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Welcome to the 19th annual **TWIN CITIES BOOK FESTIVAL**

Rain Taxi hosts this annual celebration of the written word as a service to our local community and in admiration of the great writing that authors and publishers offer to the world. A snapshot of the year's output, it has become THE annual get together for book lovers from the Twin Cities and beyond!



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All-day Festival Features include:

EXHIBIT AND BOOK FAIR

In between seeing author presentations at the Book Festival, make time to peruse the Book Fair, which features over 150 publishers, authors, book dealers, and more! Exhibitors offer special prices on merchandise and other perks, and many include author signings at their tables — visit twincitiesbookfestival.com for a list of these specials and signings.

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Thousands of great used books and records at ridiculously low prices! Proceeds from this fundraiser help keep the Twin Cities Book Festival going strong.

BOOK FESTIVAL RAFFLE—FREE TO ENTER!

Enter the Book Festival Raffle to win fantastic prizes, including signed books, event tickets, gift certificates, t-shirts, and more! Drop off your raffle ticket at the Rain Taxi Review of Books table where you'll find free copies of our latest issue and deep discounts on subscriptions, tees, and chapbooks!

STAGE SCHEDULES-AT-A-GLANCE

PROGRAMS IN FINE ARTS CENTER

(starred events will be ASL interpreted)

RAIN STAGE

- 11:00 AM: WRITING THE LIVES OF WOMEN: Susan Straight & Faith Sullivan *
- 12:00 PM: AARTI NAMDEV SHAHANI, in conversation with Euan Kerr *
- 1:00 PM: FAMILY SECRETS: Linda Boström Knausgård & Sheila O'Connor *
- 2:00 PM: DAVID SHIELDS, presenting three new works of collage *
- 3:00 PM: LEWIS HYDE, in conversation with Nor Hall *
- 4:00 PM: THE ART OF STORYTELLING: William Kent Krueger & Leif Enger *

TAXI STAGE

- 11:00 AM: GUYS FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY: Christopher Ingraham & Kent Nerburn
- 12:00 PM: THE MINNESOTA SCENE: Martin Keller, Greg Helgeson, & Bob Mehr
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- 2:00 PM: NYC STATE OF MIND: Christine Coulson & Carley Moore
- 3:00 PM: DETECTIVE GAMBITS: Andrew Kaufman, Tim Mason, & Marcie Rendon
- 4:00 PM: WORLDS OF POETRY: Kimberly Blaeser, Douglas Kearney, & Janaka Stucky

YOUTH PROGRAMS IN PROGRESS CENTER

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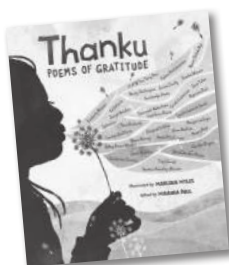
- 10AM –5PM: THE POP-UP LIBRARY
Enjoy awesome activities all day!
- 10:15AM–11:05AM: PICTURE BOOK PLEASURES
with John Coy, Marlana Myles, Bao Phi, and Kayla Harren
- 11:10AM –12PM: PICTURE BOOK PLEASURES
with Michael Hall, Kao Kalia Yang, Mike Wohnoutka, and Betsy Bird

YOUNG READERS AND TEEN STAGE

- 12PM: FANTASY, FRIENDSHIP AND FORGIVENESS
featuring Abby Cooper, Lora Hyler, and Rebecca K.S. Ansari
- 1PM: NEW HORIZONS IN KIDS' NONFICTION
featuring Marlene Targ Brill, Catherine Thimmesh, and Artika Tyner
- 2PM: IS YA REALLY JUST FOR YOUNG ADULTS?
featuring Julie Berry, Peter Bognanni, and Katharine McGee
- 3PM: WHEN THE WORLD GIVES YOU LEMONS . . .
featuring Lana Wood Johnson, Rachel Gold, and Kirstin Cronn-Mills
- 4PM: SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER
featuring Bethany C. Morrow and Shannon Gibney

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Illus. by Seo Kim

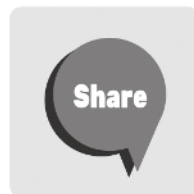


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FESTIVAL FUN

Each hour at the Book Festival, a different activity will be taking place in the Mingle & Activities Area (see map page 12). Here's what's going on:

10:00AM: MINNESOTA AUTHOR MORNING MINGLE

(see next page for details)

11:00AM: POETRY EXERCISES

ERASURE POEMS WITH MELANIE FIGG

Erasure Poetry is hands on, accessible for all levels, and fun! Join **Melanie Figg**, author of the new book *Trace*, in the creation of your own erasure poem – items to “erase” will be provided, or you can feel free to bring one of your own.

