

# UTAH HUMANITIES BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM 2024

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# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## LOGAN & BRIGHAM CITY OCTOBER 1-7

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**Brigham City Speed Date and Book Author Panel**  
**Brigham City Public Library**  
**10/1/2024 7:00pm**  
**Adult Fiction, YA/MG Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir,**  
**Mystery/Thriller, Romance**

Speed Date with a Book (Authors include: Kathy Rochell, Marie Higgins, Mary Martinez, Sara Fitzgerald, Stacey Haynes, Alysia S. Knight)

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**Reading: Brewer Festival of Writing featuring**  
**Lindsey Drager at Utah State University**  
**Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101**  
**10/3/2024 12:00pm**  
**Adult Fiction**

Author Lindsey Drager will read from her new book, *The Avian Hourglass*, and participate in an audience Q&A.

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**Panel discussion: The Work of Art with Lindsay**  
**Drager, Antra Sinha, and Terry Powers**  
**Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101**  
**10/3/2024 1:30pm**  
**Art, Fiction, all genres**

Author Lindsey Drager, ceramicist Antra Sinha, and painter Terry Powers will participate in a lively discussion about the labor that goes into their craft.

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**Fear & Nature with Aurora Durfee at Logan Library,**  
**with Stokes Nature Center**  
**Logan Library**  
**10/3/2024 7:00pm**  
**Folklore, Fiction, Children's**

Fear and Nature is part of Stokes Nature Center and Logan Library's ongoing program on Emotions & Nature. Speaker Aurora Durfee will discuss how folklore weaves together fear with nature.

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**NatureTales at Stokes Nature Center**  
**Stokes Nature Center**  
**10/4/2024 11:00am**  
**Children's Literature**

Our Nature Tales this week will be about a story related to fall and the oncoming winter.

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**Art for all ages! Puppet Making with Therese Berry and**  
**Sarah May at Stokes Nature Center**  
**Stokes Nature Center**  
**10/5/2024 10:00am**  
**Art, Environmental**

Poetry reading celebrating the publication of "irreplaceable," a polyphonic praise poem for Great Salt Lake. Readers include Star Coulbrooke, Darren Parry, Jaimi Butler, Sarah Ann Woodbury, and Sarah May

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**Poetry Reading Celebrating the release of**  
**'irreplaceable'**  
**Stokes Nature Center**  
**10/5/2024 6:00pm**  
**Poetry, Environmental, book-making**

Poetry reading celebrating the publication of "irreplaceable," a polyphonic praise poem for Great Salt Lake. Readers include Star Coulbrooke, Darren Parry, Jaimi Butler, Sarah Ann Woodbury, and Sarah May.

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**Brigham City Library Hosts Jennifer Nielsen**  
**Brigham City Public Library**  
**10/7/2024 7:00pm**  
**YA/MG Fiction, Fiction**

Join author Jennifer Nielsen at the Brigham City Library!



# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## LOGAN & BRIGHAM CITY BOOK FESTIVAL AND BEYOND

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**Helicon West with Shanan Ballam**  
**Logan Library**  
**10/10/2024 7:00pm**  
**Poetry**

Join poet and Logan City Poet Laureate Shanan Ballam at Helicon West

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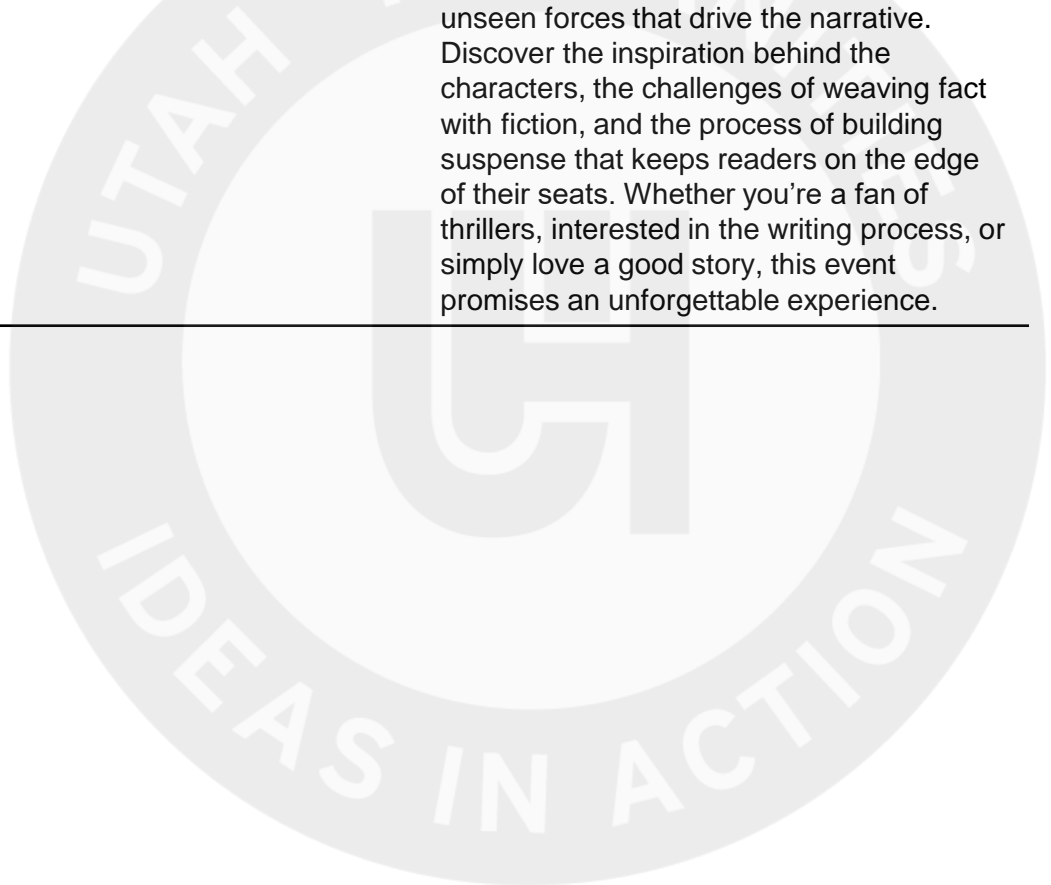
**Clint Stoker, 100 Loyal Readers: Building a Fanbase for Authors at The Brigham City Library**  
**Brigham City Public Library**  
**10/22/2024 7:00pm**  
**Publishing, Marketing, Fiction, Graphic Novel/Comic Book**

Join Clint Stoker to learn how to build a great fan base for your work!

