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Alternate Reality Game: *On My Way Home*
All over Salt Lake County
[Link will go live September 1st](#)

Meet Xristy, one of the dozens of unaccompanied young adults experiencing homelessness in Utah. *On My Way Home* is the fictional story of one trans Latina's journey to coming to terms with her identity and home state. Along the way, she makes friends with the ghosts of some of Utah's greatest LGBTQ+ literary figures and learns the hidden history of queer survival and thriving in Utah. *On My Way Home* by Willy Palomo, Nan Seymour, Enan Whitby, RJ Walker and illustrated by Cassandra Webb.

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.

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.

***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.

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.

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.



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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.

CoraZones with Mauricio Novoa
The Box Too, Salt Lake City
September 10th at 2pm
[Facebook Event](#)

CoraZones is a reading and writing cipher for the Utah Poetry Slam community. Mauricio Novoa is a poet and author of *Memorias From the Beltway*.

PoetFlow with Mauricio Novoa
Roosters B Street Brewery, Ogden
September 10th at 7pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Join PoetFlow for an open mic with Mauricio Novoa, author of *Memorias from the Beltway*. The poems span subjects such as ethnic identity, the economy, migration, hip hop and familial love.

Crime in the Bayou
UMFA, Salt Lake City
September 12th at 6pm
[Facebook Event](#)

A Black teenager bravely challenges the most powerful white supremacist in 1960s Louisiana with the help of a young Jewish attorney. Featuring *Deep Delta Justice* by Matthew Van Meter. Q&A with the author and director afterward.

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*.

***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.



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**Plumas Colectiva featuring Lily Agar
Tracy Aviary - Jordan Nature Center, South Salt Lake
September 16th at 7pm**
[Facebook Event](#)

Join Plumas Colectiva for our second open mic & poetry slam! We created this space to center Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) in the slam poetry scene. Our inaugural event invites all artistic forms to the open mic: spoken word, dance, musicians, etc. Our third featured visual artist is the incredible Lily Agar, creator of A Hug Away.

**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.

**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*.

**Scream Queers: *Carmilla* by Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
September 17th at 1pm**
[Facebook Event](#)

Carmilla is a Gothic novella by Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu. First published in 1871 as a serial narrative in *The Dark Blue*, it tells the story of a young woman's susceptibility to the attentions of a female vampire named Carmilla. *Carmilla* predates Bram Stoker's *Dracula* by 26 years and has been adapted many times for cinema.

**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](#)

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*.

**Qawwali Night with Shazia Manzoor
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
September 17th at 7:30pm**
[Facebook Event](#)

The Pakistan Student Association (PSA) at the University of Utah presents renowned Pakistani Punjabi Folk singer and poet Shazia Manzoor! Connecting the South Asian community from all over campus and the valley, concert-goers will enjoy a cultural experience of Pakistan and South Asia.



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Evening Ethics: "Chronic Illness as New Territory in the Kingdom of Illness" with Meghan O'Rourke
Hybrid event, Zoom link available.

In-person venue:
Room 2600, Eccles Health Sciences Education Building,
University of Utah, Salt Lake City
September 20th at 5:30pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Join us for an Evening Ethics discussion with Meghan O'Rourke who will talk about her exploration of rising chronic illnesses and autoimmune diseases--an unrecognized territory in the kingdom of illness--and the consequences they pose.

Reading Dangerously: Community Conversation about Censorship and Books
Venue TBA

September 20th at 7pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Tanner Humanities Center and Utah Humanities invite community members across the political spectrum for a community conversation about censorship and books. Human Rights lawyer Dr. Erika George will moderate a conversation between teacher-librarian Davina Sauthoff, professor of communications Richard Price, and you about the issues at stake in this conversation in Utah.

Titles: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, *And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street* by Dr. Seuss, *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, and *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison.

On My Way Home Celebration
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
September 21st at 7pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Join the creative team of *On My Way Home* for a celebration of a new alternate reality game about Utah's queer literary figures. *On My Way Home* follows Xristy, a recently unsheltered trans Latina on her journey to reconcile herself with her home and identity.

