha Rai, Enemies to Lovers</i> From enemies-to-lovers, fake dating, brother's best friend, or “only one bed”, these juicy tropes keep readers coming back for more. Mod: Aleese Lin, author	Poetry On Stage <i>Sara Abou Rashed, Theories of Return</i> <i>Annah Browning, Cryptid</i> <i>Nikki Grimes, Twice Blessed: Yard Sale Stories</i> Words will come alive on stage through readings of these new poetic works, where language takes flight with rhythm, imagery, and voice. Mod: Barbara Fant, author & poet	Spirits, Spells & Swoons: Romantasy <i>Shalini Abeysekara, This Blade of Ours</i> <i>Ilona Andrews, This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me</i> <i>Jeaniene Frost, A Curse of Beasts and Magic</i> With immersive worlds and unforgettable romantic tension, these romantasy writers keep readers turning pages late into the night. Mod: Kris Hickey, Columbus Metropolitan Library	Out of the Ordinary: Kids' Fantasy and Sci-Fi <i>Margaret Peterson Haddix, Moonleapers</i> <i>Michelle Knudsen, Into the Wild Magic</i> <i>Sarah J. Mendonca, An Encantadora's Guide to Monstros and Magic</i> Magical heists, time travelers, and portals to wild, fabulous worlds await in imaginative fantasy and sci-fi stories for young readers. Mod: Paula Johnson Neal, author

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MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S AREA

Meet & Craft	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
11 AM-12:30 PM <i>Lindsay Ward, Sophia Gholz, and Jenan A. Matari</i>	1 PM <i>Lindsay Ward</i> <i>Best Day Ever</i>	2 PM <i>Sophia Gholz</i> <i>ARLO</i>	3 PM <i>Jenan A. Matari</i> <i>Everything Grows in Jidda's Garden</i>

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Main Library	AUDITORIUM Author Talk with Lisa See Lisa See, <i>Daughters of the Sun and Moon</i> Acclaimed historical novelist Lisa See brings to life the 1871 Chinese Massacre in Los Angeles through the stories of three very different women whose endurance and bravery shines in the face of hate. Ticket required. Mod: Lauren Hagan , CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Library	The Beast Inside: Fantasy Novels Jeaniene Frost, <i>A Curse of Beasts and Magic</i> Sarah Mughal Rana, <i>Dawn of the Firebird</i> Serra Swift, <i>Kill the Beast</i> Warriors confront their inner darkness in these gripping fantasy novels inspired by fairy tales and mythology. Mod: Shalini Abeysekara , author	In Conversation with Laura Dave Laura Dave, <i>The First Time I Saw Him</i> Bestselling writer Laura Dave continues the story of her blockbuster book and Apple TV original, <i>The Last Thing He Told Me</i> , in a gripping sequel, where Hannah and Bailey are on a relentless race toward safety and forgiveness. Ticket required. Mod: Alissa Henry , ABC6/FOX28	God Complex: World-Building Ilona Andrews, <i>This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me</i> John Chu, <i>The Subtle Art of Folding Space</i> K.X. Song, <i>The Dragon Wakes with Thunder</i> Not even the sky is the limit with fiction writers who build fantasy lands and multiverses, magic systems and machinery for maintaining the physics of existence. Mod: Andrew Frost , Columbus Metropolitan Library	
	MEETING ROOM 1A Neverending Story of Revisions Nicole Glover, <i>The Starseekers: A Murder and Magic Novel</i> Laura Piper Lee, <i>Pot Shot</i> Margaret Peterson Haddix, <i>Moonleapers</i> Backspace. Backspace. Undo. Delete. Backspace. Repeat! Dive into the never-ending process of revision and editing with seasoned authors who know the struggle. Mod: Sarah Gormley , Columbus Metropolitan Library	Main Character Energy Regina Black, <i>August Lane</i> Jen Julian, <i>Red Rabbit Ghost</i> Radha Lin Chaddah, <i>And the Ancestors Sing</i> Let's talk character development! From tender romance to unsettling horror, these authors discuss protagonists that draw readers in. Mod: Zach Parish , Bexley Public Library	Book Buzz: New Summer Reads Book selectors from Columbus Metropolitan Library will share their "can't miss" fiction and nonfiction titles that are hitting library shelves this summer. Mod: Collection Services Staff , Columbus Metropolitan Library	Workshop: Book Marketing and Author Publicity Literary publicist Leann Schneider Webb shares practical tools to help published or aspiring authors get books into reader's hands on a right-sized scale and budget. Presented by: Leann Schneider Webb , publicist	
