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WELCOME TO THE 38TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN FESTIVAL OF BOOKS!

Welcome to the 38th annual Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written Word! Whether you are a first-time attendee or a long-time patron, we are glad you're here. The Festival creates a living community of writers and readers. One of our goals each year is that readers see favorite authors and be introduced to new ones. We hope that you enter sessions with an open and curious mind, and that you take away ideas, knowledge, and words that will nourish and

sustain you when the Festival is over. We thank all of our many individual donors, sponsors, and volunteers. Finally, it has been an honor and a joy to put this year's festival together with our new partner and presenting sponsor, Vanderbilt University. Together, we are all a part of this community; we thank you and wish you a wonderful Festival!

TIM HENDERSON
Executive Director

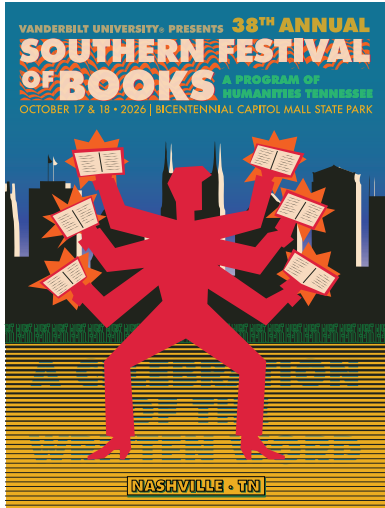


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2026 FESTIVAL ARTIST

The 2026 poster artwork is by Nashville-based artist IMGRNT (Arash Shoustari)

AUTHOR SIGNINGS

Author signings will take place in the Signing Tent immediately following sessions.

YOUTH SESSIONS

Look for the orange book icon for sessions tailored to young readers.



ROBERT PENN WARREN CENTER SESSIONS

We are pleased to partner again with the Robert Penn Warren Center at Vanderbilt University on a special track related to a theme. This year, the theme is reconciliation. Reconciliation assumes that people, individually or in larger formations, have been estranged, antagonized, or separated. In the current climate of crisis—political, environmental, cultural, religious, and so on—is reconciliation possible? How can we move past anger, fear, and distrust to find common ground? These sessions are denoted with the book logo (above) in the schedule.



PAUL COLLINS'S UNBANNABLE LIBRARY

Stop by the Carillon to experience, contemplate, and discuss ideas and big, big books created by visual artists and writers.

SHARED FUTURES LAB

Spend some time thinking about time with Humanities Tennessee's Shared Futures Lab. Send a book recommendation to the future and see an exhibit with artifacts from the next century. No lab coat required to join the experiment!

TRIPLE THOUGHT PASSPORT

The passport returns! Start your day at the Headquarters Tent and pick up a TRIPLE THOUGHT PASSPORT. Attend three separate sessions at this year's Festival and bring back the completed passport to the HQ tent to receive a sur-prize. (First completed, first served!)