Reading Dangerously: Azar Nafisi
Location TBA
September 22nd at 3pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Join the Tanner Humanities Center for a lecture and Q&A by Azar Nafisi, the critically acclaimed author of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, a New York Times bestseller that is published in thirty-two languages.

CoraZones featuring Masha Shukovich
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
September 24th at 2pm

[Facebook Event](#)

CoraZones is a reading and writing cipher for the Utah Poetry Slam community. Dr. Masha Shukovich is a writer, poet, storyteller, folklorist, teacher, and intuitive chef with ancestry and indigenous roots in the Balkans; the Mediterranean; and West, Central, and Northeast Asia (Siberia). She is the mother of Maya and Leela, a demigirl (she/they), a neurodivergent person, and an immigrant from a country that no longer exists.



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Romance Con: Love Song Workshop
Sorenson Legacy Room, Orem Public Library, Orem
September 24th at 12 noon
[Facebook Event](#)

Singer/Songwriter Mel Soul and rapper Zac Ivie will break down the basics of writing a great love song. Come ready to blush, write, and swoon. Featuring *Wishkid* by Zac Ivie and *We are the Storm* by Mel Soul.

Queer Poetry Night
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
September 25th at 7pm
[Facebook Event](#)

River Writing Collective welcomes all our QT's to Under the Umbrella where we will serenade, ode, and get real with one another. Hosted by Karen.

***A Particular Kind of Black Man* with Tope Folarin**
September 28th at 7pm
Weber County Library Main, Ogden
[Facebook Event](#)

Join Weber Book Links for a reading and Q&A with one of Utah's foremost Black literary figures: Tope Folarin, author of *A Particular Kind of Black Man*. Folarin is a Nigerian-American writer based in Washington, DC. He won the Caine Prize for African Writing in 2013 and was shortlisted once again in 2016.

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.

Reading Dangerously: Community Conversation on
Monday's Not Coming
Glendale Branch, Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake
City
October 3rd at 7pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Tanner Humanities Center and Utah Humanities invite community members across the political spectrum for a community conversation about censorship and books. Dr. Crystal Rudds will moderate a conversation between director of community engagement of the Rape Recovery Center Stephany Murguia, school psychologist Laurel Woods, and literary and pornography scholar Dr. Eileen Chanza Torres. Afterward, participants will engage in private dialogue with scholars and one another.

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!

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!



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**Descendiendo de Mujeres Fuertes con
Gloria Arredondo**

**AAB 135, SLCC Taylorsville campus (4600 South Redwood
Road), Taylorsville
October 5th at 12pm**

[Utah Humanities Calendar](#)

SLCC Student Writing and Reading Center is excited to host poet Gloria Arredondo as their Latinx Heritage Celebration speaker.

**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!

**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.

**Snow Convocations: *The Book of Wanderers* with Reyes
Ramirez
Jorgenson Concert Hall, Eccles Performing Arts Center,
Snow College, Ephraim
October 6th at 12:30pm**

[Facebook Event](#)

What do a family of luchadores, a teen on the run, a rideshare driver, a lucid dreamer, a migrant worker in space, a mecha soldier, and a zombie-and-neo-Nazi fighter have in common? Reyes Ramirez's dynamic short story collection follows new lineages of Mexican and Salvadoran diasporas traversing life in Houston, across borders, and even on Mars.

**Railroad Readings with Juan Morales, Melissa Salguero,
and Lin Flores
Dumke Arts Plaza, Ogden
In case of inclement weather, find us at the
Weber County Main Library
October 7th at 7pm**

[Facebook Event](#)

It's Latinx Poetry Night at Railtown Readings with locals Melissa Salguero (*Cannibal*) and Lin Flores (*Reflections While in Utah*) and Colorado poet Juan Morales (*The Siren World*) sharing their poemas y más.

