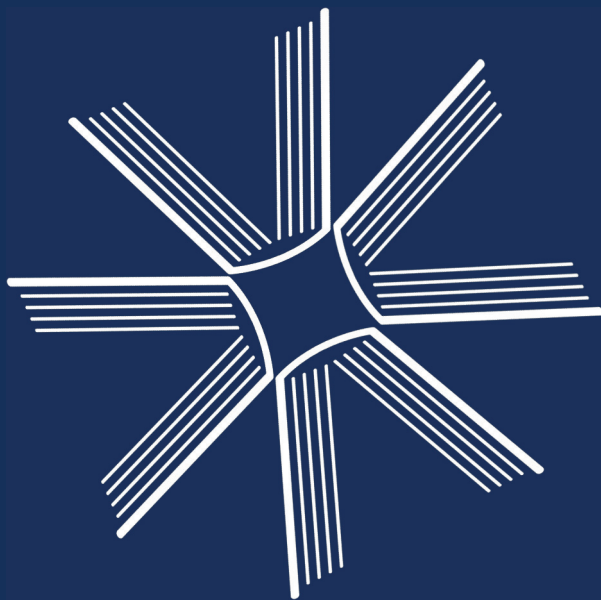


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Union Depot, Saint Paul

Saturday, November 8, 2025 • 10 AM – 5 PM

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Welcome to Rain Taxi's TWIN CITIES BOOK FESTIVAL

As organizer and host of the annual TCBF, we at Rain Taxi are thrilled you can join us for our 25th year—and our first in Minnesota's capital city! After long runs in downtown Minneapolis and at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, we feel confident that our annual literary celebration will continue to be the best bookfest in the Upper Midwest. Thank you for being a part of it! And now . . .

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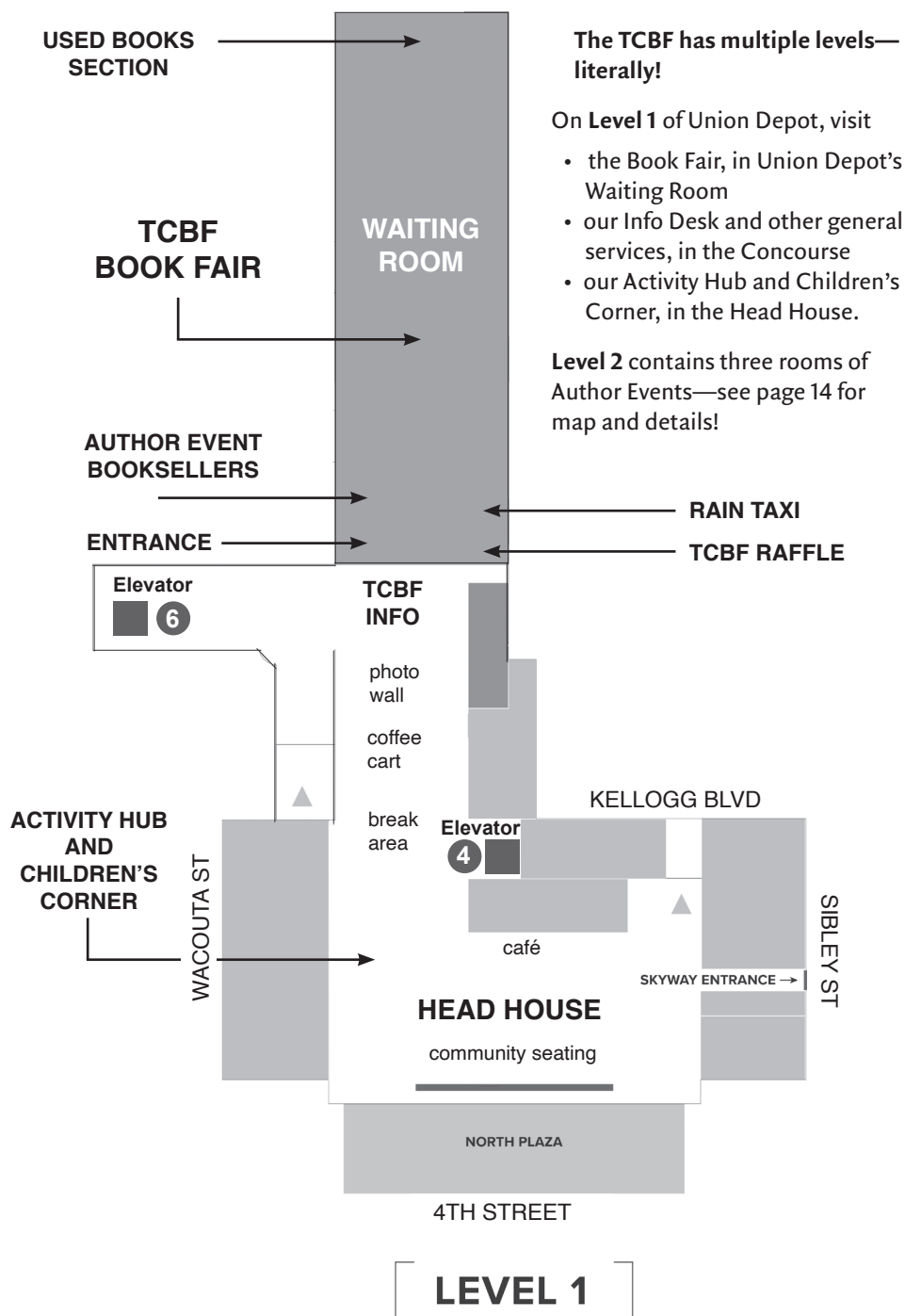
- Explore the BOOK FAIR's 140 exhibitors—publishers, magazines, libraries, arts organizations, authors, and more
- Take pics with friends at our PHOTO WALL
- Catch an AUTHOR EVENT at one of four areas
- Hunt for bargains at Rain Taxi's USED BOOK & RECORD SALE
- Swing by the ACTIVITIES HUB to engage your creativity
- Recreate. Laugh. Marvel. Ponder. Connect. ENJOY!