COLLECTING IMAGES WITH WILLIAM STOBB

Poems can be a kind of “day book,” so take some time with **William Stobb**, author of the new book *You Are Still Alive*, to discuss and jot down images, phrases, or ideas from your day at the Festival. Note-booking materials will be provided, along with sample observation poems to inspire.

12:00PM: BELLY DANCE AND WRITING

Join **Patricia Cumbie**, author of the memoir *The Shape of a Hundred Hips*, to learn about the intersections between belly dance, literature, and recovery from trauma. Cumbie will be joined by members of **Dans Askina**, who will be demonstrating various dances discussed in the book. Visitors can simply watch or learn a move or two if they like!

1:00PM: THE TWIN CITIES REMEMBERS TONI MORRISON

The literary world lost one of its most beloved authors this year. If Toni Morrison rocked your world, or if you have a favorite passage from one of her books, come share it with **Lissa Jones**, host of **Black Market Reads**. You may be featured on an upcoming podcast!

2:00PM: COMICS CRAFT

CREATE A CHARACTER WITH BLUE DELLIQUANTI

Blue Delliquanti will explain how they design characters for comics, and lead younger participants in a character designing activity. Older participants will have access to materials that will prompt and inspire them to draw on their own.

FROM BLANK TO BREATHTAKING WITH KEVIN HUIZENG

Kevin Huizenga will be live drawing new material—swing by to see how he turns the blank page into his acclaimed, formally innovative graphic novels, the latest of which is the brand-new book *The River at Night*.

3:00PM: STORY STITCH CIRCLE

Join **Green Card Voices** to see a Story Stitch Circle in progress and learn more about this game that's sweeping the nation! Story Stich was created to serve as a guided storytelling activity that connects and builds empathy between people of different cultural backgrounds through the art of storytelling.

MINNESOTA AUTHOR MORNING MINGLE

Local authors celebrating new releases will be on hand to start off the day, ready to talk and sign books! The Morning Mingle takes place in the **Mingle & Activities Area** (see map on page 14), and books are available for purchase from nearby Magers & Quinn Booksellers. Our participating authors this year include:



Frank Bures
Under Purple Skies



Joe Bozic & Adam Iverson
Don't Fall In Love With The City



Preston Cook
American Eagle



Maren Cooper
A Better Next



Holly Day
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The Shadows We Hide



Anika Fajardo
Magical Realism for Non-Believers



Linda LeGarde Grover
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Carolyn Holbrook
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Hope in the Struggle



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Everything Lost Is Found Again



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Jack and the Ghost



Sara Nelson
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Don't Put the Boats Away



Joyce Sutphen
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Connie Wanek
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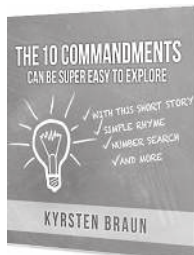
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When Death Comes to Those They Love

Randy Bassitt

**When Death
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Those They
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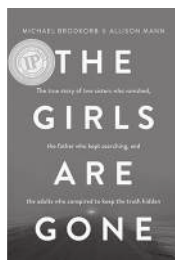