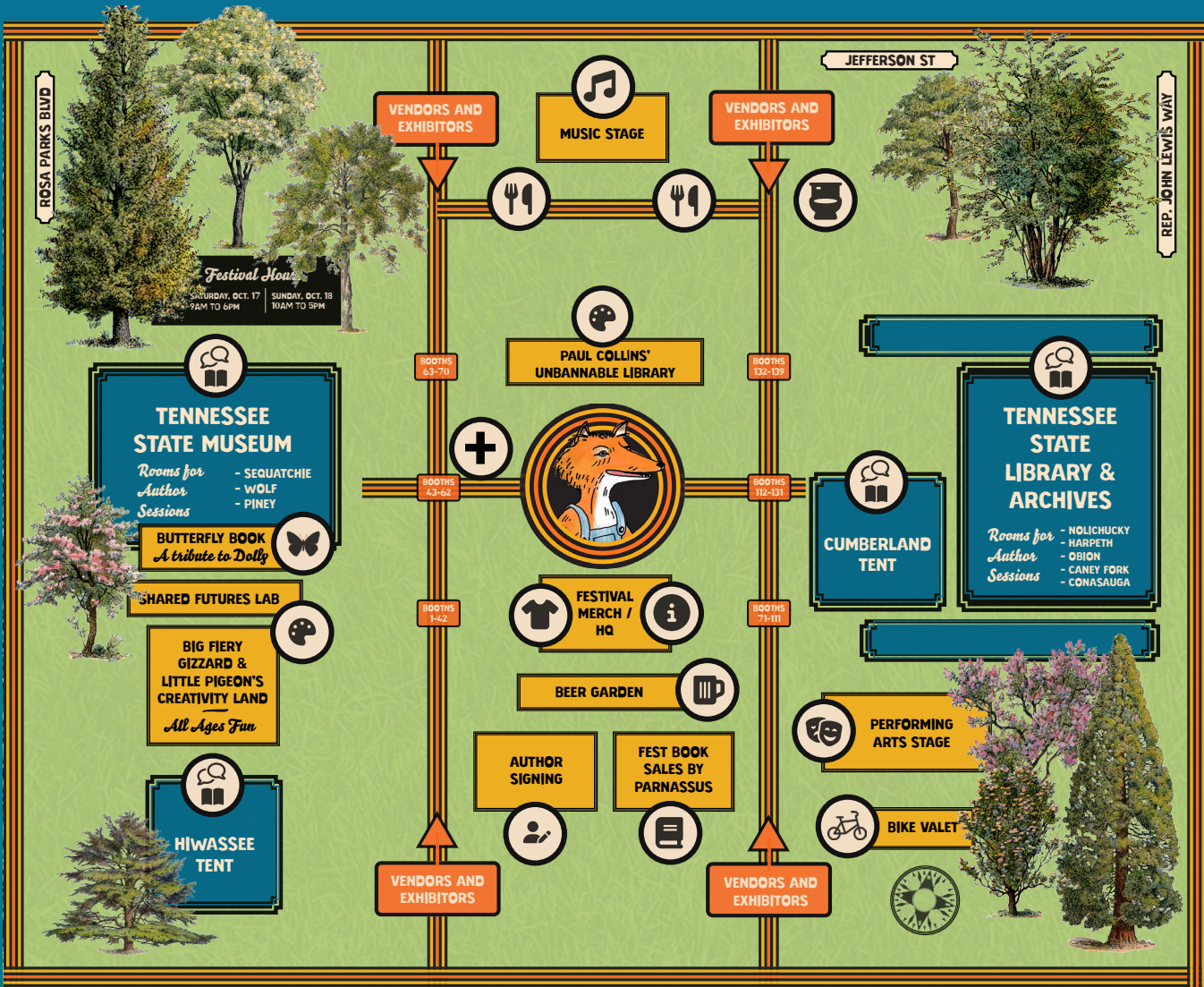
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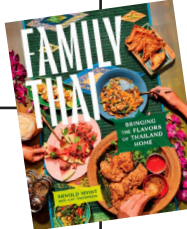
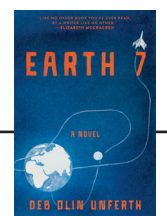
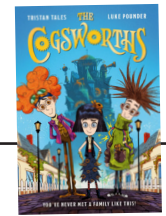
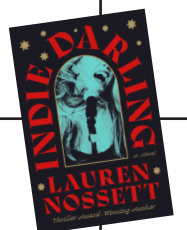
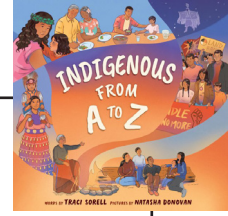
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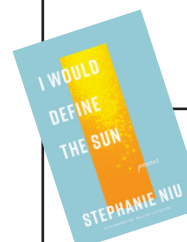
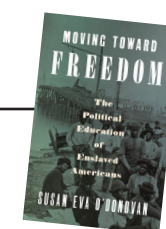
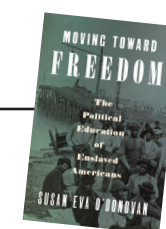
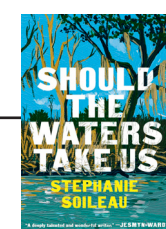
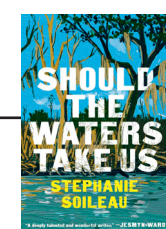
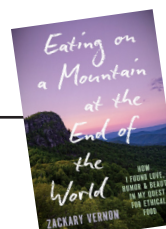
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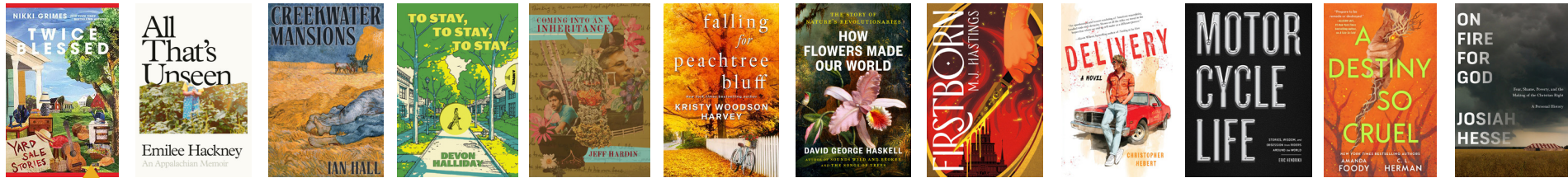
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Big Fiery Gizzard & Little Pigeon's Creativity Land	Savannah Allen Reading and Activity for All Ages		Megan Baptist Reading and Activity for All Ages		Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel		Carla Gover Reading and Activity for All Ages Meet Little Critter	Kim Holderness, Penn Holderness Read (15 min.) Susanna Chapman and Austin Sauerbrei Drawstravaganza Activity for All Ages
Caney Fork Room: Library				Christopher Hebert, David Wesley Williams		Daniel G. Miller, Miranda Smith		Bradley Sides, George Singleton
Conasauga Room: Library				Virginia Pye, Dawn Turner		Emily Nemens		Presenting the 2026 Tennessee Book Award winners: Kevin Wilson, Maria Zoccola
Cumberland Tent		Billy Renkl and Margaret Renkl				Tia Williams		Maria Semple
Harpeth Room: Library				Nikki Grimes, Carla Gover		Tony diTerlizzi		Alexandra Oliva, Deb Olin Unferth
Hiwassee Tent: Museum (Outdoors)				Sen. Lamar Alexander		Jim Emison		J. Vanessa Lyon
Nolichucky Room: Library				Ben Fountain		Alex Wright		Chris Pavone
Obion Room: Library				Ramona Ausubel		Asa Drake, Ian Hall, Jeff Hardin		
Sequatchie Room: Museum		Women's National Book Association presents Coffee with Kylie Lee Baker, Lauren Nossett, Lisa Patton, Gin Phillips and Eliana Ramage				TN Writers/ TN Stories with Emily Yellin and Benjamin Houston		Jayne Anne Phillips in conversation with Alice Randall
Wolf Room: Museum						T. Minton		Richard Schweid