ENTER THE TCBF RAFFLE

Enter for a chance to win prizes—books, tees, hats, totes, and more! Entry forms located at the Book Fair entrance, or scan the QR code here to enter online and double your chances of winning! Winners posted hourly at @raintaxireview.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND



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Please visit your TCBF host at our booth near the entrance of the Book Fair! While there you can:

- Pick up a free copy of the Fall print issue of *Rain Taxi Review of Books*
- Check out our limited edition chapbooks and broadsides
- Snag a Rain Taxi t-shirt or tote bag
- Is your noggin cold? We've got a beanie for that!

At the Rain Taxi Booth Today

10 AM – 4 PM: Writers for Democratic Action



What can writers do about hardships in the world? A lot! Join our friends from **Writers for Democratic Action-MN** to generate hope through language: You'll have a chance to add to a community poem, pen a postcard to a legislator, and get informational resources for writers that might inspire future action. Make your thoughts heard and your words count!

11 AM–1 PM and 2 PM–4 PM: Literary Tarot Readings

Drop by for a short Tarot reading with a literary twist! Visiting writer **Syr Beker**, author of the new fairy tale-inflected novella *What A Fish Looks Like*, will offer 5-10 minute readings that focus on a single question you bring—though Syr may also have some book recommendations for you as they peer into your cards.



ALL DAY: Paul Von Drasek Member Lounge



Named after a passionate Rain Taxi champion who passed away in 2021, this space is the place to have a little fun and learn about all our organization does for the literary community, including the TCBF—“the best day of the year,” as Paul joyfully called it—and how you can be a part of it year-round. Members receive home delivery of our quarterly magazine—it's like a book festival in your mailbox!

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It's **Give to the Max** season, and our nonprofit needs YOUR support! Please make a donation to Rain Taxi to help us continue driving readers to where writing is going. Visit our GiveMN page by scanning the QR code here or go to raintaxi.org—donate before Nov. 20 to help us unlock an additional gift if we reach our fundraising goal!



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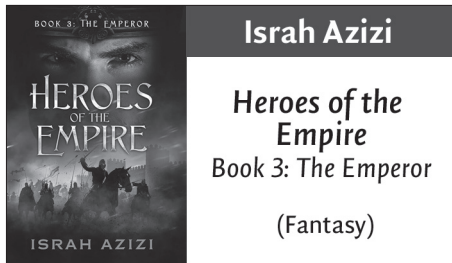
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Furrowed Brow Books	Spring Hollow Books
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And don't forget to shop Rain Taxi's annual Used Book & Record Sale—tons of books at ridiculous prices!

