

# CHILDREN'S & TEENS

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**Teen Poetry Workshop: *Kids at Play* with C. Valenta**  
Library, West Jordan High School, West Jordan  
September 7th at 4pm

[Facebook Event](#)

C. Valenta is a powerful rapper whose EP *Kids at Play* describes his journey to overcome the homelessness and violence of his youth.

**Author Blitz!**  
**Roy Junior High**  
September 8th at 5pm-7pm

[Facebook Event](#)

They visited your classrooms in Ogden and Weber School districts! Now come chat with them. Featuring J. Scott Savage, Tiffany Rosenhan, Frank L. Cole, Kaela Rivera, Shelly Brown, Wendy Swore, Mike Thayer, Dustin Hansen, Celesta Rimington, Chad Morris, Kristyn Crow, Annie Bailey, Amy and Greg Newbold, Jennifer Jenkins, Kathryn Purdie, Tricia Levenseller, Lehua Parker, Allison Hong Merrill, Emily Inouye Huey, Jeff Moore and Jennifer Lee.

***My Brother Otto and the Birthday Party* with Meg Raby**  
King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City  
September 10th at 11am

[Facebook Event](#)  
[King's English Link](#)

This engaging picture book shows how two little crow siblings—one of them on the autism spectrum—deal with the different sensory experiences they encounter at a friend's birthday party.

**Hispanic Heritage Parade: *The Corn People* with Jose and Kelly Carlos**  
South Stage at the Gateway, Salt Lake City  
September 10th at 12:20pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Bring your chiquillos for an interactive reading with children's book authors and Aztec dancers Jose and Kelly Carlos. They will learn about the history of corn and how it binds Latinx and Native communities.

**Youth Poetry Workshop with Cynthia Guardado**  
Kearns High School Library, Kearns  
September 14th at 4pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Utah High School Poetry Slam Initiative welcomes teens for an afternoon of poetry with Cynthia Guardado, author of *Cenizas*.

**Drag Queen Storytelling Hour with Miss Lil Hot Mess**  
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City  
September 17th at 10:30am

[Facebook Event](#)

Bring your littles to enjoy some wholesome drag storytelling with Lil Miss Hot Mess, author of *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish Swish Swish* and *If You're a Drag Queen and You Know It, Clap Your Hands*.

**Taking "*The Perfect Rock*" from an Idea to Publication with Sarah Noble**  
Book Bungalow, St. George  
September 17th at 1pm

Master children's book author Sarah Noble will guide audience members in this writer's workshop through the process of publishing your own children's book. Join us at the Book Bungalow.



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**Pride, Not Prejudice ft Lil Miss Hot Mess**  
**Pride Center, Salt Lake City**  
**September 17th at 2pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join LGBTQ+ educators and their allies for a fabulous performance by Lil Miss Hot Mess, author of *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish Swish Swish* and *If You're a Drag Queen and You Know It, Clap Your Hands*. Lil Miss Hot Mess will cover the basics of Drag Pedagogy and the value of LGBTQ+ literature.

**Drag Storytelling Hour with Miss Lil Hot Mess**  
**Kaffe Mercantile, Ogden**  
**September 17th at 6pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

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***Grumpy Bird* with Jeremy Tankard**  
**Brigham City Public Library, Brigham City**  
**September 19th at 7pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join us at Brigham City Public Library to enjoy the fantastic stylings of Jeremy Tankard, author of *Grumpy Bird*.

***Hazardous Tales* with Nathan Hale**  
**Park City Library, Park City**  
**September 24 at 1pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Nathan Hale is the author and illustrator of the Eisner-nominated, New York Times bestselling graphic novel series on American history *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales*. He also created the sci-fi horror comics *ONE TRICK PONY* and *APOCALYPSE TACO*.

**Teen Poetry Slam**  
**Library, West Jordan High School, West Jordan**  
**September 30th at 7pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Teens are welcome to participate in an individual open mic and poetry slam. Bring three poems and make sure they are each under 3 minutes. Tell your friends!

**Storytelling hour with Rene Colato Lainez**  
**The Treehouse Children's Museum, Ogden**  
**October 3rd at 7pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

The Treehouse Children's Museum is excited to welcome Rene Colato Lainez, author of bilingual children's books, including *My Shoes and I*, *Loteria*, and more!

**Christian Heidicker**  
**Brigham City Library, Brigham City**  
**October 3rd at 7pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Christian is the author of the Newbery Honor-winning *Scary Stories for Young Foxes* and its companion *SSFYF: The City*, as well as the *Thieves of the Weirdwood* trilogy, *Cure for the Common Universe*, and *Attack of the 50 foot Wallflower*.



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**The Book that Changed Me**  
Weber County Library - Main, Ogden  
October 4th at 7pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

For ages 12 and older. Books have a profound effect on the way we see the world and ourselves, especially those we discover in childhood. At a time when censorship is raging, it feels right to step back and appreciate the good in books. Various community members from around Weber County will briefly share the children's or YA book that changed them, that opened their minds and hearts, and taught them lifelong lessons.

**Storytelling Hour with René Colato Laínez**  
Wasatch County Library, Heber City  
October 4th at 7pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

The Wasatch County Library is excited to welcome René Colato Laínez, author of bilingual children's books, including *My Shoes and I*, *Loteria*, and more!

**Storytelling hour with Rene Colato Lainez**  
Park City Library, Park City  
October 5th at 7pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

The Park City Library is excited to welcome Rene Colato Lainez, author of bilingual children's books, including *My Shoes and I*, *Loteria*, and more!

***The Adventures of Girl and Boy* by Takwa Sharif**  
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City  
October 8th at 11am  
[Facebook Event](#)

In *The Adventures of Girl and Boy*, Takwa Gordon breaks down the at times confusing world of gender for your littles. Bring the family for an entertaining and educational storytime hour.

***People are Wild!* with Margaux Meganck**  
Tracy Aviary - Jordan River Nature Center, Salt Lake City  
October 8th at 12pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

An inviting and inventive classic-in-the-making about learning to have compassion for every living thing, gorgeously illustrated by a rising star in the picture book world.

***All the Flowers Kneeling: Teen Poetry Workshop* with Paul Tran**  
Venue TBA  
October 10th at 4pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

Visceral and astonishing, Paul Tran's debut poetry collection *All the Flowers Kneeling* investigates intergenerational trauma, sexual violence, and U.S. imperialism in order to radically alter our understanding of freedom, power, and control.

**Book and Bite with Paul Tran**  
SLCC Food Pantry, West Valley  
October 10th at 6pm  
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***A Book, Too, Can Be a Star* with Jennifer Adams and Charlotte Jones Voiklis**  
King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City  
October 11th at 6pm  
[Facebook Event](#)  
[King's English Link](#)

When Madeleine L'Engle was very small, she often found herself awake at night, marveling at the stars. *A Book, Too, Can Be a Star* follows the life of one of the world's greatest creators—and gives children encouragement to lead a creative, inquisitive life.

***Jasper and the Yeti* with Grant Olsen**  
King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City  
October 25th at 11am  
[Facebook Event](#)  
[King's English Link](#)

Join Jasper as he crosses cavernous ravines while hiking the icy Himalayan Mountains in search of the reclusive yeti. But when he fatefully loses his glasses, not all may be as it seems!

**Teen Poetry Slam**  
Library, Kearns High School, Kearns  
October 28th at 7pm

Teens are welcome to participate in an individual open mic and poetry slam. Bring three poems and make sure they are each under 3 minutes. Tell your friends!