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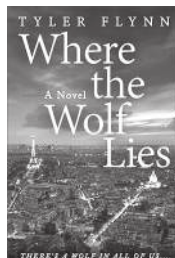
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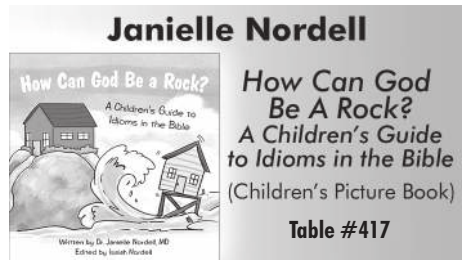
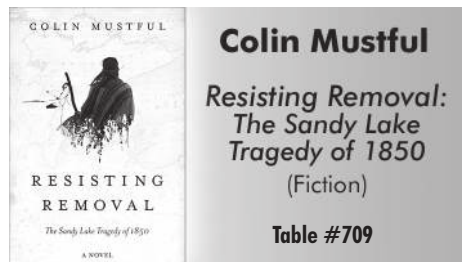
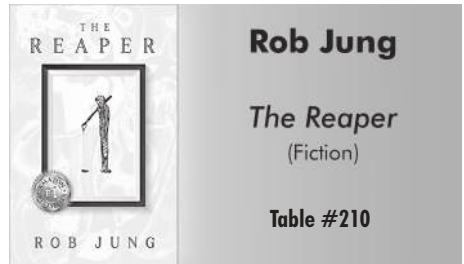
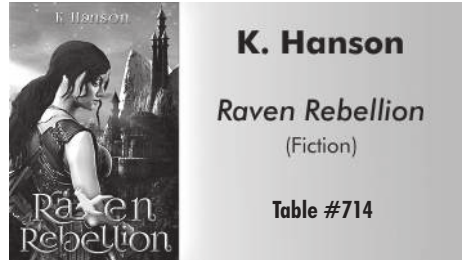
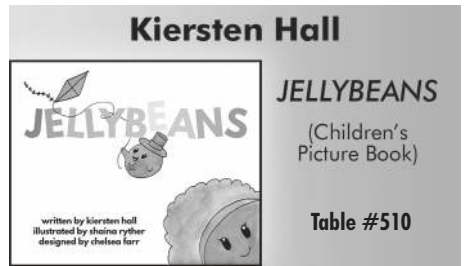
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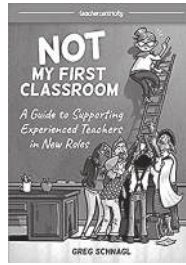