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**Todd Hugie: "Unveiling Secrets: Inside House Down Dirt Lane" at the Brigham City Library**  
**Brigham City Library**  
**10/29/2024 7:00pm**  
**Publishing, Marketing, Mystery/Thriller, Adult Fiction**

Join us for an electrifying evening with Todd Hugie, author of the gripping suspense novel House Down Dirt Lane. Todd Hugie will delve into the creation of this captivating story, exploring the blend of real-life events, political intrigue, and the unseen forces that drive the narrative. Discover the inspiration behind the characters, the challenges of weaving fact with fiction, and the process of building suspense that keeps readers on the edge of their seats. Whether you're a fan of thrillers, interested in the writing process, or simply love a good story, this event promises an unforgettable experience.





# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## WEBER COUNTY OCTOBER 5-12

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**Utah Humanities and Ogden Poet Laureate Booth**  
North Fork Park, Eden  
10/5/2024 6am-5pm  
Poetry, Environmental

Utah Humanities will host an information booth at The NUT on Saturday 10/5. Come by for free books and to chat with the UH Crew.

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**The NUT Sunrise Poetry and Writing Hike**  
North Fork Park, Eden  
10/5/2024 7:00am-8am  
Poetry, Environmental

Ogden Poet Laureate, along with other writers and GOAL staff, will lead a poetry and writing walk along the trails of North Fork Park at a 7am sunrise walk.

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**The NUT Sunset Poetry and Writing Hike**  
North Fork Park, Eden  
10/5/2024 6:00pm-7pm  
Environmental, community building

Ogden Poet Laureate, along with other writers and GOAL staff, will lead a poetry and writing walk along the trails of North Fork Park at a 6pm sunset walk.

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**Railtown Reading w/ Rone Shavers and Sadie Hoagland**  
Weber County Library, Main Branch, Ogden  
10/8/2024 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir

The Railtown Reading Series will host authors Rone Shavers and Sadie Hoagland at the Weber County Main Library.

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**Poetry Slam and Open Mic hosted by Happy Magpie and Ogden Poet Laureate Angelika Brewer**  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden  
10/9/2024 6:00pm-8pm  
Poetry

Ogden Poet Laureate Angelika Brewer will host a poetry slam contest, followed by an open mic at Happy Magpie Book and Quill.

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**Speak Easy Reading**  
Unspoken Bar, Ogden  
10/10/2024 6:30pm  
Poetry, music, art

The Ogdenite, Deann Armes and Ogden Poet Laureate, Angelika Brewer, host Speak-Easy 2.0: A Poetry & Mixed Media Showcase at the Unspoken Bar on 25th Street.

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**Tales at The Treehouse Seminar**  
The Treehouse Museum, Ogden  
10/11/2024 9:00am-5pm  
YA, YA/MG Fiction, Children's

Planned for teachers, librarians, and aspiring authors (ages 11 and up) each guest author will talk about their work in sessions at the Treehouse Storybook Theater. Participants will also enjoy a boxed lunch with our guests.



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**The Book that Changed Me and  
Love Letters to Books  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden  
10/11/2024 6:00pm-7pm  
All genres, community building**

Award-winning poet Sunni Brown Wilkinson will lead a group discussion about the books that change us. Come prepared to share yours!

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**Happy Magpie Book and Quill hosts  
Poet James Crews  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden  
10/11/2024 7:30pm-8:30pm  
Inspirational, Poetry**

As a professional speaker, reader, and workshop leader, James Crews has touched audiences all over the world with his message of healing and hope through the power of writing.

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**Music by the Snarlin' Yarns  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden  
10/11/2024 9:00pm  
Music**

Come listen to the amazing Snarlin' Yarns.

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**Tales at The Treehouse Festival  
The Treehouse Museum, Ogden  
10/12/2024 10:00am-4:30pm  
YA/MG Fiction, Children's**

Families are invited to meet the six guest authors and hear them read a selection from one of many published books. There will be six activities throughout the Museum based on one of the books of each author -- and so much more!

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**James Crews Q&A and Discussion  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden  
10/12/2024 5:00pm-6pm  
Inspirational, Poetry**

As a professional speaker, reader, and workshop leader, James Crews has touched audiences all over the world with his message of healing and hope through the power of writing.

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**Reception at Happy Magpie Book and Quill  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden  
10/12/2024 6:00pm-7pm  
Conversation and Wine**

Join us for drinks and conversation.

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**Literary Death Match  
Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden,  
10/12/2024 7:00pm  
Poetry, Comedy**

Join host Adrian Todd Zuniga for his fourth Ogden, Utah event in five years. If you know, you know!



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**Reception**  
**Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden**  
**10/12/2024 8:30pm**  
**Conversation & Wine**

Join us for drinks and conversation as we cool down from Literary Death Match and gear up for Mother Lights.

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**Music by Mother Lights**  
**Happy Magpie Book and Quill, Ogden**  
**10/12/2024 9:00pm**  
**Music**

Come finish out the week with Mother Lights!





# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## SOUTHEAST UTAH & MOAB OCTOBER 10-12

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**Chris Cokinos Reading and Star Gazing at Grand County Public Library with Back of Beyond Books**  
**Grand County Public Library**  
**10/10/2024 7:00pm**  
**Science, Nonfiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Environmental**

Author Christopher Cokinos will be reading from his most recent book, "Still as Bright," a history of the moon. After the reading, there will be an opportunity to traipse across the street to the city ballfields for moon-gazing.