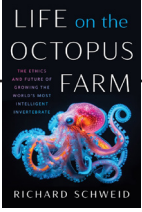
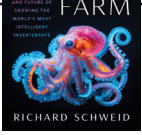
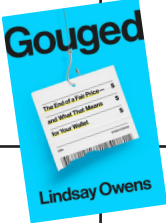
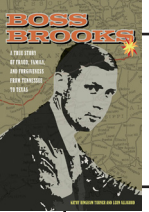
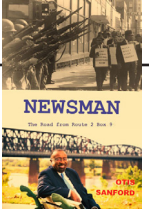
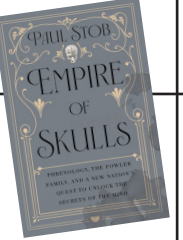
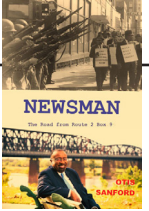


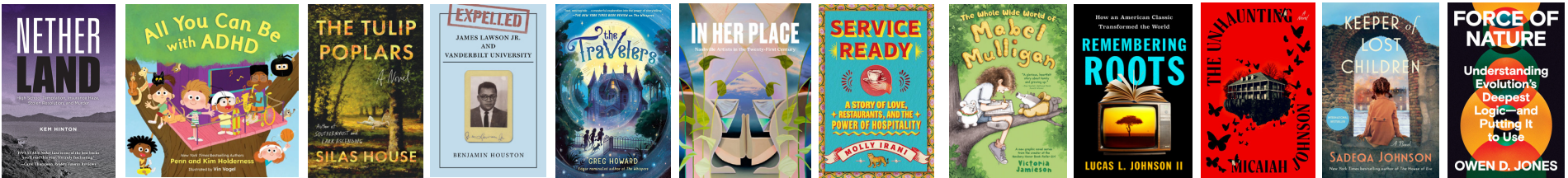
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	Eleanor Spicer Rice Reading and Activity for All Ages		Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel	Robyn Wall Reading and Activity for All Ages	Meet Little Critter	Dr. Rosa Vásquez Espinoza (30 minutes)	Poetry Piñata Smash	
	Amanda Foody, C.L. Herman, M.J. Hastings	Isaac Fitzgerald		Lauren Nossett, Gin Phillips, Henry Wise		Caroline Hallemann		
	Soman Chainani, Christen Randall	Kelsey Day, Kristin Tubb		Michael Buckley, Greg Howard, Marissa Macy		Micaiah Johnson, Yah Yah Scholfield		
	Kathryn Stockett	Ann Patchett		Belle Burden		Kim Holderness, Penn Holderness		
	Sadeqa Johnson, Shannon Sanders, Stephanie Soileau	Max Boot in Conversation with Lamar Alexander		B.B. Reid		Erin Miller Reid		
	Lindsay Owens	Lisa E. Davis		David Haskell		Julianna Glasse, Emilee Hackney, Josiah Hesse		
	Ayad Akhtar	Sun Yung Shin		The Vanderbilt University Literary Prize: Stephanie Niu and Melissa Range		Susannah Felts in Conversation with Margaret Renkl		
	Paul Stob	Christina Baker Kline				(Ends at 17:30) Film Screening: Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World		
	Aimee Nezhukamatathil in conversation with Margaret Renkl	Sarah Beth Durst		Kristin Kobes du Mez		Claudia Rankine		
	Owen D. Jones	Drew Brockington, Max Dossier, Sheree Renée Thomas		Charles Ghigna		John Vile		

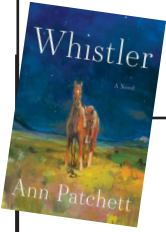
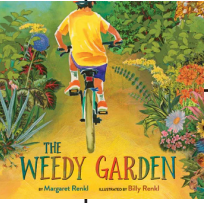
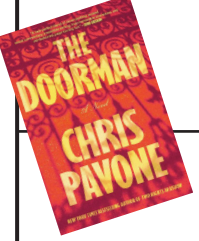
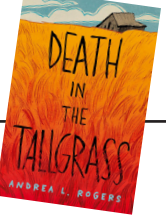
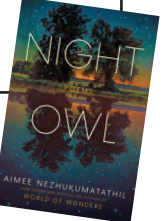
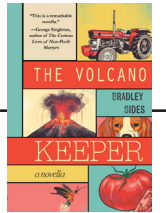




SUNDAY
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Big Fiery Gizzard & Little Pigeon's Creativity Land			Maya Myers Reading and Activity for All Ages		Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel		Meet Little Critter	Grace Lin Reading and Activity for All Ages (noon to 12:30pm)
Caney Fork Room: Library				Linda Carman, Mindy Merrell, R.B. Quinn		Susan Finch, Lydia Mathis		Olivie Blake, Nathaniel Rich
Conasauga Room: Library				Eiman Jahangir		Kwoya Fagin Maples, Amy Speace		Lucas L. Johnson
Cumberland Tent						Arnold Myint		
Harpeth Room: Library				Kristy Woodson Harvey		J.T. Ellison		Lawrence Wells
Hiwassee Tent: Museum (Outdoors)				Lokelani Alabanza, Blair LM Kelley, Otis Sanford		Dave Zirin		Colin Asher
Nolichucky Room: Library				Sisters in Crime presents: Roy Hiller, Meredith Lyons, Kelly Oliver, Jaden Terrel		Erin McCoy, Alice Martin, Deb Olin Unferth		Patricia Lockwood
Obion Room: Library				J.W. Mason		W. Jason Miller		Sarah Goodyear, Doug Gordon
Sequatchie Room: Museum				Jamie Fisher, Emily Lordi		Christina Soontornvat, DK Yingst		Sharon Cameron, Andrea L. Rogers
Wolf Room: Museum				Luke Pounder, Tristan Tales		Caroline Brooks DuBois, Amy Sarig King		