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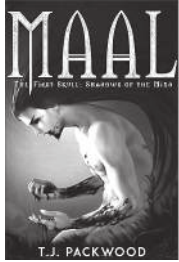
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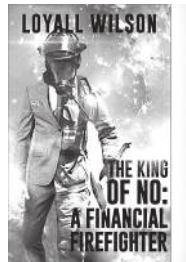
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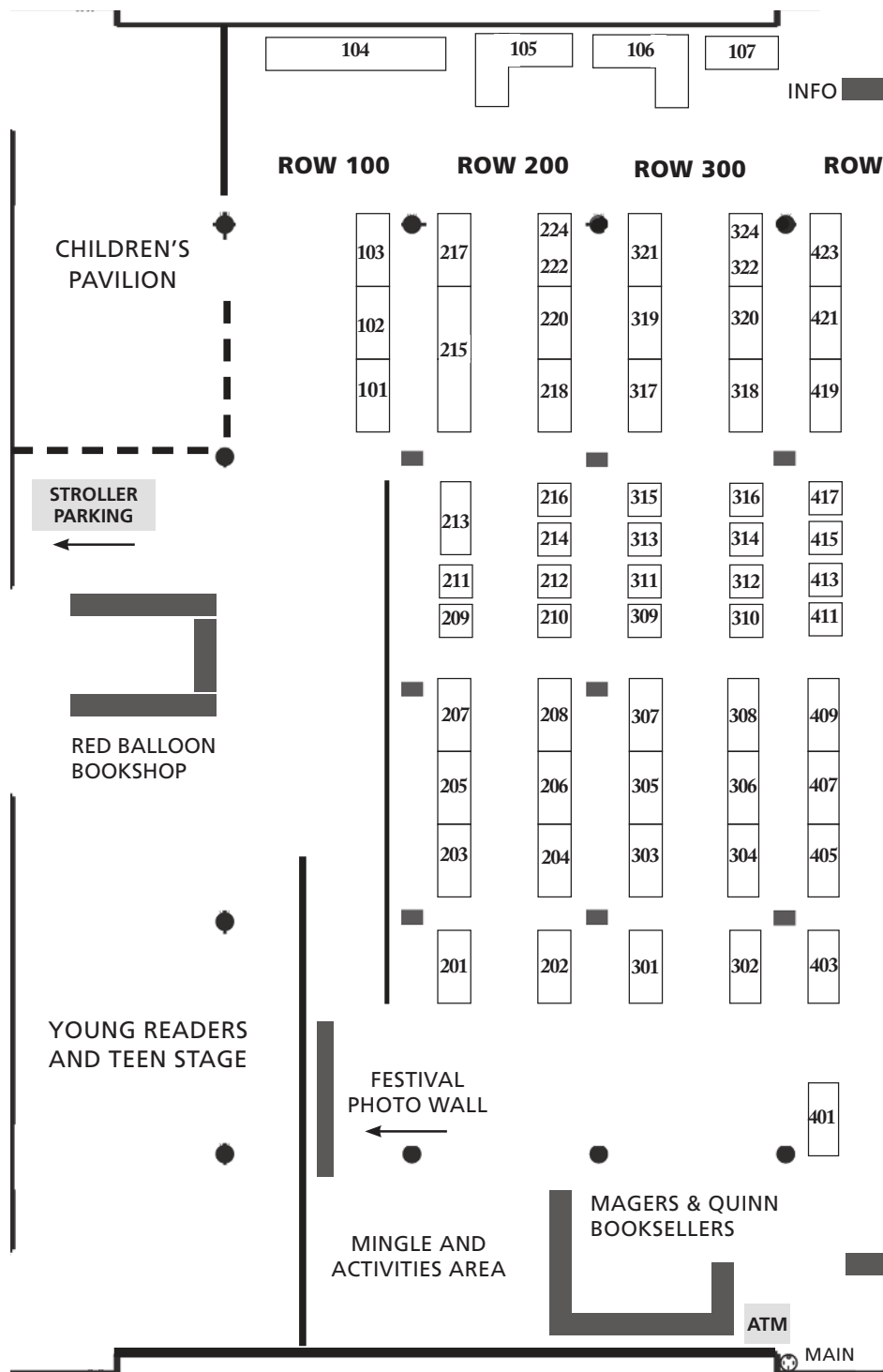
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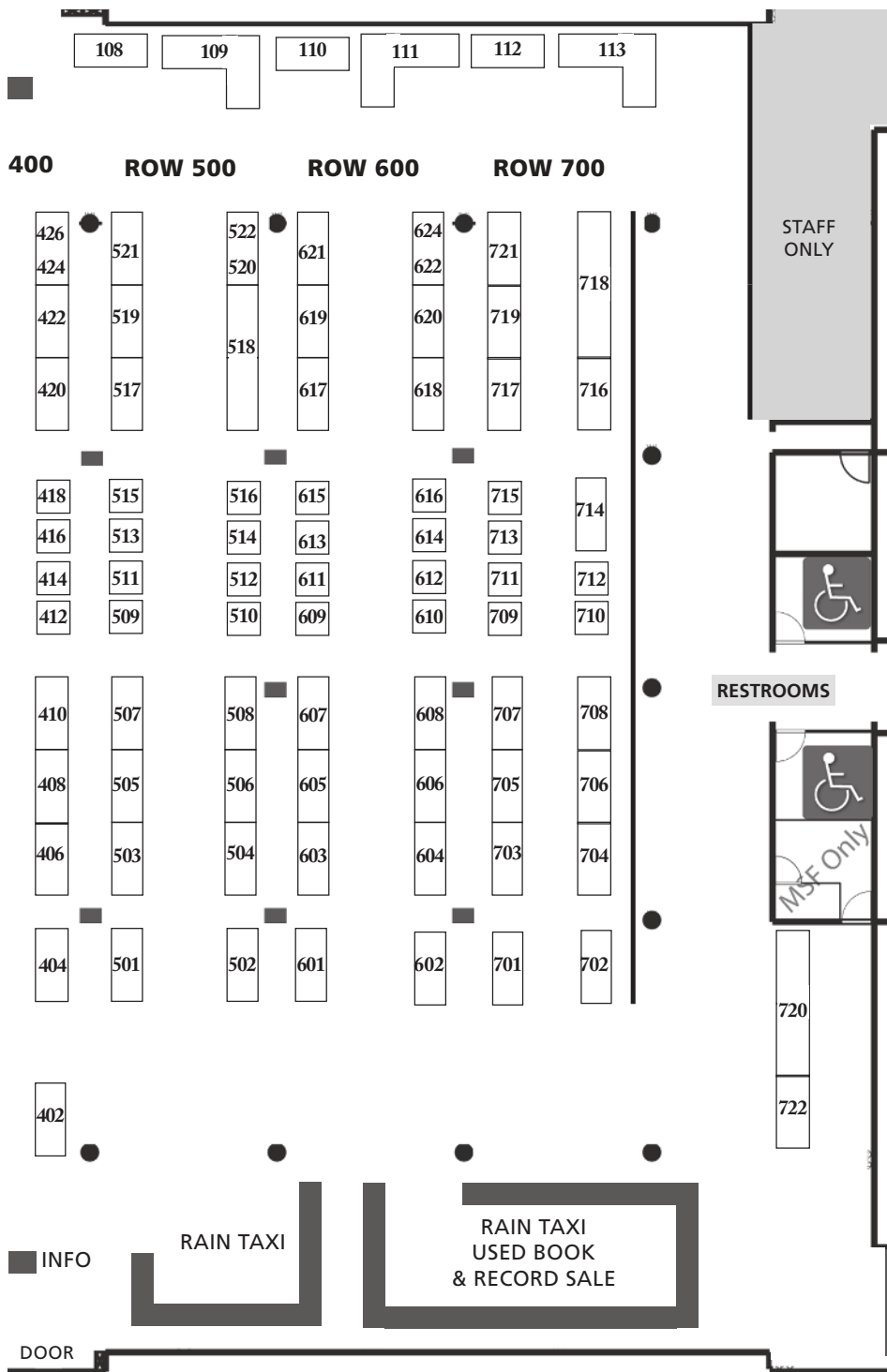
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WRITING THE LIVES OF ★ WOMEN: Susan Straight & Faith Sullivan