	MEETING ROOM 2A Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. Whitney Amazeen, Ilona Andrews, Becca Coffindaffer, Joe Pan and Bill Rabinowitz	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. Meryl Branch-McTiernan, Eva Des Lauriers, Isabel J. Kim, Nina Mandell and Sarah J. Mendonca	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. Sonia Feldman, Karen Odden, Kaira Rouda, Lee Upton and Lakita Wilson	Author Speed Matching Find your perfect literary match at these author round tables! Small groups of readers spend 5 minutes with each author to learn about their newest book. Shalini Abeysekara, Áine Cain, Kevin Greenlee, Stephanie Stalvey and P.C. Verrone	
	MEETING ROOM 2B Kids These Days: Middle Grade Books Nikki Grimes, <i>Twice Blessed: Yard Sale Stories</i> J.E. Thomas, <i>The AI Incident</i> Taylor Tracy, <i>Pasta Girls</i> Zach Weinersmith, <i>Sawyer Lee and the Quest to Just Stay Home</i> Kids navigate star-crossed romance, AI robots, chaotic community competitions, and family drama in middle grade stores that capture the saga of growing up. Mod: Wendy Parris , author	All the Women in Me: Memoirs Jen Dary, <i>I Believe in Everything</i> Stephanie Stalvey, <i>Everything in Color</i> Elizabeth Zaleski, <i>The Trouble with Loving Poets and Other Essays on Failure</i> Sinner, lover, mother, patient, artist, daughter, and so much more. Hear from writers that lay their lives bare on the page with honesty and heart. Mod: Marty Ross-Dolen , author	Genre-Defying Speculative Ellery Adams, <i>Invasive Species</i> Emily Jane, <i>Mr. Yoy</i> Aleese Lin, <i>Samantha Spük: Paranormal Wedding Planner</i> Horror, science fiction, paranormal romance, or something else entirely. You can't put these authors, or their stories, in a box. Mod: La Baker , LBB Edutainment	She Took the Wheel Loretta Ellsworth, <i>The Jilted Countess</i> Vanessa Riley, <i>Fire Sword and the Sea</i> Angela Shupe, <i>In the Light of the Sun</i> Tiffany L. Warren, <i>A Harlem Wedding</i> Fearless women defy societal expectations, taking control of their own fates in vividly drawn historical worlds. Mod: Donna Marbury , journalist	
	MEETING ROOM 3A The Rest of the Iceberg: Research for Fiction Writing Connie Berry, <i>A Grave Deception: A Kate Hamilton Mystery</i> Marshall Fine, <i>Hemlock Lane</i> Tiffany L. Warren, <i>A Harlem Wedding</i> Readers rarely see the depth of research behind their favorite stories. Take a peek beneath the surface with these fiction authors. Mod: Christopher Purdy , WOSU Public Media	Love to Hate 'Em: Writing Villains Jenna Blum, <i>Murder Your Darlings</i> Emily Nemens, <i>Clutch</i> Neena Viel, <i>I'll Watch Your Baby</i> The juiciest antagonists are more than cookie-cutter bad guys. How do these writers craft villains that we love to hate? Mod: Britt Lovett , Beloved: Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison	Mixing up Murder: Deliciously Cozy Mysteries Lynn Cahoon, <i>Confessions of an Amateur Sleuth</i> Amanda Flower, <i>Truffle Trouble</i> Mia P. Manansala, <i>Death and Dinuguan</i> Prepare to crave justice and more in candy-making Amish country, a family-run Filipino restaurant, and the world of culinary critics...who sometimes drop dead. Mod: Robin Nesbitt , retired librarian	Now Let Us Transcend: YA Speculative T.A. Chan, <i>The Celestial Seas</i> Becca Coffindaffer, <i>The Bloody and the Damned</i> Maria Ingrande Mora, <i>A Wild Radiance</i> With tales that rise above our world, to magical lands and outer space, these fantasy and science fiction teen novels beckon readers to imagine more. Mod: Erik Slingerup , author	