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	Jessica Hische Reading and Activity for All Ages		Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel	Shanna Upchurch Reading and Activity for All Ages	Meet Little Critter		Poetry Piñata Smash (4:30pm to 5:00pm)	
	Molly Irani	Joe Bond, Christy Scott Cashman, Kayla Rae Whitaker		The Curry Boys				
	Lauren Acampora, Devon Halliday	Jeremy Lloyd, Zackary Vernon		Donovan McAbee, Justin Wymer				
Silas House in Conversation with Kevin Wilson		Danica McKellar		Ruta Sepetys				
	Mark Johnson, Rebecca Lang, Jimmy Proffitt	Madeline Taylor		Leon Alligood, Kem Hinton, Kathy Turner		Laura Hutson Hunter, Sai Clayton, Katie Delmez, Shaun Giles		
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	Keith O'Brien, Erin Osmon	Robbi Behr, Matthew Swanson		Conklin/McNeill				
Elizabeth Kostova	Allegra Goodman			Kelli Anderson				
Joe Pagetta, Sheri Lea Sellmeyer (ends at 1:30)	Amisha Padnani			Anthony Cavender, Buck Turner				



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1 Do you have a library card? Tell us your fave library/branch.	2 ATTEND A NONFICTION PANEL.	3 VISIT AN EXHIBITOR/ VENDOR BOOTH	WEAR book-related clothing to the Festival.	4 Tell us your primary reading format. (print, ebook, audio)
5 ARE YOU IN A BOOK CLUB? Tell us which one	6 REVEAL your fave bookstore in your community.	7 Recommend a book to us.	8 Tell us your favorite genre to read.	9 NAME A BOOK FROM THE DECADE YOU WERE BORN.
Follow @sofestofbooks on social media	LISTEN TO AN ACT ON THE MUSIC STAGE.	ATTEND SFB <Free Square>	10 Who is your local literary hero?	11 What is your favorite book in the Unbannable Library exhibit?
12 DID YOU ATTEND A BOOK EVENT AT VANDERBILT IN 25-26?	13 NAME YOUR FAVORITE BOOK SET IN THE SOUTH.	14 Tell us your dream author to visit the Festival.	CHECK OUT the Festival schedule at sofestofbooks.org/program	VISIT the Festival's Creativity Land
15 What is your county of residence?	16 DID YOU JOIN a 2026 reading challenge?	17 ATTEND A FICTION PANEL.	18 TELL US YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS BOOK.	19 Tell us your favorite poet or poem.

Mark off completed items in the grid and add your answers in the provided blanks below. When you've completed at least five squares horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, turn this card into the Festival HQ tent to claim your prize.

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5. Club Name: _____	12. Y/N—If yes, Author Name: _____	18. Book Title: _____
6. Bookstore: _____	13. Book Title: _____	19. Poet/Poem: _____
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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9:00-10:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND Savannah Allen Reading and Activity for All Ages

Broccoli Is Trying to Kill Me, The Yellow Postcard: A Story About Food and Community Kick off the Festival with author and illustrator Savannah Allen!

► Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book

9:30-10:30

CUMBERLAND TENT Billy Renkl and Margaret Renkl

The Weedy Garden: A Happy Habitat for Wild Friends If you were hungry squirrel in the weedy garden, where would you find an acorn? If you were a cottontail rabbit, where would you hide your bunnies? And if you were a child, sitting still and listening, what would the weedy garden say to you? Margaret Renkl, a beloved regular contributor to *The New York Times* and two-time recipient of the Southern Book Prize, writes beautifully about our changing natural world. In her debut picture book, she asks questions that draw young readers deeper and deeper into the garden, inviting observation and conversation along the way.

► Picture Book

9:30-11:00

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM Women's National Book Association presents Coffee with Kylie Lee Baker, Lauren Nosssett, Lisa Patton, Gin Phillips, and Eliana Ramage

This longstanding feature of the Southern Festival of Books welcomes guests for coffee and conversation with four authors: Kylie Lee Baker (*Japanese Gothic*); Lauren Nosssett (*Indie Darling*); Lisa Patton (*Kissing the Sky*); Gin Phillips (*Ruby Falls: A Novel*); and Eliana Ramage (*To the Moon and Back*).

► Fiction

10:00-11:00

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY Ben Fountain

Rasputin Swims the Potomac: A Novel Reporter Clarence Thomas Jr. is looking for a great story, former country music teen star Faith Spack has parlayed her fame into a job at the White House, and the two-term incumbent president is campaigning for a constitutionally dubious third term.

► Fiction

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Christopher Hebert, David Wesley Williams

Delivery: A Novel, Come Again No More: A Novel A young athlete feels the weight of the world's expectations. A newspaperman looks back on the life that flew by. These novels about men take up the question of how to have a life well-lived.

► Fiction

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Nikki Grimes, Carla Gover

Twice Blessed: Yard Sale Stories, Me and the Red Bird River How do we become who we are? These books unearth a treasure of untold stories about family history and the history of the regions that shape us.