11:00 AM, Rain Stage

Faith Sullivan published her first work, *The Cape Anne*, in 1988; she's published eight novels since then, including

this fall's *Ruby & Roland*. Susan Straight's *Aquaboogie* came in 1994, and eleven books later, her memoir *In the Country of Women*—about her family and her ex-husband's family (including women who escaped post-slavery Tennessee) is now out. Whether in fiction or nonfiction, both Sullivan and Straight share a tendency toward the vivid and the real, confronting a culture that often tries to strike out the details about women's lives. Join us for a riveting conversation about writing the (real) lives of women, moderated by **Emily Cook**.



GUYS FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY: Kent Nerburn & Christopher Ingraham

11:00 AM, Taxi Stage

Did you know that Minnesota is the northernmost state outside Alaska? And the northern part of MN is more

special still, a largely rural area comprising forest, farmland, glaciers, and more. Two writers—**Christopher Ingraham** (*If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now*), a recent transplant to the state, and **Kent Nerburn** (*Neither Wolf Nor Dog*), a longtime denizen who has just recently left—reflect on how these places get depicted and imagined in their writings. Introduced by **Laurie Hertz**, Books Editor at the *Star Tribune* and President of the National Book Critics Circle.



Aarti Namdev Shahani ★

12:00 PM, Rain Stage

An NPR correspondent based in Silicon Valley, **Aarti Namdev Shahani** is now also the author of *Here We Are*, a heart-wrenching memoir about her immigrant parents, the American justice system, and “the many pitfalls for people of color within a landscape of white privilege” (Kirkus). Shahani will discuss her powerful story with **Euan Kerr**, MPR News Correspondent.



THE MINNESOTA SCENE: Martin Keller, Greg Helgeson, & Bob Mehr

12:00 PM, Taxi Stage



One wrote the text. Another took the photographs. And a third wrote the foreword. Together they are the journalists behind *Hijinx and Hearsay: Scenester Stories from Minnesota's Pop Life*, a fascinating new book that offers "Scenester Stories from Minnesota's Pop Life." The powerhouse trio gather to share photographs, memories, and critical insights about the musicians, personalities, and venues that have made Minnesota far more than flyover country. Moderated by Minnesota radio personality and all-around scenester **Mary Lucia**.