	MEETING ROOM 3B The Music Moves Me Chris DeVille, <i>Such Great Heights: The Complete Cultural History of the Indie Rock Explosion</i> Eric Gnezda, <i>Stories at the Center: A Memoir of Miles, Music, and Meaning</i> Annie Zaleski, <i>Stevie Nicks in 50 Songs: Time Makes You Bolder</i> Follow the music and its impact across genres, eras, and cultures in stories of sound and influence. Mod: Bailey Sandin , former WWCD DJ	Midwest Murders: True Crime Wendy Koile, <i>Love, Lies and Murder in Northern Ohio</i> Kim Mager, <i>A Hunger to Kill: A Serial Killer, a Detective, and the Confession That Shocked a Nation</i> James A. Willis, <i>Northern Ohio Legends & Lore</i> Áine Cain and Kevin Greenlee, <i>Shadow of the Bridge: The Delphi Murders and the Dark Side of the American Heartland</i> Explore true crime in the Heartland with a dash of weird folklore.	When Ohio Was the West Brooke Barbier, <i>Cocked and Boozy: An Intoxicating History of the American Revolution</i> Brady J. Crytzer, <i>The National Road: George Washington and America's First Highway West</i> Jon Miller, <i>Akron at 200: A Bicentennial History</i> America 250: Explore Ohio's early role as the gateway to the Northwest Territory. Mod: Todd Kleismit , America 250 Ohio Commission	Railroads, Steamboats, & Shipyards Mark Strecker, <i>The Great Railroad Strike of Ohio</i> Robert Swenson, <i>From the Center of America: Steamboats & Shipyards Along the Lower Ohio River</i> Discover how transportation industries helped shape Ohio's history, economy, and growth. Mod: Jeff Darbee , The Lexington Group for Transportation History	
	Tapiary Park	AUTHOR STAGE 1 Twists, Turns, and Tragedies David Ellis, <i>Keep Them Close</i> Nick Petrie, <i>The Dark Time</i> Kaira Rouda, <i>We Were Never Friends</i> No one is safe in these heart-pounding thrillers full of twists, dangerous secrets, and suspicious circumstances. Mod: Donna Zuiderweg , Columbus Metropolitan Library	What Tangled Webs: YA Thrillers Soman Chainani, <i>Young World</i> Rebekah Fabuion, <i>Lost Girls of Hollow Lake</i> Natalie D. Richards, <i>Two Perfect Lies</i> Mean girls, murder and missing classmates will have you racing through the pages of these young adult stories and might leave you plotting a revolution. Mod: Meg Brown , Thurber House	Happily Ever After Kate Clayborn, <i>The Paris Match</i> Kristina Forest, <i>The Summer Girlfriend</i> Shaylin Gandhi, <i>Love Letters for Other People</i> It's love at its most gentle. These romances leave your heart a little warmer and your "to be read" pile a little taller. Mod: Jen Devon , author	Uplifting Love: Inspirational Romance Whitney Amazeen, <i>The Wrong Kind of Falling</i> Stephanie Mack, <i>Twenty Something Else</i> Sarah Loudin Thomas, <i>These Empty Places</i> Celebrate love's enduring power with inspirational stories of romance that uplift and encourage. Mod: Kris Hickey , Columbus Metropolitan Library
		AUTHOR STAGE 2 A Hint of the Fabulous Christopher Castellani, <i>Last Seen</i> Lee Upton, <i>The Withers</i> P.C. Verrone, <i>Rabbit, Fox, Tar</i> These speculative fiction novels push far beyond the familiar with stories that linger and unsettle, and leave your tender heart twisted into knots. Mod: Ellery Adams , author	Hello Again: Queer Romance Mazey Eddings, <i>You Won't Forget Me</i> Adib Khorram, <i>It Had to Be Him</i> Frederick Smith, <i>Love Is a Contact Sport</i> From Italian villas to tour buses, class reunions to band gigs, these queer stories blend second chances with irresistible forced proximity. Mod: Christen Randall , author	Power to the People: Tales of Resistance Hugo dos Santos, <i>Reduction in Force</i> Julia Flint, <i>We Were Promised</i> Chris Smalls, <i>When the Revolution Comes</i> Real stories of working-class struggle and collective action show how communities resist injustice and fight to endure. Mod: Dr. Sherri Williams , media scholar & author	You Are Not Alone: The Writing Community Barbara Fant, <i>Joy in the Belly of a Riot</i> Shasta Grant, <i>When We Were Feral</i> Adib Khorram, <i>It Had to Be Him</i> Hear from established authors on finding community and connection in the often solitary work of writing. Mod: Desiree Thomas , librarian

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