► Poetry

OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

Ramona Ausubel

Unstuck: A Writer's Guide Critically acclaimed, award-winning author and beloved teacher Ramona Ausubel offers 101 exercises that promise to welcome you back to the page again and again; to reinvigorate your process and help you see your writing through to the end. Full of personal stories and hard-

earned wisdom of a veteran writer; *Unstuck* is written in the first person, human to human, writer to writer. Practical, clear, and welcoming, *Unstuck* offers immediately useable strategies for beginning, continuing, and finishing a piece of writing.

► Non-Fiction

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Sen. Lamar Alexander

The Education of a Senator: From JFK to Trump "Can we survive this?" worried friends ask Lamar Alexander. A US senator who started in JFK's Justice Department, worked in the Nixon White House, turned down serving as GOP Watergate counsel and as Ford's campaign manager, walked for six months across Tennessee to become governor; lost two runs for president, and served as a university president and education secretary before winning three senate terms--Lamar Alexander answers that question with a resounding: "Yes."

► Autobiography/Memoir

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Virginia Pye, Dawn Turner

Marriage and Other Monuments: A Novel, Majestic Hills: A Novel Marriages are tested in these two novels that confront the insidious nature of racism in homes and communities.

► Fiction

10:00-10:20

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND Megan Baptist Reading and Activity for All Ages

Brave Like a Lion! How a Puppeteer Found Her Voice Hear *Sesame Street* puppeteer Megan Baptist's read her story and make a puppet!

► Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book

10:20-11:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel

The classic Brothers Grimm tale is told with the charming Peeko Puppets. Be enchanted as two siblings face challenges that test their courage in difficult times. Running time: 30 minutes

► Creativity Land Activity

10:30-11:00

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 10:30 am

Billy Renkl, Margaret Renkl

► Signings

11:00-12:00

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Alex Wright

Empire of Ink: The Printers, Rogues, and Radicals Who Invented the American Newspaper In *Empire of Ink*, Alex Wright tells the story of how an unruly young democracy found its voice--shaped by the interplay of new technologies, bold public policies, and a distinctly American zeal for free expression that unleashed the greatest outpouring of print the world had ever seen.

► History

OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

Asa Drake, Ian Hall, Jeff Hardin

Maybe the Body: Poems, Creekwater Mansions: Poems, Coming Into an Inheritance: Poems Join three poets for readings and conversation about the craft of writing poems and the subjects that have inspired them.

► Poetry

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Daniel G. Miller, Miranda Smith

Buried in the Woods Below: A Novel, Scary Movie Night: A Novel Fresh starts go south when people start disappearing. These mysteries throw their heroines into a fight for their survival, and pull their readers into a suspenseful night in.

► Mystery/Thriller

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Emily Nemens

Clutch: A Novel Five friends, twenty years, one reunion trip. As undergrads, Gregg, Reba, Hillary, Bella, and Carson formed the kind of rare bond that college brochures promise--friendship that lasts a lifetime. Two decades later, the women are spread across the country but remain firmly tethered through their ever-unfurling group chat. They've made it through COVID and childbirth and midcareer challenges. The five women converge on Palm Springs for a long overdue reunion.

► Fiction

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Jim Emison

Murder on the Hatchie: The NAACP's First Martyr uncovers one of the earliest and most consequential crimes in America's long struggle for Black voting rights: the 1940 lynching of Elbert Williams in Brownsville, Tennessee. A founding member of the local NAACP, Williams was murdered for attempting to register Black voters, decades before the more famous murders of Emmett Till and Medgar Evers.

► History

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

T. Minton

The Belcourt Theatre: Nashville's Oldest Neighborhood Cinema The Belcourt Theatre offers the first full history of this enduring landmark, tracing how one cultural center adapted again and again to serve new audiences while remaining a vital place for public gathering, artistic exchange, and shared experience.

► Non-Fiction

CUMBERLAND TENT

Tia Williams

The Missed Connection: A Novel Sasha Cruz knows types. As a booked-and-busy casting agent, she's always casting--at happy hour; the grocery store, everywhere. She's all about finding the perfect person to slot into the perfect role. What she doesn't do, however, is relationships. Too much energy, not enough time.

► Romance

11:00-12:00

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

TN Writers/TN Stories with Emily Yellin and Benjamin Houston

Nonviolent: A Memoir of Resistance, Agitation, and Love, Expelled: James Lawson Jr. and Vanderbilt University Rev. James Lawson's autobiography was completed with his blessing by Emily Yellin. Along with scholar Benjamin Houston, the conversation explores the life and legacy of the revered Civil Rights leader.

► History

11:00-11:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 11 am

Ramona Ausubel, Dawn Turner, Virginia Pye, Sen. Lamar Alexander, Kylie Lee Baker, Lauren Nosssett, Lisa Patton, Eliana Ramage, Christopher J. Hebert, David Wesley Williams, Carla Gover, Nikki Grimes, Ben Fountain, Megan Baptist, Gin Phillips

► Signings

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11:00-12:00

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Tony diTerlizzi

The Wump Timothy's grandpa has a saying: the best way to deal with bullies is to wump 'em. But Timothy would never hurt a fly—and not just because he genuinely loves bugs. He's always been a good kid...until a shadowy monster appears and begins feeding on his darkest thoughts. Facing bullies both at home and at school, Timothy cocoons himself in the monster's shadows, where he is consumed by a desire for revenge. But how much of himself can Timothy give up before he is completely transformed?

► *Middle Grade*



11:30-12:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Carla Gover Reading and

Activity for All Ages

Me and the Red River Carla Gover will read from her book and lead participants in an activity!