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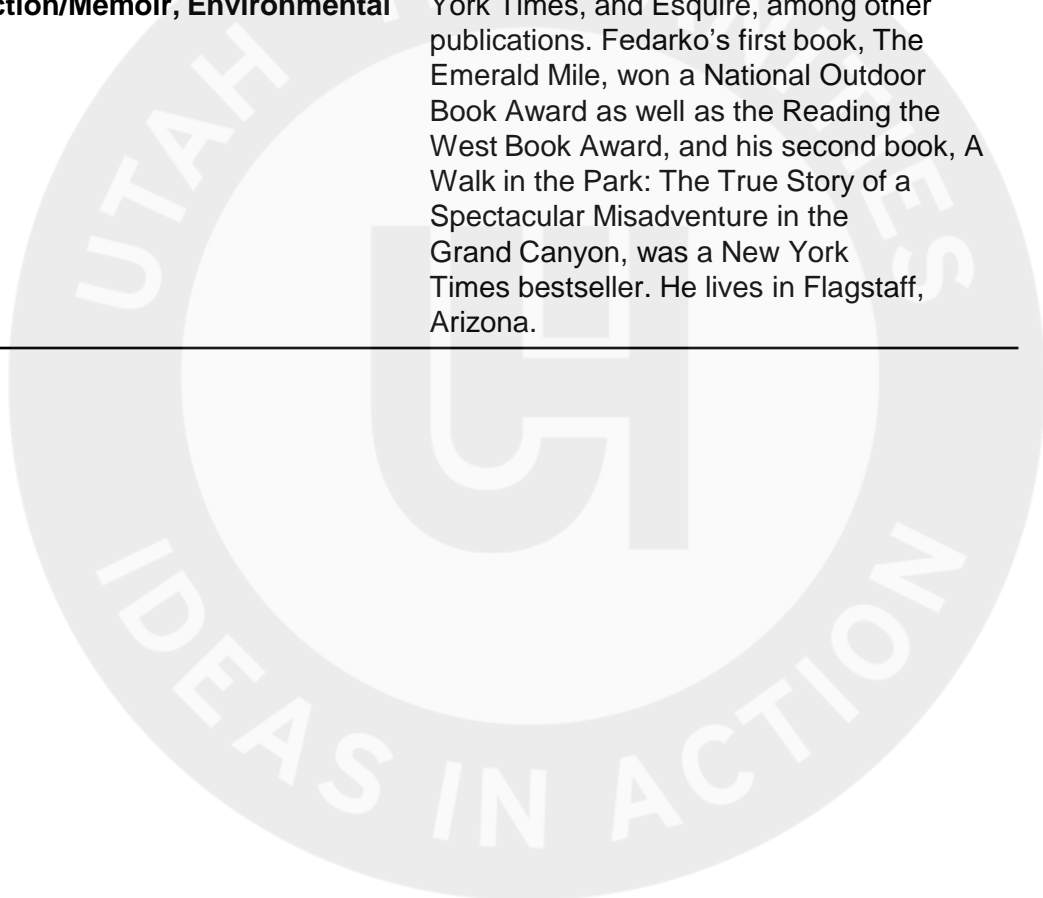
**Kevin Fedarko and Chris Cokinos Discussion at Back of Beyond Books**  
**Bank of Beyond Books, Moab**  
**10/11/2024 7:00pm**  
**Science, Nonfiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Environmental**

Join Authors Chris Cokinos and Kevin Fedarko at Back of Beyond Books to talk about everything from the stars to the base of the Grand Canyon. Both researchers, these authors explore the skies and the earth in their latest books.

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**Kevin Fedarko presented by Grand County Public Library with Back of Beyond Books.**  
**Star Hall 159 E. Center St.**  
**10/12/2024 7:00pm**  
**Nonfiction/Memoir, Environmental**

Kevin Fedarko has spent the past twenty years writing about adventure, exploration, and the Grand Canyon. His writing has appeared in National Geographic, the New York Times, and Esquire, among other publications. Fedarko's first book, *The Emerald Mile*, won a National Outdoor Book Award as well as the Reading the West Book Award, and his second book, *A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the Grand Canyon*, was a New York Times bestseller. He lives in Flagstaff, Arizona.





# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## SOUTHERN UTAH OCTOBER 14-19

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**Prehistoric Claws and Jaws with Julia Lyon**  
Cedar City Library  
10/14/2024 6:00pm  
Graphic Novel/Comic Book, Nonfiction

Julia Lyon discusses her book, A Dinosaur Named Ruth, based on the true story of Ruth Mason. Hands-on manipulatives provided by the Frehner Museum of Natural History & N.P, Cedar Breaks National Monument.

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**Lace Up with Elaine Vickers**  
Cedar City Library  
10/15/2024 6:00pm  
YA/MG Fiction, Workshop

In Elaine Vickers' middle-grade novel, two seventh graders discover it takes more than grit and a good pair of shoes to run 13.1 miles. A writing workshop will follow.

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**Real Locations, Imagined Selves with Paisley Rekdal, Humanities in the Wild**  
Frontier Homestead State Park Museum  
10/16/2024 6:30pm  
Poetry, Environmental, Workshop

A writing workshop that will focus on finding a sense of place through words and documenting a place through poetry. A reading and refreshments will follow the writing workshop.

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**"West: A Translation" with Paisley Rekdal**  
SUU: APEX at Hunter Conference Center: Gilbert Great Hall  
10/17/2024 11:30am  
Poetry, American West

"West: A Translation"-Crossing land and history through poetry A reading and discussion with former Utah Poet Laureate, Paisley Rekdal

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**Humanities in the Wild: Following the Creative Flow with Rob Carney**  
West Canyon Park: Humanities in the Wild  
10/17/2024 4:00pm  
Poetry, Nonfiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Environmental

Join us for a writing/walking workshop on Thursday afternoon along Coal Creek Trail with renowned poet Rob Carney. If inclement weather: Artisans Art Gallery 94 West Center Street.

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**Barbara Jones Brown and Karin Anderson at Book Bungalow**  
Book Bungalow, St. George  
10/18/2024 3:00pm  
Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir

Join award-winning author Karin Anderson and Barbara Jones Brown, author and director of Signature Books, for a conversation on the Book Bungalow's patio.

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**Opening Exhibit with Poetry Readings at SUMA**  
SUMA: Salt Lines Opening Exhibit  
10/18/2024 6:00pm  
Poetry, Environmental

Poetry readings by Danielle Dubrasky and Natalie Young with an eco focus that bridge SUMA 's opening exhibit of Salt Lines: Exploring Climate, Environment, and the Saline Influx to the Southern Utah Book Festival.

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**Meet and Mingle with Artists and Authors/Illustrators at the SUMA Opening Event**  
**SUMA: Salt Lines Opening Exhibit**  
10/18/2024 7:00pm  
Art, Poetry, Nonfiction/Memoir, Fiction, YA/MG Fiction, all genres

The opening and readings will occur from 6-7 PM with an opportunity to explore the exhibit and mingle with multiple festival authors from 7-9 PM.

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**Picture Books for a Better Tomorrow**  
**SUMA**  
10/19/2024 10:00am  
Picture books, YA/MG Fiction

Author Illustrator Daria Peoples discusses her children's books as agents of change. Come and engage with this award-winning writer and illustrator.

