

# ENVIRONMENTAL

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**Whale Fall with David Baker**  
**King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City**  
**September 8th at 5:30pm**

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

Acclaimed as an essential voice of the American Midwest, David Baker expands both his environment and his form in his eleventh collection. *Whale Fall* is about time, measured in the wingbeats of a hummingbird or the epochs of geological change, and about place, whether a backyard in Ohio or the slopes of a melting glacier.

**Humanities in the Wild: Prison Ecologies with Dr. Nalini Nadkarni and Uyen Hoang**  
**Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter, Park City**  
**September 8th at 6pm**

[Facebook Event](#)

Join us for a short trek led by ecologist Dr. Nalini Nadkarni and University of Utah Prison Education Program organizer Uyen Hoang about prison systems and the power of nature. Featuring *New World Coming* by Torrey House Press and *Between Earth and Sky* by Dr. Nalini Nadkarni.

**Poetry in the Garden with Danielle Dubrasky and Shanan Ballam**  
**The Lavender House, Bear River**  
**September 9th at 6pm**

[Facebook Event](#)

The Lavender House welcomes the community to join us in a reading and gathering featuring poets, Danielle Dubrasky and Shanan Ballam and songwriter Jake Rogers. Featuring *Inside the Animal* by Shanan Ballam and *Drift Migration* by Danielle Dubrasky.

**Alfred Lambourne Arts Program**  
**September 9th at 6:30pm**  
**Sorenson Community Campus, Salt Lake City**

[Informational Link](#)

Join FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake for the Alfred Lambourne Arts Program gallery opening and reception at the Sorenson Community Campus gallery and Blackbox Theater (1383 South 900 West, SLC, UT). You'll experience artistic expressions of the Great Salt Lake in the categories of visual arts, literary arts, movement, and sound.

**Humanities in the Wild: Bees!**  
**Stokes Nature Center, Logan**  
**September 10th at 11:30am**

[Facebook Event](#)

Join us at the Stokes Nature Center for a short trek led by poet Katharine Coles and a local beekeeper about the magic of bees! Featuring *The Golden Years of the Fourth Dimension* by Katharine Coles.

**Humanities in the Wild: Irreplaceable with Nan Seymour**  
**Helper River Pavilion, Helper**  
**September 10th at 2pm**

[Facebook Event](#)

Former poet-in-residence at Antelope Island Nan Seymour will lead a short trek and lead river writing sessions with the community. Bring walking shoes, a bottle of water, a writing utensil, and some shade. Featuring *Irreplaceable* by Nan Seymour.



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***Utah!* with Levi Rogers**  
Weller Book Works, Salt Lake City  
September 10th at 5pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

Fleeing from ever present wildfires and the threat of the Yellowstone Supervolcano erupting, Lee, Becca, and their daughter Analise embark on a road-trip through the state of Utah to a wedding in Zion National Park. Set in the not-too-distant-future, *Utah!* is a novel about climate change and the intricacies of relationships between family, partners, religious structures, nature, and the American West.

**Steamboat Mountain Reading Series with Nan Seymour**  
K2 Gallery, Helper  
September 10th at 6pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

Nan Seymour will read from *Irreplaceable*, a book-length collective poem and ode to the Great Salt Lake and discuss her experiences as poet-in-residence at Antelope Island.

***Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land* with Taylor Brorby**  
King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City  
September 14th at 6pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

From a young, gay environmentalist, a searing coming-of-age memoir set against the arid landscape of rural North Dakota, where homosexuality "seems akin to a ticking bomb."

**Book and Bite with Cynthia Guardado**  
SLCC Dream Center (3460 S. 5600 W.), West Valley City  
September 14th at 6:00 pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join us for our first Book and Bite at the SLCC Dream Center. We will share food and recipes from *Decolonize Your Diet* and poetry by Cynthia Guardado, author of *Cenizas*.

**Humanities in the Wild: Gardening with Gasa Gasa Girl**  
Red Butte Gardens, Salt Lake City  
September 15th at 6:30pm  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join Lily Havey and Bonnie Clark for a discussion on Japanese internment in the mountain west and gardening as a form of solace.

**Humanities in the Wild: *Irreplaceable* with Nan Seymour**  
Escalante River Trailhead, Escalante  
September 17th at 9am  
[Facebook Event](#)

Former poet-in-residence at Antelope Island Nan Seymour will lead a short trek and lead river writing sessions with the community. Bring walking shoes, a bottle of water, a writing utensil, and some shade.

***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*.



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**Humanities in the Wild: Bird Qi Gong and Poetry**  
**Tracy Aviary - Jordan River Nature Center, South Salt Lake**  
**September 23 at 6pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

For this Humanities in the Wild special, join Chinese martial arts master Shifu Jung and his disciples for an introduction to bird-inspired movements. Shifu Jung will be accompanied by Plumas Colectiva, a Latinx artist and writer group consisting of Melissa Salguero, Sarah May, Chelsea Guevara, Willy Palomo, Monica Ayala, and Lin Flores. This will be an evening of poetry and movement alongside the Jordan River and its many birds.