FAMILY SECRETS ★ Linda Boström Knausgård & Sheila O'Connor

1:00 PM, Rain Stage



Novels often tackle challenges based in family dynamics—yet it's not always "autofiction" either.

Linda Boström Knausgård (*Welcome to America*) and **Sheila O'Connor** (*Evidence of V*) unveil the secrets behind their innovative and riveting new books.



Patrice Nganang

1:00 PM, Taxi Stage

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A renowned and award-winning writer from Cameroon, **Patrice Nganang** will discuss his ongoing majestic trilogy about his home country, the second volume of which has just been published. *When the Plums Are Ripe* is a brilliantly crafted, politically charged epic that challenges not only the legacies of colonialism but the intersections of language, authority, and history itself.

Books by these authors are for sale at the
Magers & Quinn Booksellers booth in the Progress Center,
and authors will be available there for signing after their events!



David Shields ★

2:00 PM, Rain Stage

Critically acclaimed and best-selling author **David Shields** discusses his three new works, each anchored in his inimitable collage style: *The Trouble with Men: Reflections on Sex, Love, Marriage, Porn, and Power*, an immersion into the perils, limits, and possibilities of human intimacy; *Nobody Hates Trump More Than Trump: An Intervention*, a philosophical meditation on the relationship between language and power, and a dagger into the rhetoric of American political discourse; and *Lynch: A History*, a groundbreaking documentary film about nonconformist NFL star Marshawn Lynch that offers a powerful look at the American media-sports complex and its deep complicity with racial oppression.



NYC STATE OF MIND: Christine Coulson & Carley Moore

2:00 PM, Taxi Stage

Ah, the city of New York, inspiration to countless writers, including Christine Coulson and Carley Moore. In these two writers' new works of fiction, we go behind the scenes at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Coulson's *Metropolitan Stories*) and become embroiled in the world of Occupy Wall Street (Moore's *The Not Wives*), respectively — but in both cases we experience a strange kind of intimacy as well.



Lewis Hyde ★

3:00 PM, Rain Stage

Aptly described by Michael Chabon as “that bold yet gentle intellectual adventurer,” **Lewis Hyde** will discuss his latest work *Getting Past the Past* (“an invitation to forget our very selves so that we might finally see the universe clearly”—Booklist), his landmark work *The Gift* (newly reissued with an introduction by Margaret Atwood!), and the world that has given rise to his disarmingly erudite style of thought. Moderated by author and archetypal psychologist **Nor Hall**.

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DETECTIVE GAMBITS:

Andrew Kaufman, Tim Mason,
& Marcie Rendon



3:00 PM, Taxi Stage



Whether in Victorian London (**Tim Mason's** *The Darwin Affair*), a college campus in Minnesota (**Marcie Rendon's** *Girl Gone Missing*), or the fabulist world of Metaphoria (**Andrew Kaufman's** *The Ticking Heart*), detectives rule the day in the latest works by these three writers. Join us to experience the range of moods and strategies that detective fiction can offer.



THE ART OF STORYTELLING: ★

William Kent Krueger & Leif Enger

4:00 PM, Rain Stage



If you are curious about how great fiction gets made, you won't want to miss **William Kent Krueger** (*This Tender Land*) and **Leif Enger** (*Virgil Wander*). These two Minnesota-based masters of narrative will share passages from their latest works and converse about their craft.



WORLDS OF POETRY:

Kimberly Blaeser, Douglas Kearney,
& Janaka Stucky

4:00 PM, Taxi Stage



Three acclaimed wordsmiths display the incredible vivacity and range of contemporary poetry: **Kimberly Blaeser's** *Copper Yearning* deftly reflects her Indigenous perspective and global awareness; **Douglas Kearney's** *Starts Spinning* offers innovative split-second takes on the music of our time; and **Janaka Stucky's** *Ascend Ascend* brings us on an occult journey toward union with the divine. Together these poets will leave readers mesmerized and enlivened beyond belief.