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**Stop Worrying about Loving Horror**  
**Johnson Art Center**  
10/19/2024 10:00am  
Horror, Adult Fiction

Join the panel for a discussion about the revitalization of horror as a genre and why readers should take another chance on becoming scared.

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**Main Street Books: Signings**  
**Main Street Books**  
10/19/2024 10:00am  
Literary Fiction, Poetry, Nonfiction/Memoir

Come and meet Karin Anderson, Lisa Bickmore, Danielle Dubrasky, and David Pace. Purchase their books and get them signed.

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**Beyond the Book**  
**USF: Frehner Rehearsal Hall**  
10/19/2024 10:00am  
Theater, Workshop

Join Utah Shakespeare Education Director, Stewart Shelley, as he shares the creative process of transforming the written word into magic on the theatrical stage.

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**Tracks Through Time and Terrain**  
**Artisans Art Gallery**  
10/19/2024 10:00am  
History, Nonfiction

These authors provide a brief history of the railroad's role in iron mining and manufacturing in Utah and how the railroad helped to make the national parks accessible for all.

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**Graphic Novels: Where Words and Art Collide**  
**SUMA**  
10/19/2024 11:00am  
Graphic Novel/Comic Book, Workshop

A brief history of graphic novels and a discussion with Nathan Hale and Ken Lamug about how and why graphic novels appeal to a broad range of ages.

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**Is 90% of Sci-Fi/Fantasy Actually Real Life?**  
**Johnson Art Center**  
10/19/2024 11:00am  
Speculative Fiction, Science Fiction, Adult Fiction

Why is it that we find Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Speculative Fiction so relatable and how do these authors come up with the other worldly elements that keep us hooked?

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**Main Street Books: Signings**  
**Main Street Books**  
**10/19/2024 11:00am**  
**Poetry, Environmental, Nonfiction/Memoir**

Come and meet Simmons Buntin, Rob Carney, Nano Taggart, and Natalie Young. Learn more about literary magazines, purchase copies, and get them signed.

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**The Good, Bad, and the Ugly of Self Publishing**  
**Artisans Art Gallery**  
**10/19/2024 11:00am**  
**Illustration, Graphic Novel/Comic Book, Picture Books**

Come and listen to three authors share their successes in and obstacles of self-publishing. Find out more about their journey in the literary world.

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**Craft Your Narrative**  
**USF: Frehner Rehearsal Hall**  
**10/19/2024 11:00am**  
**Screenplay, Theatre, Fiction, Editing**

Novelist, editor, and playwright, Craig Lancaster, shares how to tap into the writer hiding inside us. Learn how to tell your story.

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**Scribble, Sketch, and Scribe**  
**SUMA**  
**10/19/2024 12:00pm**  
**Picture Books, Illustration**

Discover the full process of writing and illustrating your picture book from three talented panelists.

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**Boundless Creativity: Artistry for Books**  
**Johnson Art Center**  
**10/19/2024 12:00pm**  
**Art, Workshop**

Join artsFusion Director, Alisa Petersen, in creating a sketchbook/journal with a list of writing and drawing prompts. Art supplies will be provided and participants of all ages are welcomed.

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**Main Street Book: Signings**  
**Main Street Books**  
**10/19/2024 12:00pm**  
**All Genres, Speculative Fiction, Adult Fiction**

Come and meet local authors Evan Jones, Janet Burton Seegmiller, and L.E. Modesitt Jr. Purchase their books and get them signed.

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**Small Press, Big Impact**  
**Artisans Art Gallery**  
**10/19/2024 12:00pm**  
**Literary Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Poetry**

Increase your knowledge about the advantages of using a regional and independent publishing house and the scope of work that these publishers provide readers.

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**Rhyme and Rhythm in 14 Lines**  
**USF: Frehner Rehearsal Hall**  
**10/19/2024 12:00pm**  
**Poetry, Workshop**

Stewart Shelley, Education Director at the Utah Shakespeare Festival, will lead us in an exploration of the artistry of the sonnet.

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**Heroic History, Graphic Glory**  
**SUMA**  
**10/19/2024 1:00pm**  
**Fiction, History, Graphic Novel/Comic Book**

Thrilling, daring, and downright gruesome stories from American history in graphic novel form. Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales is an Eisner-nominated, #1 New York Times bestselling series.

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**15-99 Years Old = The Actual Young Adult Audience**  
**Johnson Art Center**  
**10/19/2024 1:00pm**  
**YA**

What took Young Adult so long to become a genre and why has its popularity increased exponentially? Join us and explore this exciting genre.

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**Main Street Book: Signings**  
**Main Street Books**  
**10/19/2024 1:00pm**  
**All Genres**

Come and meet C.R. Langille, Jonathan Reddoch, and Elizabeth Suggs. Purchase their books and get them signed.

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**Shining a Light on Lit Mags**  
**Artisans Art Gallery**  
**10/19/2024 1:00pm**  
**Publishing**

Co-founders of Sugar House Review and the Editor-in-Chief of Terrain.org discuss what literary magazines offer writers and readers.

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**Your Words on Center Stage**  
**USF: Frehner Rehearsal Hall**  
**10/19/2024 1:00pm**  
**Screenplay, Playwright**

Playwrights John DiAntonio and Craig Lancaster share their combined wisdom and experience in this discussion about bringing stories to the stage.

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**The Draw-Off Showdown**  
**SUMA**  
**10/19/2024 2:00pm**  
**Picture Books, Illustration**

Four illustrators share their talents and their creative process in a draw off.

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**Happy Birthday, L.E. Modesitt Jr.**  
**Johnson Art Center**  
**10/19/2024 2:00pm**  
**Science Fiction, Speculative Fiction**

The audience gets the birthday present with this rare presentation by prolific Science Fiction writer L.E. Modesitt Jr.

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**Main Street Books: Signings**  
**Main Street Books**  
**10/19/2024 2:00pm**  
**All Genres**

Come and meet Scott Edgar, Rosalyn Eves, Jessica Tvordi, and Julie Wright. Purchase their books and get them signed.

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**Fear Not! Poetry IS for Everyone**  
**Artisans Art Gallery**  
**10/19/2024 2:00pm**  
**Poetry, Workshop**

Poetry isn't a gatekept genre and it's more flexible than most realize. Join four poets as they discuss why poetry is perceived as difficult and what is important about the craft.