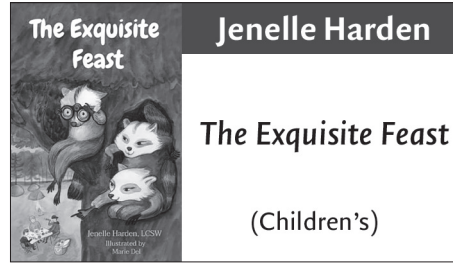
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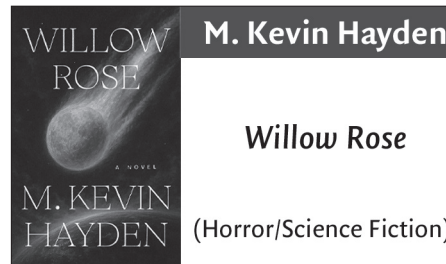
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Jodie Leigh Murray

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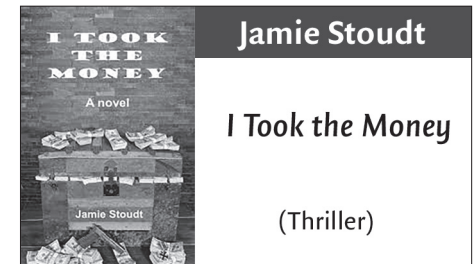
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Kristen Wasyliszyn

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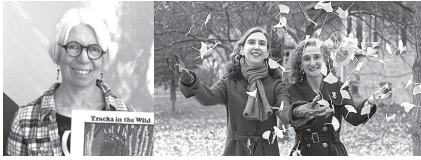


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Leaf Town Forever
with **Betsy Bowen, Beth Rooney,**
and **Kathleen Rooney**

10:30-11AM
How To Draw A Tree
with **David LaRoche**
and **Colleen Muske**



11AM - 12PM
PICTURE BOOK SHOWCASE
featuring **Art Coulson, Molly Beth Griffin, Keenan Jones,**
Margi Preus, Matthew Schufman, and Joyce Sidman



12 - 12:30PM
True Stories
with **Méline Mangal**
and **Caren Stelson**



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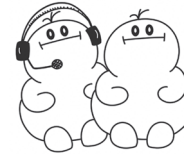
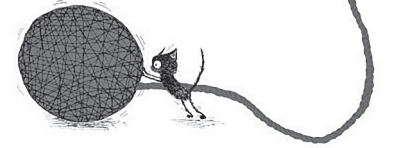
10AM-4PM **TCBF COMMUNITY MURAL**
with **Ursula Murray Husted**



10AM-4PM **CODEBREAKER CHALLENGE**
a TCBF Scavenger Hunt with **Jay Martel**



12-1PM **STRING CRAFTS**
with **Chris Monroe**



1-2PM **YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN YOU**
Free cartoon portraits by
Matt Eicheldinger