***Rusty Barbed Wire: Selected Poems* by David Lee**  
**King's English Bookshop, Salt Lake City**  
**September 24th at 2pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

David Lee is a major figure in American letters: the author of fifteen books of poetry, a celebrated teacher, a legendary reader in classrooms, bookstores, and taverns; and the first poet laureate of Utah. His work is full of the most various qualities: soul-crushing tragedy, lyrical celebration, high comedy, storytelling ebullience. *Rusty Barbed Wire: Selected Poems*, now with us at last, brings to the community of readers raw power and radical beauty.

**Utah Trails Foundation Author Dinner with Nate Schweber**  
**September 30th at 6pm**  
**Timbermine Steakhouse, Ogden**  
[Informational Link](#)

Bernard DeVoto – the most famous Ogdenite you've probably never heard of – and his wife, Avis, will be the topic of conversation when the Trails Foundation's Author Dinner returns this fall. Nate Schweber will discuss his new book, a dual biography of the DeVotos, who Schweber describes as champions of public lands and great food. Featuring *This America of Ours: Bernard and Avis DeVoto and the Forgotten Fight to Save the Wild* by Nate Schweber.

**Humanities in the Wild: *The River Always Wins* with David Marquis**  
**September 30th at 6pm**  
**Stokes Nature Center, Logan**  
[Facebook Event](#)

David Marquis is a writer and activist who lives in Dallas, Texas. *The River Always Wins* offers up a metaphor for hope in troubled times. Using the musicality of refrains and short chapters, this prose poem creates a rhythmic understanding of the power of water to both challenge and heal.

**Humanities in the Wild: The Pando with Dr. Nalini Nadkarni and Dr. Paul Rogers**  
**October 1st at 2pm**  
**Fishlake National Forest, Richfield**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join tree scientists Dr. Nalini Nadkarni and Dr. Paul Rogers on a trek to explore the wonders of the Pando, one of the most massive single living things on the planet. Featuring *Between the Sky and Earth* by Dr. Nalini Nadkarni. Bring sturdy shoes and some water.



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**Humanities in the Wild: Fremont Indian State Park with  
Bertram Tsavadawa and Jason Kaiser  
October 1st at 6pm  
Fremont Indian State Park and Museum, Sevier  
[Facebook Event](#)**

Join Hopi guide Bertram Tsavadawa at Fremont Indian State Park to discuss the historic rock imagery left by the ancestors of today's indigenous Utahns.

**Joy Harjo, *I Pray For My Enemies*  
Location TBA  
October 6th  
[Facebook Event](#)**

Joy Harjo is an internationally renowned performer and writer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She served three terms as the 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States from 2019-2022.

***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.

***People are Wild!* with Margaux Meganck  
Weber County Library  
October 10th at 7pm  
[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.

**Humanities in the Wild: Juliana Spahr  
Green Pond Loop Trail, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National  
Forest, Weber County  
October 13th at 6pm  
[Facebook Event](#)**

Join Weber Book Links at the Ogden Nature Center for a special Humanities in the Wild with Juliana Spahr, author of *Response*, winner of the National Poetry Series. Concerned with politics without being overtly political, Spahr's work crosses a variety of American landscapes, from the disappearing beaches of Hawaii to the small town of her Appalachian childhood.

**Humanities in the Wild with Jonathan T. Bailey  
Stokes Nature Center, Logan  
October 18th at 6pm  
[Facebook Event](#)**

Join us at the Stokes Nature Center for a short trek and conversation about queer life and healing through nature with Jonathan T. Bailey, author of *When I Was Red Clay* and *The Great San Rafael Swell*.

**Friends of the Park City Library Annual Author Luncheon  
October 19th at 11am  
Deer Valley-Silver Lake Lodge, Park City  
[Facebook Event](#)**

Speaker: John Branch, author of *Tales of Death and Life from the Back Roads of Sports* and New York Times Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. Tickets: \$45 - for sale at the library beginning Sept 4th ; \$55 at the door the day of the event.



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**When I was Red Clay with Jonathan T. Bailey**  
**Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City**  
**October 19th at 6pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Jonathan T. Bailey, author of *When I was Red Clay*, will read from his soul-shaking memoir about growing up rural and queer in Ferron, Utah. The reading will be followed by a conversation with the community.

**Rural and Queer with Jonathan T. Bailey**  
**Venue TBA, St. George**  
**October 20th at 6pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join Utah Tech University for a screening of *Dog Valley*, a documentary about a forgotten LGBTQ+ hate crime and murder in Cedar City, and a short reading and conversation with Jonathan T. Bailey, author of *When I Was Red Clay*.

**Humanities in the Wild: San Rafael Swell**  
**Rochester Rock Art Panel**  
**October 21st at 6pm**  
[Facebook Event](#)

Join us at the San Rafael Swell for a short trek and conversation about queer life and healing through nature with Jonathan T. Bailey, author of *When I Was Red Clay* and *The Great San Rafael Swell*.