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**It's the West--Forge Your Own Trail**  
**USF: Frehner Rehearsal Hall**  
**10/19/2024 2:00pm**  
**Literary Fiction, Adult Fiction, Nonfiction**

Novelists Kase Johnstun, Craig Lancaster, and Todd Petersen explore how the West shapes storytelling across literary devices and what draws readers to this genre.

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**Care of Magical Creatures**  
**Harry Potter Book Day 2024**  
**The Book Bungalow**  
**10/19/2024 2:00pm**  
**YA/MG Fiction**

"Care of Magical Creatures." You'll visit the Owlery and engage with other magical creatures at Hogwarts and its grounds as Green Gate Village transforms into the famous magical academy, Hogsmeade, Diagon Alley, and The Burrow (home to the Weasleys). Come in costume and enjoy food, games, and activities for all ages.

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**Elevate Your Outdoor Experience**  
**SUMA**  
**10/19/2024 3:00pm**  
**Biography, Nonfiction**

James Aton presents his biography of landscape artist Jimmie Jones, discussing his life and art as it relates to the outdoors.

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**Beyond Star Crossed Lovers**  
**Johnson Art Center**  
**10/19/2024 3:00pm**  
**Romance**

A broadened perspective of the romance novel and the impact of meaningful relationships.

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**Main Street Books: Signings**  
**Main Street Books**  
**10/19/2024 3:00pm**  
**All Genres**

Come and meet Steve Capone Jr., John DiAntonio, Kase Johnstun, Craig Lancaster, and Todd Petersen. Learn more about their plays or purchase their books and get them signed.

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**Artfully Crafted, Uniquely Yours**  
**Artisans Art Gallery**  
**10/19/2024 3:00pm**  
**Publishing**

Learn about the process of creating a small circulation of self-published work that reflects your talents and allows your voice to be heard.

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**Building Bridges Through Storytelling**  
**Frehner Rehearsal Hall**  
**10/19/2024 3:00pm**  
**Indigenous Writers, Nonfiction**

Family Advocate Coordinator Tamra Borchardt-Slayton and Cultural Resource Manager Autumn Gillard share the history of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and also share a cultural story. This session is moderated by Scott Edgar.

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## SALT LAKE COUNTY OCTOBER 12-19

**Christopher Rivas: Brown Enough  
Under the Umbrella Bookstore  
10/12/2024 1:00 PM  
Nonfiction/Memoir**

Join author Christopher Rivas for a reading from his two books-- Brown Enough and You're a Good Swimmer--along with the illustrator of You're a Good Swimmer (and Utah local!) Ariel Boroff. Rivas and Boroff will do a Q&A and signing after the reading. Brown Enough: True Stories about Love, Violence, the Student Loan Crisis, Hollywood, Race, Familia, and Making It in America At a time when disinformation, hate crimes, inequality, racial injustice, and white supremacy are on the rise, Brown Enough, part memoir and part social commentary, emerges, asking readers to proudly put their bodies, their identities, into the conversations of race. Brown Enough is a roller coaster of finding one's true self while simultaneously having a racial awakening amidst the struggle to be "perfectly" Latinx, woke, and as Brown as possible to make it in today's America.

Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christopher-rivas-brown-enough-tickets-1004713183177>

**Artes de Mexico Sor Juana Prize Banquet and  
Celebration  
The Leonardo  
10/12/2024 12:00pm  
Spanish, YA/MG Fiction, Poetry**

This award is dedicated to Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, O.S.H. (1651-1695), a Mexican nun from the 17th century who was known for her exceptional intellect, poetry, and writing. Sor Juana was regarded as the "tenth muse" of her time due to her brilliance in various fields, including philosophy, music, and science. In addition, she was a champion of women's and minority rights, making her an inspiration to many even today. Sor Juana's work is taught in Spanish-speaking schools and universities worldwide.

**Many Stories, One Utah: Latinx & Hispanic  
Collection Celebration  
TBA  
10/14/2024 6:00pm  
Spanish, Latinx, Fiction, Poetry, YA/MG Fiction**

From Wallace Stegner to Brandon Sanderson, Utah is home to many celebrated authors. Far too often, however, our writers from historically marginalized groups and their important contributions are under-taught and under-discussed. Since 2021, Utah Humanities has collaborated with Utah State Library, Plumas Colectiva, and many others to curate and develop the Many Stories, One Utah: Latinx & Hispanic Collection. In the collection, you will find five books by Latinx or Hispanic authors with deep ties to Utah available for free from the Utah State Library, complete with thoughtful discussion guides created by members of Utah's Latinx and undocumented community. Learn more by visiting <https://www.plumascolectiva.com/book-buzz-project>

Join us for a celebration of the Many, Stories, One Utah: Latinx & Hispanic collection featuring Yamile Saied Méndez, Kase Johnstun, Willy Palomo, and Pilar Pobil. The authors will read short selections from their work and answer questions from the audience.



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## SALT LAKE COUNTY OCTOBER 12-19

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**Utah Library of Congress Great Reads from Great Places Authors Ally Condie and Stacie Denetsosie**  
**The Viridian**  
**10/15/2024 7:00pm**  
**Fiction, Indigenous Writers, YA/MG Fiction**

Join Utah's Library of Congress Great Reads from Great Places Authors Stacie Denetsosie and Ally Condie for a reading, questions, and a book signing, supported by the King's English Bookshop.

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**Moon in the Rye Press Chapbook Authors:**  
**Lin Ostler,**  
**Rachel White, & Joel Long Read**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Room A**  
**10/16/2024 6:30pm**  
**Poetry, Environmental, Nonfiction/Memoir**

Poets Lin Ostler, Rachel White, and Joel Long read from their Moon in the Rye Press chapbooks. Moon in the Rye Press is the project of Utah Poet Laureate Lisa Bickmore. The press works with Utah authors to create micro-edition chapbooks of their work. Learn more about the press and the project at [moonintheryepress.org](http://moonintheryepress.org).

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**An Evening with Great Books at the Tanner Humanities Center**  
**Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah**  
**10/16/2024 7:00pm**  
**All Genres**

Join Tanner Humanities Center as they discuss an evening with Great Books.

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**Juan Morales, Teresa Dovalpage, and Kase Johnstun at Casot, with The King's English Bookshop**  
**Casot and Wine**  
**10/17/2024 6:00pm**  
**Latinx writing in Poetry, Cozy Cuban Mystery, and Literary Fiction**

Join Juan Morales, Kase Johnstun, and Teresa Dovalpage for an evening of Latinx writing in Poetry, Cozy Cuban Mystery, and Literary Fiction.