1-2 PM **CARTOONING FOR WRITERS**
with **Andy Hartzell**



2-3PM **MANGA DRAWING WORKSHOP**
with **Misako Rocks!**

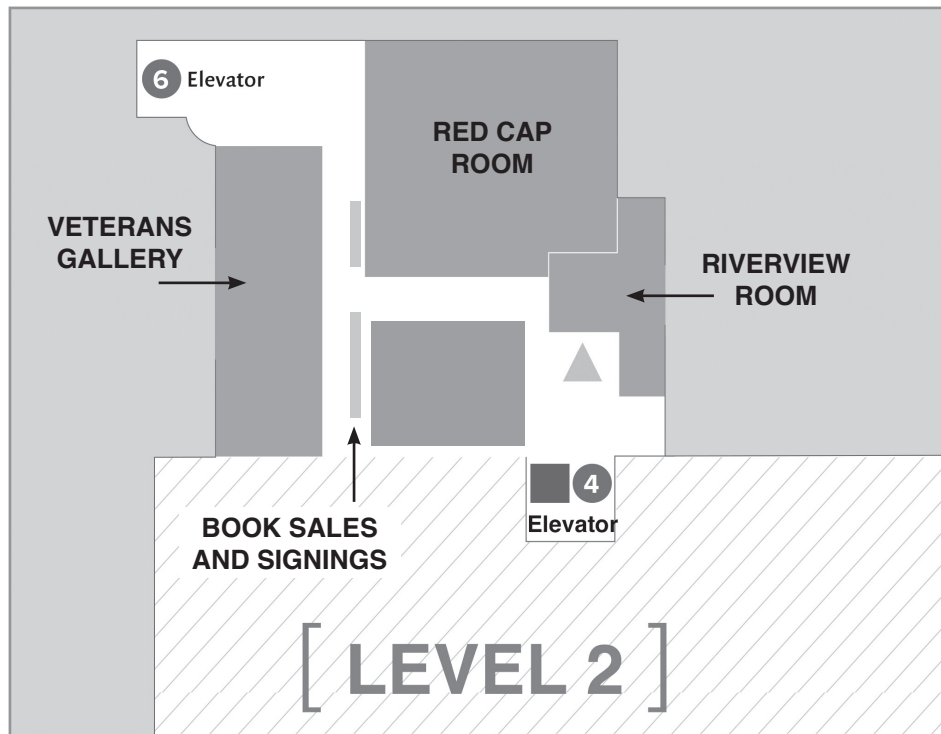
2-5PM **TYPEWRITER POEMS**
with **Bill Meissner**



3-4PM **RECIPE SWAP**
with **Stephanie Hansen**

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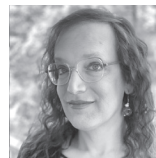
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★ **10:00 AM**
Eoin Colfer

*Beloved bestselling children's book author—
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★ **11:00 AM**
Stephanie Burt

The Poetic Genius of Taylor Swift



12:00 PM
Medaria Arradondo and Steve Grove
Minnesota Memoirs of Leadership



1:00 PM
**George O'Connor, Tyler Page,
and Misako Rocks!**
Middle Grade Graphic Novels



2:00 PM
**Idris Goodwin, Selina Li Bi,
and Vanessa L. Torres**
Empowering YA Fiction



3:00 PM
**Jane Hamilton, Anika Fajardo,
and Erin O. White**
Novels of Family

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★ VETERANS GALLERY ★

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10:30 AM
Alex Vernon
 in conversation with **Steve Marsh**
The Literary Life of Tim O'Brien



11:30 AM
Sarah Chamberlain and Sam Tschida
Romance & Romcoms



★ **12:30 PM**
Shannon Hale and Trung Le Nguyen
Graphic Novels of Hope



★ **1:30 PM**
Edy Poppy and Curtis Sittenfeld
The Global Short Story



★ **2:30 PM**
William Alexander and Amber Sparks
Finding Family in Speculative Fiction



★ **3:30 PM**
Keetje Kuipers and Sarah Green
Poetry of Resilience

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★ RIVERVIEW ROOM ★

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2025 Minnesota Author Showcase

Quick takes on new books by writers from our great state!

- 10:30 AM** **DEBUT NOVELS:** Raki Kopernik, Damion Searls, and Christopher Tradowsky
- 11:00 AM** **MIDDLE GRADE FICTIONS:** H.M. Bouwman and Matt Eicheldinger
- 11:30 AM** **HISTORIES:** Tim Brady, Dave Hage & Josephine Marcotty
- 12:00 PM** **MYSTERIES:** Tasha Coryell, Andrew DeYoung, Toni Halleen, David Housewright, Rebecca Kanner, Mindy Mejia, and Joshua Moehling
- 1:00 PM** **ESSAYS:** Kathryn Nuernberger and Peg Guilloyle
- 1:30 PM** **SCIENCES:** Ruth DeFoster and Nate Pedersen
- 2:00 PM** **POETRIES:** Paula Cisewski, MC Hyland, and Mubanga Kalimamukwento
- 2:30 PM** **JOURNEYS:** Patrick Hicks and Frank Bures
- 3:00 PM** **LIFE STORIES:** Kelly Foster Lundquist and Bronson Lemer
- 3:30 PM** **THE MN NOVEL:** Kevin Fenton, Thomas Maltman, and Kent Nerburn

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