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CHILDREN'S PAVILION

10:00 AM–5:00 PM: THE POP-UP LIBRARY

Experience the wonder of a library at the Festival! Ramsey County Libraries will present fun children's activities all day long, including:

- a button-maker, to create bookish memories of your Festival day;
- a 3-D printer in operation, along with completed project examples;
- a storytime from 1-3 pm for kids up to age 6, and
- library cards issued on the spot to anyone who wants one!

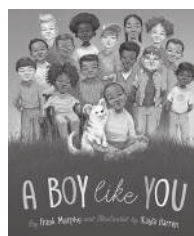
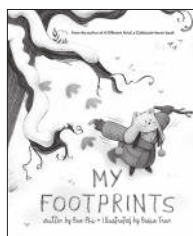
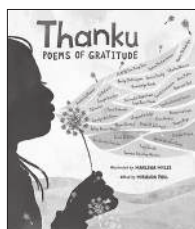
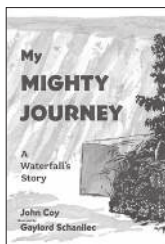
Naturally, librarians will be on hand at the Pop-Up Library to assist children and families, who are welcome to drop by at any time to participate.

PICTURE BOOK PLEASURES

Drop in throughout the morning to watch authors present their picture books! Lisa Von Drasek, Curator of the Children's Literature Research Collections of the University of Minnesota, hosts these sessions, suitable for children ages 2-8 and their families.

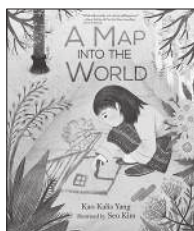
10:15 AM–11:05 AM:

**John Coy: *My Mighty Journey* & *On Your Way* • Marlena Myles: *Thanku: Poems of Gratitude*
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11:10 AM–12:00 PM:

**Michael Hall: *Monkey Time* • Kao Kalia Yang: *A Map Into the World*
Mike Wohnoutka: *Croc & Turtle Snow Fun!* • Betsy Bird: *The Great Santa Stakeout***



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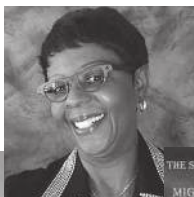


YOUNG READERS

(ages 7-12)

12:00 PM: FANTASY, FRIENDSHIP, AND FORGIVENESS

ABBY COOPER, LORA HYLER, and REBECCA K.S. ANSARI



Challenging times are the basis for these imaginative middle-grade novels. Join **Abby Cooper** (*Friend or Fiction*), **Lora Hyler** (*The Stupendous Adventures of Mighty Marty Hayes*), and **Rebecca K. S. Ansari** (*The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly*) for a fascinating look at how friendship gets depicted in fantasy fiction.

1:00 PM: NEW HORIZONS IN KIDS' NONFICTION

MARLENE TARG BRILL, CATHERINE THIMMESH, and ARTIKA TYNER



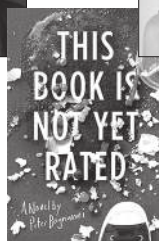
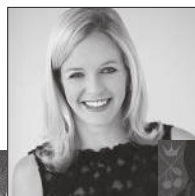
Kids, parents, and teachers will all enjoy this exploration of science, geography, and biography, as **Marlene Targ Brill** (*Dolores Huerta Stands Strong* & *Picture Girl*), **Catherine Thimmesh** (*Camp Panda*), and **Artika Tyner** (*Amazing Africa: A to Z*) discuss their paths toward making riveting non-fiction books

TEEN READERS

(ages 13-adult)

2:00 PM: IS YA REALLY JUST FOR ADULTS?

JULIE BERRY, PETER BOGNANNI, and KATHARINE MCGEE



Writing for teens has become one of the hottest genres in publishing. Find out from **Julie Berry** (*Lovely War*), **Peter Bognanni** (*This Book Is Not Yet Rated*), and **Katharine McGee** (*American Royals*) how they use fast-paced plots, sophisticated writing, romance, history, and more to attract readers of diverse ages and interests.

3:00 PM: WHEN THE WORLD GIVES YOU LEMONS . . .