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**Great Writing No Matter the Genre with Writer and Editor Lisa Mangum**  
**Salt Lake City Library, 4th Floor Conference Room**  
**10/18/2024 3:00pm**  
**Workshop, Nonfiction**

This class will walk through the basics of conflict, character, goal, motivation, adversity, and voice and show you how to incorporate them into your author's toolbox so that you can write a great story regardless of genre.

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**Kids Story Reading with the SLC Library Staff**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Kids Room**  
**10/18/2024 3:00pm**  
**Children's Literature**

Join the SLC Library Staff for a Fun Reading time and Activity

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# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## SALT LAKE COUNTY OCTOBER 12-19

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**The Book(s) that Changed Your Life**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Downstairs**  
**10/18/2024 3:00pm**  
**Workshop, Nonfiction, Adult Fiction, YA/MG**  
**Fiction, Poetry**

Our guest speakers and members of the audience reflect on the books that shifted the course of their lives in small and big ways. This interactive and engaging conversation will explore the power reading has to impact our lives in ways we can't always see in the moment (as well as maybe give you some ideas for your next read).

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**The Joy, Wonder, and Magic of research in the Middle Grade Book**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Downstairs**  
**10/18/2024 4:00pm**  
**YA/MG Fiction**

Both presentation and craft talk, authors Hong-Merrill, Morris, and Bearce will begin with a presentation about the magic of research in middle-grade novels. They will present their own examples of how research enhanced their writing and stories. For the latter half of the hour, they will share their research processes and how they infuse research seamlessly into their writing.

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**Stories from the Arches with Jeff Nichols**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Auditorium**  
**10/18/2024 4:00pm**  
**Nonfiction/Memoir**

The extraordinary landscape of what we now call Arches National Park thrills millions of visitors every year. But people have also lived and worked in the area since long before it was a park. Jeff Nichols shares stories from the Arches, featured in the new anthology, *The Arches Reader*.

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**Keynote Speaker Brandon Mull**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Auditorium**  
**10/18/2024 5:00pm**  
**Fantasy**

Join Brandon Mull for a reading, discussion, and Book Signing.

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**Keynote Speaker Zak Padmore**  
**Salt Lake City Library, Auditorium**  
**10/18/2024 6:30pm**  
**Environmental, Nonfiction**

Join Zak Padmore for a reading, Discussion and Book Signing.

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**League of Utah Writers Banned Book Discussion**  
**SL County Library, Marmalade Branch**  
**10/19/2024 11:00am**  
**All Genres**

Join the executive committee of The League of Utah Writers for a discussion on the state of book banning.

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**Great Salt Lake Conversation with Authors and Artists**  
Salt Lake City Library, Auditorium  
10/19/2024 4:00pm  
Environmental, Nonfiction

Writers, artists, and recreationists join in conversation about the Great Salt Lake as a place of sensory and physical experience.

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**Timeless Stories for a New Generation**  
Salt Lake City Library, Kids Room  
10/19/2024 4:00pm  
Children's, Picture Books

Join two children's book authors as they discuss how turning classic novels into books for young children can instill a love of learning at an early age. From Jane Austen to Agatha Christie, these books will spark a passion for learning and reading that will last into adulthood.

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**Creative Tensions: Freedom to Read**  
Salt Lake City Library, 4th Floor Conference Center  
10/19/2024 3:00pm  
Discussion, Poetry, Banned Books

Join Noah Baskett, Salt Lake City Library Executive Director, and other for a Creative Tensions Discussion.

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**Bestselling Author Mike Finkel Presentation**  
Utah Museum of Contemporary Art  
10/19/2024 6:30pm  
Art, Nonfiction

Finkel will deliver an energetic, enlightening, and entertaining talk at UMOCA, a talk that's about 40 minutes long, followed by an audience Q&A. He'll speak about his experiences with the world's greatest art thief, the main character of his book, "The Art Thief." (Which was just #1 on the New York Times bestseller list.)

I'll talk about the issue of art theft and museum security, and describe what it's like to walk through a museum with a genius thief (crazy and unpredictable, to say the least). I will pepper my presentation with slides and short video clips. I'll explain how my time with the master art thief changed the way I experience art, and I plan to change the way the audience at UMOCA sees a piece of art as well.

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**Tim Z. Hernandez**  
**Ken Sanders Rare Books**  
**10/19/2024 6:30pm**  
**Nonfiction/Memoir, Poetry, Fiction, Music**

Tim Z. Hernandez is an award-winning Latinx author, research scholar, and performer. His work includes fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, and he is the recipient of the American Book Award, and the International Latino Book Award. His work has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, C-Span, NPR's All Things Considered, and many others. In 2018 he was recognized by the California Senate for his research on locating the victims of the 1948 plane wreck at Los Gatos Canyon, the incident made famous by Woody Guthrie's song of the same name, which is chronicled in his book, *All They Will Call You*, and the sequel, *They Call You Back*. Hernandez holds an M.F.A. in Writing & Literature from Bennington College, and he is an Associate Professor with the University of Texas El Paso's Creative Writing program. He lives in El Paso, Texas with his two children. You can find more info at [www.timzhernandez.com](http://www.timzhernandez.com)

**Legendarium Hosts Al Hess**  
**Legendarium**  
**10/19/2024 2:00 PM**  
**Graphic Novel/Comic Book**

Al Hess is author of *World Running Down*, *Key Lime Sky*, *Yours Celestially*, and the award-winning *Hep Cats of Boise* series.

When not hunched before a computer screen, Al can be found at his art desk. He does portraits in both pencil and oil paint, and loves drawing fellow authors' characters nearly as much as his own. He writes cozy and uplifting stories with queer, trans, and neurodiverse representation.

**Laurie Lee Hall Reading and Conversation -**  
**Dictates of Conscience: From Mormon High Priest**  
**to My New Life as a Woman**  
**SLC Library, Downtown, Auditorium**  
**10/19/2024 4pm-5pm Nonfiction/Memoir**

Laurie Lee Hall's growing up years were defined by the conflict between her physical condition as a boy and her inherent identity as a girl. Unable to explain or resolve her gender dysmorphia, she committed to living her adult life as a male. She became a member, devout leader, and chief architect of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In her church and community, rigid adherence to gender roles is not only the norm, but the defining issue of a faith that doctrinally declares one's gender as an "eternal identity." Against this traditional backdrop, Hall finally received spiritual confirmation and personally accepted that she was transgender and always had been. In this remarkable memoir, Laurie Lee details how she risked everything to live true to her long-suppressed gender identity. Through the power of lived experience, Laurie Lee's story affirms the reality of gender identity and the strength and joy of self-acceptance.