***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.

***Body Talk* with Takwa Gordon
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
October 8th at 6pm**

[Facebook Event](#)

Blending poetry and nonfiction prose into a hybrid memoir brimming with humanity, Takwa Gordon's *Body Talk* explores being bipolar, Black, a refugee, a woman, a Muslim, a child sexual abuse survivor, and a first-generation college student in America. Join us for a reading and conversation.



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***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
[Facebook Event](#)

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Reading Dangerously: Community Conversation on Gender in Children's Literature
Venue TBA
October 11th at 7pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Tanner Humanities Center and Utah Humanities invite community members across the political spectrum for a community conversation about gender in children's literature. A conversation will be moderated between scholar of children's literature Dr. Lauren Liang, Encircle therapist Jack Haden, trans parent Nan Seymour, Jill Rowe of Mama Dragons, and school psychologist Laurel Woods. Afterward, participants will engage in private dialogue with scholars and one another.

***High Risk Homosexual* with Edgar Gomez**
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
October 14th at 6pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Unidxs is happy to host Edgar Gomez, author of *High Risk Homosexual*, for a reading and conversation about his memoir about coming of age as a gay Latinx man.

Messages to Our Muertxs with Plumas Colectiva
Utah Cultural Celebration Center, West Valley City
October 17th at 7pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Join Plumas Colectiva for a poetry and art workshop dedicated to our antepasados. Plumas Colectiva will lead a workshop on writing elegies for our loved ones.

Sor Juana Awards 2022
The Leonardo, Salt Lake City
October 18th at 6pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Artes de Mexico en Utah invites you to our 2022 Sor Juana Awards. We will be giving awards for Latinx visual art, as well as Spanish-language prose and poetry.

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*.



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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.

Evening Ethics: "Examining the Science of Chinese Medicine and the Potential It Offers to Western Biomedicine" with Judith Farquhar
Hybrid event with Zoom link available
In-person venue: Room 2600, Eccles Health Sciences Education Building, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
October 20th at 5:30pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Join us for an Evening Ethics discussion on *A Way of Life* with author and medical anthropologist Judith Farquhar who will talk about traditional Chinese medicine as a scientific field where experts systemically sort out pathology and health, and contemporary doctors practice ethically in ways that collapse distinctions between Eastern and Western medicine.

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*.

Plumas Colectiva featuring Chelsea Guevara
Venue TBA
October 21st at 7pm
[Facebook Event](#)

Join Plumas Colectiva for our fourth open mic & poetry slam! We created this space to center Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) in the slam poetry scene. Our inaugural event invites all artistic forms to the open mic: spoken word, dance, musicians, etc. Our fourth featured literary artist is our very own Chelsea Guevara.

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*.

Scream Queers: Echo by Thomas Olde Heuvelt
Under the Umbrella, Salt Lake City
October 22nd at 1pm
[Facebook Event](#)

From international bestselling sensation Thomas Olde Heuvelt comes *Echo*, a thrilling descent into madness and obsession as one man confronts nature—and something even more ancient and evil answers back.



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Reading Dangerously: The Beautiful Struggle Book Club:
***The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison**

Google Meet, meet.google.com/mgm-bivy-wtv

October 22nd at 3pm

[Facebook Event](#)

onversation led by Dr. Eileen Chanza Torres. In Morrison's acclaimed first novel, *Pecola Breedlove*—an 11-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others—prays for her eyes to turn blue: so that she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.

**Dia de los Muertos Celebration with
Dr. Armando Solórzano**
West Valley Arts Center, West Valley City
October 29th at 12:30pm

[Facebook Event](#)

West Valley Arts welcomes all to the Utah Cultural Celebration Center for Dia de los Muertos. There will be activities and booths for the whole family from 11am to 6pm. Chicano scholar Armando Solórzano, author of *Los estamos esperando: Día de Muertos en Zapotlán*, will be on-site for the full duration of the event. At 12:30pm at the Main Gallery he will be making remarks about the significance of the event.

CoraZones with Willy Palomo
Under the Umbrella Bookstore, Salt Lake City
October 29th at 2pm

[Facebook Event](#)

Willy Palomo of Utah Humanites will lead a workshop focused on poetry about fathers.