► *Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book*

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Meet Little Critter

Character meet and greet with Mercer Mayer's Little Critter

► *Creativity Land Activity*

12:00-1:00

CONASAUGA ROOM

Presenting the Tennessee Book Award

winners: Kevin Wilson, Maria Zoccola

Join Humanities Tennessee in a conversation with the 2026 Tennessee Book Award winners. Now in its third year, the awards recognize excellence in Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Poetry.

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Alexandra Oliva, Deb Olin Unferth

The Radiant Dark:A Novel, Earth 7 Humanity reels from a shifting understanding of its place in the universe in these two novels that explore what might happen when Earth is not our home.

► *Fiction*

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Bradley Sides, George Singleton

The Volcano Keeper,Wounded Boarders: Stories Absurdity surrounds us in both the extraordinary and the mundane. This session explores the absurd through Southern lives and suggests that the beauty of humanity is the ability to uncover the miracles in this crazy world.

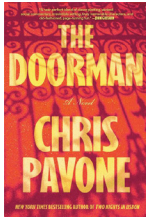
► *Fiction*

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Chris Pavone

The Doorman:A Novel Chicky Diaz is everyone's favorite doorman at the Bohemia, the most famous apartment house in the world, home of celebrities, financiers, and New York's cultural elite. Up in the penthouse, Emily Longworth has the perfect-looking everything, all except her husband, whom she'd quietly loathed even before the recent revelations about where all the money comes from. But his wealth is immense, their prenup is iron-clad, and Emily can't bring herself to leave him. Yet.

► *Mystery/Thriller*



HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

J. Vanessa Lyon

Blackness Thirteen Ways: Art, Life, & The Revisions of a Mulatto Lesbian The daughter of the WASP mother who raised her

and a Black father she has never known, J. Vanessa Lyon delivers a candid memoir across thirteen uniquely structured chapters in conversation with enduring, often damaging, mis/representations of so-called race mixing in fine art and popular media.

► *Autobiography/Memoir*

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Jayne Anne Phillips in conversation

with Alice Randall

Small Town Girls:A Writer's Memoir Jayne Anne Phillips grew up in the small town of Buckhannon, West Virginia. The distinctly American landscape of Appalachia--dense with forests and small churches, rich in history and misunderstandings--has been the great setting for her fiction, even as she and her boundless imagination have traveled to other times and places.

► *Autobiography/Memoir*

CUMBERLAND TENT

Maria Semple

Go Gentle:A Novel Adora Hazzard has it all figured out. A Stoic philosopher and divorcée, she lives a contented life on New York City's Upper West Side. Having discovered that the secret to happiness is to desire only what you have, she's applied this insight to blissful effect: relishing her teenage daughter, the freedom of being solo, and her job as a moral tutor for the twin boys of an old-money family. She's even assembled a "coven"--like-minded women who live on the same floor in the legendary Ansonia--and is making active efforts to grow its membership. Adora's carefully curated life is humming along brilliantly until a chance meeting with a handsome stranger.

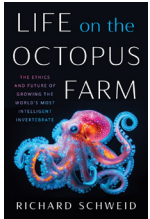
► *Fiction*

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

Richard Schweid

Life on the Octopus Farm In 2021, the London School of Economics found that octopuses are sentient beings, capable of experiencing pain, distress, and happiness, and that high-welfare farming of them would therefore be impossible. But the enormous international demand for octopus meat continues to grow even as wild octopus populations decline, prompting a race to bring the first farm-raised product to market. At the same time, firestorms of protest in Europe and the United States over the ethics of farming such an intelligent creature are pressuring lawmakers to ban the practice altogether.

► *Nature*



12:00-12:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 12 pm

Tony DiTerlizzi, Tia Williams, Jim Emison, Emily Nemens, Miranda Smith, Daniel G. Miller, Benjamin Houston, Emily Yellin, Asa Drake, Jeff Hardin, Ian Hall, Alex Wright, Carla Gover, T. Minton

► *Signings*

12:00-12:15

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Kim Holderness, Penn Holderness Read!

Get It Done & Have Fun! ADHD Hacks for Awesome Kids Hi there! I'm Squeaky McGee. I am a squirrel who has ADHD. Maybe you have a brain that's like mine? I love an adventure all of the time! But do chores get you down--do you find them a bore? Like brushing your teeth or mopping the floor? I'll help you do them! I've got your back! There's this new thing, I call it a HACK. Written in playful rhyme and filled with humor, this engaging picture book will help all young readers successfully tackle that boring list of household to-do's that challenge us all!

► *Creativity Land Activity, Non-Fiction, Picture Book*

12:15-12:45

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Susanna Chapman and Austin

Sauerbrei Drawstravaganza

Activity for All Ages

We Are Mighty: 12 Ordinary Americans Who Did the Next Needed Thing, Trouble! At Coal Creek Join illustrators Susanna Chapman and Austin Sauerbrei in creating something amazing.

► *Creativity Land Activity, Graphic Novel, Picture Book*

1:00-2:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Eleanor Spicer Rice Reading

and Activity for All Ages

After the Rain Hear Eleanor Spicer Rice read her book and then go on a spider hunt with a Spy Pot!

► *Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book*

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Aimee Nezhukumatathil in conversation

with Margaret Renkl

Night Owl: Poems In her latest poetry collection, Aimee Nezhukumatathil plumbs the depths of nighttime, crafting a series of nocturnes that explore the magic, sensuality, and life that emerge as the rest of the world goes to bed.

► *Poetry*

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Amanda Foody, C.L. Herman, M.J. Hastings

Firstborn:A Novel, A Destiny So Cruel These novels are perfect for fans of fans of dark YA fantasy, trope subversions, and enemies to lovers stories.