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**Keynote Speaker from Stacie Shannon Denetsosie**  
**10/19/2024 5:00pm**  
**SLC Library, Downtown, Auditorium**  
**Adult Fiction**

Stacie Denetsosis, author of the award-winning collection of stories, *The Missing Morningstar* will give a keynote speech.





# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

## SALT LAKE COUNTY BOOK FESTIVAL AND BEYOND

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**Mustangs: Utah's Onaqui & Cedar Mountain Herds  
& We Are Humans Art/Book Talk  
Utah Cultural Celebration Center  
10/4/2024 6:00pm  
Nonfiction/Memoir, Photography**

Join photographers and authors Robin Pendergrast & John Steele as they present two seemingly disconnected subjects: Utah's homeless population and wild horse herds. Both are equally passionate about and advocates for each, presenting images and words that foster acceptance, awareness, and advocacy.

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**Pam Houston and The Montvales  
Church and State  
10/21/2024 6:00pm  
Adult Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Music**

Join Pam Houston and musical guest The Montvaldes at Church and State for a reading and concert.

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**Romancing the Book with the League of Utah  
Writers Romance Chapter  
Salt County Library, Marmalade Branch  
10/26/2024 1:22pm**

Come learn about romance writing from the League of Utah Writers Romance Chapter. All experience levels welcome. We will discuss the bare bones of writing romance with an interactive game and workshop. There will be a signing with romance chapter anthologies available. Come have fun with us and celebrate the Utah Book Festival.

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**Tanner Conversation with Percival Everett  
Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah  
10/29/2024 7:00pm  
Nonfiction/Memoir, Fiction**

Join the Tanner Humanities Center for an Evening with Percival Everett, author of James.

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**Magdalene Visaggio & Paulina Ganucheau:  
Girlmode (virtual event)  
Virtual w/Under the Umbrella  
10/22/2024 6:30 PM  
Nonfiction/Memoir**

Join us for a hybrid virtual event with Magdalene Visaggio and Paulina Ganucheau!

About *Girlmode*: A recently transitioned girl starting life at a new high school tries to figure out exactly who she is—while trying to manage who everyone else wants her to be—in this funny, unexpected, and affecting new graphic novel from Eisner-nominated writer Magdalene Visaggio and artist Paulina Ganucheau.

The last thing Phoebe Zito wants is to be noticed. The newest kid at Sally Ride High School, newly arrived in Los Angeles, and newly transitioned, she's just trying to blend in while she figures out exactly who she is. But with her mom checked out, her dad still adjusting to having a daughter, and no guidebook to how to be a girl, that isn't going to be easy.

Enter Mackenzie Ishikawa. She's the girl that all girls want to be, and all the boys want to be with—and, Mackenzie has decided, Phoebe's new best friend. Mackenzie knows what it takes to survive and thrive as a girl in high school, most of all that no matter who Phoebe wants to be, or who she wants to date, she's going to need someone having her back.

Phoebe soon realizes what Mackenzie knows too well: Being true to yourself is going to mean breaking some hearts. But as Phoebe discovers what kind of girl she is—and what kind of girl everyone around her thinks she's supposed to be—she worries one of those hearts will be her own.

Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magdalene-visaggio-paulina-ganucheau-girlmode-tickets-1005617768817>

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**Mike Finkel Author Lecture and Book Signing**  
**Park City Library, Santy Auditorium,**  
**10/21/2024 6:00pm**  
**Art, Nonfiction**

Find yourself riveted as author Michael Finkel talks about his New York Times bestselling book *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession* in which he describes the strange and fascinating world of master thief Stéphane Breitwieser who stole art from museums and cathedrals all over Europe - not for money, but for passion.

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**Utah Library of Congress Great Reads from Great Places 2024 Authors Reading and Signing with Ally Condie and Stacie Denetsosie**  
**Folklore Book Store, Midway**  
**10/23/2024 6:00pm**  
**Adult Fiction, YA/MG Fiction**

Join Utah's Library of Congress 2024 Great Reads from Great Places authors Ally Condie and Stacie Denetsosie for a reading, discussion, and book signing.

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**A Night with Pam Houston**  
**Summit County Library, Kimball Junction Branch**  
**10/24/2024 6:00pm**  
**Nonfiction/Memoir, Nonfiction**

Join Pam Houston at Summit County Library's Kimball Junction Branch for a reading, discussion, and book signing.

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**Mystery in the Stacks**  
**Park City Library, All Floors**  
**10/25/2024 6:00pm**  
**Mystery/Thriller**

Take part in an interactive whodunnit in the closed stacks of the Library after hours. Come prepared for a fast-paced readers' theater and be part of the action. Will you solve the mystery before the killer strikes again? Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. This is a ticketed event.

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**Favorite Lines and Pies**  
**Lucky One's Coffee Shop, Park City Library**  
**10/26/2024 9:00am**  
**Adult Fiction, YA/MG Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Fiction, All Genres**

Step up to the mic to share the lines of your favorite book while enjoying a piece of your favorite pie. Literary readings, coffee, and pie for breakfast. It's a great way to start a literature-inspired day.

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**Meet Local Authors**  
**Park City Library, Second Floor**  
**10/26/2024 10:00am**  
**All Genres**

Meet local artists who will have tables around the Library's Second Floor. They will take the time to discuss their latest books, answer questions, share their writing process, and give sneak previews into their works-in-progress.

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**Book Craft Extravaganza**  
**Park City Library, Main Floor**  
**10/26/2024 10:00am**  
**All Genres, Art, Children's, Family, Community Building**

Join the Book Festival Craft Extravaganza to try your hand at literary crafts on the Library's Main Floor. Make a bookmark, design a hand puppet, fold an origami design, and more.

**Papermaking Demonstrations**  
**Park City Library, Room 101**  
**10/26/2024 10:00am**  
**Art, Bookmaking**

See how paper is made by hand. A local papermaking expert will demonstrate the age-old process of making paper. You might find yourself surprised to see what goes into making a single sheet of paper and learn that you can do it, too.