LANA WOOD JOHNSON, RACHEL GOLD, and KIRSTIN CRONN-MILLS



Young Adult authors are renowned for being willing to tackle tough situations in their novels. Join **Lana Wood Johnson** (*Technically, You Started It*), **Rachel Gold** (*In the Silences*), and **Kirstin Cronn-Mills** (*Wreck*) for a discussion about the challenges and triumphs of writing books that explore race, gender, and sexuality.

TEEN READERS

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4:00 pm: **SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER**

BETHANY C. MORROW in conversation with **SHANNON GIBNEY**



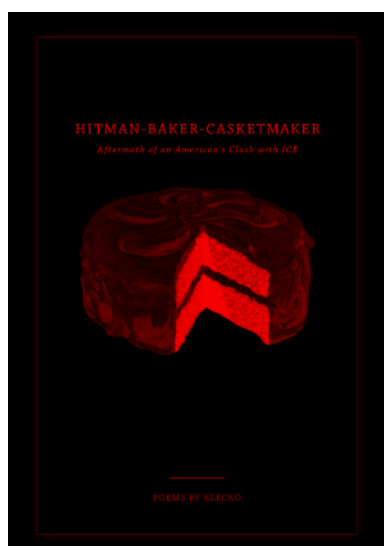
Minnesota author **Shannon Gibney** will host an onstage conversation with **Bethany C. Morrow**, whose new anthology *Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance* includes poems, prose, and art that reflect the many ways young readers can and do stand up for themselves and their values. *Take the Mic*'s powerful collection of stories features work by literary luminaries and emerging talent alike, including Newbery-winner Jason Reynolds and *New York Times* bestseller Samira Ahmed, among many others.



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7:00pm Kao Kalia Yang

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Wednesday, October 2

6:30pm Aimee Lucido & Sofiya Pasternack

7:00pm Eleanor Davis and Kevin Huizenga

7:00pm Seth Berkman

7:00pm Hawona Sullivan Janzen, Janna Knittel, Patricia Kirkpatrick, and Sa

Thursday, October 3

6:30pm Marie Lu

7:00pm Megan Marsnik

7:00pm Paddy Hirsch

Friday, October 4

7:00pm Baker Polk

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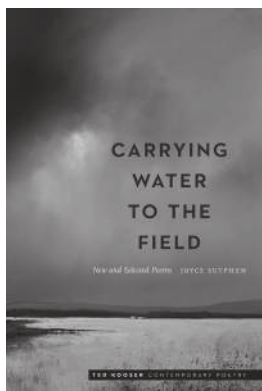
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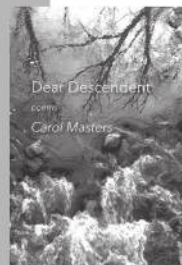
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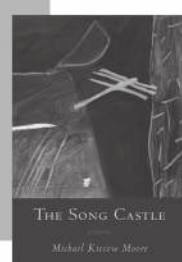
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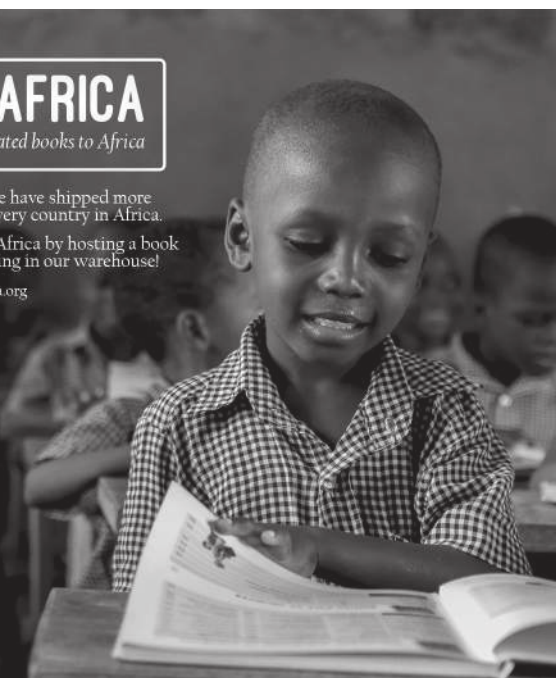
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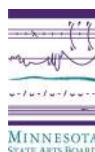
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