► *Young Adult*

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Ayad Akhtar

The Radiance:A Novel When a hit-and-run shatters more than his body, a writer is plunged into a spiritual awakening he can't tell from madness. In its grip, he's drawn to a brilliant campus colleague by an uncanny pull, and into a scandal that threatens to destroy them both. What begins as a provocative portrait of academic and cultural warfare deepens into erotic entanglement, the exposure of a family secret, and the mystery surrounding the narrator's accident--both the violence and its aftermath.

► *Fiction*

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

Owen D. Jones

Force of Nature. Most of us learned about natural selection in our school days and remember the basics of how it drives evolution, plus a few of its everyday implications, like the risks of overusing antibiotics. Yet deep misconceptions about evolution and natural selection abound—even, studies show, among medical students and high school biology teachers, not to mention the rest of us. In *Force of Nature*, professor of law and biology Owen D. Jones reveals how these misunderstandings cost us opportunities, undermine our goals, and even imperil lives—and shows how a deeper understanding of natural selection is far more useful and powerful than we think.

► *Non-Fiction*



OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

Paul Stob

Empire of Skulls: Phrenology, the Fowler Family, and a New Nation's Quest to Unlock the Secrets of the Mind An absorbing tale of science and showmanship, ideology and enterprise, that provides not just a fascinating history of our country, but also crucial insight into the deep currents that continue to propel modern life.

► *History*

AUTHOR SIGNINGS

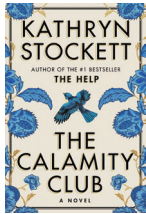
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CUMBERLAND TENT

Kathryn Stockett

The Calamity Club:A Novel Abandoned by her mother one Christmas Eve, eleven-year-old Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one. Now one of the unadoptable "big girls" at the Lafayette County Orphan Asylum, she fights each day to keep her spirit unbowed. Birdie Calhoun, unmarried and outspoken, has come to Oxford to ask her socialite sister to help the struggling family she's left behind. But as the Depression tightens its grip, Birdie discovers her sister's seemingly charmed life is a tapestry of lies.

► *Fiction*



HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Sadeqa Johnson, Shannon Sanders,

Stephanie Soileau

Keeper of Lost Children:A Novel, The Great Wherever, Should the Waters Take Us These novels explore through diverse casts of characters how love is the web that weaves family, history, and the earth together to form who we are.

► *Fiction*

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Soman Chainani, Christen Randall

Young World:A Novel, According to Plan:A Novel Though the responsibilities of the President and a school newspaper editor differ, these novels explore the leadership of the young in power, and their resilience when things don't go according to plan.

► *Young Adult*

1:00-1:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 1 pm

Richard Schweid, Maria Semple, Jayne Anne Phillips, J. Vanessa Lyon, Chris Pavone, George Singleton, Bradley Sides, Deb Olin Unferth, Alexandra Oliva, Susanna Chapman, Austin Sauerbrei, Kathryn Stockett

► *Signings*

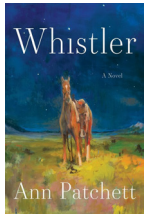
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CUMBERLAND TENT

Ann Patchett

Whistler:A Novel When Daphne Fuller and her husband Jonathan visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they notice an older, white-haired gentleman following them. The man turns out to be Eddie Triplett, her former stepfather, who had been married to her mother for a little more than year when Daphne was nine. Now fifty-three, Daphne hasn't seen Eddie for many years, not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives. Meeting again, time falls away; while their relationship was brief, it had a profound impact on them both, and now that they are reunited, they have no intention of ever being separated again.

► *Fiction*



CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Isaac Fitzgerald

American Rambler: Walking the Trail of Johnny Appleseed

As a child, Isaac Fitzgerald was captivated by Johnny Appleseed, drawn to the legend by family ties, his father's larger-than-life stories, and a shared restlessness to leave home and discover what lay beyond.

► *History*

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Kelsey Day, Kristin Tubb

The Spiral Key, The Spiritualists Revenge and betrayal saturate the lives of young adults in any world: fantastical or real. Set on the backdrops of clairvoyants and psychics or virtual worlds, teens struggle with friendship and the extent they're willing to go to get their revenge.

► *Young Adult*



OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

Christina Baker Kline

The Foursome:A Novel From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Christina Baker Kline comes a boldly original reimagining of the astonishing true story of two sisters in nineteenth-century North Carolina — Kline's own distant relatives — who married world-famous conjoined twins from Siam.

► *Fiction*

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Lisa E. Davis

Our Minds Were Always Free:A History of How Black Brilliance Was Exploited—and the Fight to Retake Control When we think about the things that have barred success for African Americans, intellectual property law is hardly the first thing that comes to mind, if we even think of it all. We certainly don't think of it as the launching pad for building generational wealth in the Black community, so it follows that we don't see our favorite pop stars as revolutionary race warriors.

► *Non-Fiction*

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Max Boot in Conversation with Lamar

Alexander

Reagan: His Life and Legend In this "monumental and impressive" biography, Max Boot, the distinguished political columnist, illuminates the untold story of Ronald Reagan, revealing the man behind the mythology.

► *Biography*

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

Max Dosser, Sheree Renée Thomas

Nostalgic Futures: The Reactionary Fantasies of Speculative Fiction Fandoms, The Tongue I Dream In: Poems Speculative fiction imagines impossible futures and alternative pasts, alien species and angelic monsters, technological marvels and magical solutions. Dosser and Thomas are experts in this emerging field and will discuss current and future trends.