**Art of the Book**  
**Park City Library, Room 201**  
**10/26/2024 10:00am**  
**Art, Bookmaking**

Learn about unique one-of-a-kind hand-crafted books during the Book Festival with books that are truly works of art brought to us by The Book Arts Program at the University of Utah J. Willard Library where letterpress printing, bookbinding, artists' books, and typography are utilized to create beautiful masterworks.

**History of the Book**  
**Park City Library, Room 301**  
**10/26/2024 10:00am**  
**History, Nonfiction, Research**

Experience the history of the book with rare artifacts brought to us by the Rare Books Department at the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library. You will see rare books that vary by age, scarcity, print history, and provenance. It's a unique opportunity to experience literary antiquity first-hand.

**Puppet Show: Moose on the Loose Morning Show**  
**Park City Library, Community Room**  
**10/26/2024 10:30am**  
**Children's, Theatre, Family**

Come with a spirit of fun to this puppet theater performance by young, local puppeteers. The whole family will laugh at the antics of what happens when there's a Moose on the Loose in the Library.

**Puppet Show: Moose on the Loose Afternoon Show**  
**Park City Library, Community Room**  
**10/26/2024 1:00pm**  
**Children's, Theatre, Family**

Come with a spirit of fun to this puppet theater performance by young, local puppeteers. The whole family will laugh at the antics of what happens when there's a Moose on the Loose in the Library.



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**Bestselling Author Lecture and Book Signing with  
Jack Carr  
Park City Library  
10/26/2024 2:00pm  
Mystery/Thriller, Military Fiction, Historical Fiction,  
Nonfiction/Memoir**

Dive into the riveting world of Jack Carr, where fiction and reality collide in a pulse-pounding fusion of action-packed thrillers and insightful non-fiction. Listen to the author speak, stay for questions and answers, and get your book signed by Jack Carr.

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**40 Diverse Books in 50 Minutes  
Park City Library, Room 301  
10/27/2024 1:00pm  
Diverse Voices, Children's, Picture Books**

"Listen to delightful, fast-paced book talks from a panel of experienced children's librarians as they share the latest in publishing diverse books for children. You will get plenty of reading ideas for your PreK to 8th grade readers to help them learn the joy of diverse stories.

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**Dinosaur Stomp Party  
Park City Library  
10/27/2024 1:00pm  
Children's**

Kids are invited to roar, stomp, and dance with movement activities at this dinosaur stomp party that will get everyone's wiggles out before joining author Julia Lyon, author of *A Dinosaur Named Ruth*, in the Santy Auditorium.

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**Julia Lyon Author Visit and Book Signing  
Park City Library  
10/27/2024 2:00pm  
Picture Books, Nonfiction, Children's**

Enjoy listening to award-winning journalist and children's author Julia Lyon read her book *A Dinosaur Named Ruth*. She will tell the true story of Ruth Mason, a pioneer girl in South Dakota, who found dinosaur bones in her own backyard. Families can ask questions, do a craft, and stay for a book signing.

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# BOOK FESTIVAL PROGRAM

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**American Fork Mini Conference Keynote, Jared  
Quan: Unleash the Power of Collaboration**  
American Fork Library  
10/12/2024 12:00pm  
All Genres

Join author Jared Quan as he speaks about the collaboration experience.

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**American Fork Mini-Conference: Workshops:  
Daniel Quilter "Marvel Saves the Cat-Story  
Structure" /Johnny Worthen "The Muddled Middle"**  
American Fork Library  
10/12/2024 1:00pm  
Fiction

Join writer Daniel Quilter as he explores plotting through Marvel and "Save the Cat."

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**American Fork Mini Conference: Workshops:  
Alysia Knight "Protagonist Speed Dating"  
/Cheyenne Nielsen "Tips and Tricks from an  
Editor"**  
American Fork Library  
10/12/2024 2:00pm  
Editing

Workshops: Alysia Knight "Protagonist Speed Dating" /Cheyenne Nielsen "Tips and Tricks from an Editor"

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**Torrey House Press and the John Wesley Power  
River Museum Host Zak Padmore, Teal Lehto, and  
Eric Balkan**  
John Wesley Powell River Museum, Green River  
10/19/2024 4:00pm  
Environmental, Nonfiction/Memoir

Join Zak Podmore (author of Life After Dead Pool), Teal Lehto (@westernwatergirl on Tiktok and Instagram), and Erik Balken (Director of the Glen Canyon Institute) for a panel discussion on Glen Canyon, ecological redemption, and the future of water in the west.

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**Mystery Writer Scott Graham at the Bluff Arts  
Festival  
Bluff**  
10/20/2024 1:00pm  
Adult Fiction, Mystery/Thriller

Join Mystery Writer Scott Graham for the 20th Anniversary of the Bluff Arts Festival for a reading and book signing.

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**Pam Houston and The Montvales at the Bluff Arts  
Festival  
Bluff**  
10/20/2024 3:00pm  
Adult Fiction, Nonfiction/Memoir, Music

Join Pam Houston and musical guest The Montvaldes for the 20th Anniversary of the Bluff Arts Festival for a reading and concert.

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**Rock Canyon Poets Reading  
The Social, Provo**  
10/21/2024 11:00am  
Poetry

The Rock Canyon Poets share their work!



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**Orem Reads 2024 Kick Off: "Of All the Things to Ban, not Books": An Evening with Shannon Hale**  
**Orem Public Library, Ashton Auditorium**  
**10/3/2024 7:00 PM**  
**Banned Books**

Join New York Times bestselling author Shannon Hale at the kickoff for Orem Reads. Shannon, the author of more than 40 books ranging from picture books, graphic novels, teen fantasy, and adult romance, will discuss the impact of the recent trend in book banning on her writing career. There will be a book sale and signing after the presentation, and you can pick up your free copy of this year's Orem Reads book, Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury.

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**Orem Reads 2024 Finale: Titles and Treats Gala**  
**Orem Library, Library Hall Gallery**  
**10/29/2024 7:00 PM**  
**All Genres**

Celebrate the end of Orem Reads by joining us for our Titles and Treats Gala. It's like trick or treating for adults but with books instead of shenanigans. Decide what to read now that you've finished Fahrenheit 451 by discussing books with our knowledgeable librarians and nosh some autumn delectables. Costumes are optional (but there will be prizes!). For adult library patrons.