► *Science Fiction*

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Sarah Beth Durst

Sea of Charms:A Novel Betrayed by love, she lives and works as a supply runner, sailing from island to island, delivering an array of goods with Perri the sea serpent and Ree the sailor shrub as her crew. On one of her routine trips to the capital, Alyssium, Marin finds a revolution underway—and her friend Dax in the line of fire. What starts as a rescue evolves into a deal: She will keep Dax on as a member of her crew if he pretends to be her boyfriend at the End-of-Harvest Festival back home. But against her better judgment, Marin finds herself intrigued by his stubbornness, his passion for stories, his charming smile—and realizes that perhaps she isn't saving him. Maybe it's the other way around.

► *Fantasy*

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Sun Yung Shin

Heart Eater:A Memoir of Immigration, Belonging, and How We Find Ourselves in Language Heart Eater traces the author's childhood and how she went from being a nameless, abandoned nine-month-old baby in Seoul, South Korea, to, as an adult, becoming an award-winning Asian American author who writes in multiple genres.

► *Autobiography/Memoir*

2:00-2:40

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Nashville Puppet Truck presents

Hansel and Gretel

The classic Brothers Grimm tale is told with the charming Peeko Puppets. Be enchanted as two siblings face challenges that test their courage in difficult times. Run time: 30 minutes

► *Creativity Land Activity*

2:00-2:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 2 pm

Soman Chainani, Christen Randall, Stephanie Soileau, Sadeqa Johnson, Shannon Sanders, Owen D. Jones, David Haskell, Ayad Akhtar, Amanda Foody, M.J. Hastings, C.L. Herman, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Eleanor Spicer Rice, Paul Stob

► *Signings*

3:00-4:00

CUMBERLAND TENT

Belle Burden

Strangers:A Memoir of Marriage In March 2020, Belle Burden was safe and secure with her family at their house on Martha's Vineyard, navigating the early days of the pandemic together—building fires in the late afternoons, drinking whisky sours, making roast chicken. Then, with no warning or explanation, her husband of twenty years announced that he was leaving her. Overnight, her caring, steady partner became a man she hardly recognized. He exited his life with her like an actor shrugging off a costume.

► *Autobiography/Memoir*

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

B.B. Reid

Chrysalis:A Novel Aurelia George was prepared to let the world believe she was dead. Tangled in the arms of her mountain men and bound only by the rules they make, the twice disgraced pop star had found her happily ever after. Or so she thought.

► *Romance*

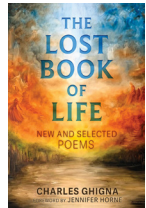
WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

Charles Ghigna

The Lost Book of Life: New and Selected Poems

Spanning five decades of poetic mastery, The Lost Book of Life: New and Selected Poems is the definitive collection from Charles Ghigna, a beloved and influential voice in contemporary Southern poetry. Drawing from fourteen previous volumes and featuring thirty-seven new poems, this landmark collection captures the full arc of Ghigna's creative evolution, from his early meditations on nature and family to his later reflections on memory, mortality, and the enduring power of love.

► *Poetry*



SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Kristin Kobes du Mez

Live Laugh Love: The Secret History of White Christian Women and the World They Made In her "paradigm-influencing" (*Christianity Today*) bestseller Jesus and John Wayne, which has changed how countless Americans understand their faith, historian Kristin Kobes Du Mez showed how evangelicals made Jesus into an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism. Now she uncovers the roots of today's glittering, Instagram-ready culture of white Christian femininity.

► *Non-Fiction*

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Robyn Wall Reading and

Activity for All Ages

Candi the Candicorn Join author Robyn Wall as she reads her book and then dig into a craft inspired by the story of Candi the Candicorn!

► *Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book*

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Lauren Nossett, Gin Phillips, Henry Wise

Indie Darling:A Novel, Ruby Falls:A Novel, Promised Land:A Novel

Three atmospheric mysteries use the landscape, history, and people of the South to tell gripping stories.

► *Mystery/Thriller*

AUTHOR SIGNINGS

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CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Michael Buckley, Greg Howard, Marissa Macy

The Weirdies Get Weirder, The Travelers, Spells to Mend Broken Hearts These kids discover that they won't only be adjusting to new homes, towns, or guardians after moving, but to magic, spells, ghosts, creepy manors, and the unknown. But with teams of friends by their sides, the weirdness might be manageable.

► *Middle Grade*



NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

The Vanderbilt University Literary Prize with Stephanie Niu and Melissa Range

I Would Define the Sun: Poems, Printer's First: Poems The Vanderbilt University Literary Prize is awarded annually to the sole author of a full-length collection of poetry that demonstrates great poignancy combined with rigor in form, language and artistic vision. Past winner Stephanie Niu and current honoree Melissa Range share the works that brought them the honor.

► *Poetry*

3:00-3:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 3 pm

Sun Yung Shin, Sarah Beth Durst, Max Dosser, Christina Baker Kline, Sheree Renée Thomas, Max Boot, Lisa E. Davis, Kristin O'Donnell Tubb, Kelsey Day, Isaac Fitzgerald, Ann Patchett, Belle Burden

► *Signings*

3:30-4:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND Meet Little Critter

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► *Creativity Land Activity*



4:00-5:00

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Lindsay Owens

Gouged: The End of a Fair Price—and What That Means for Your Wallet Everywhere you turn, Americans are getting ripped off: Online ticket sellers hide behind exorbitant extra fees. Landlords use software to band together and organize artificial rent hikes. Ride-sharing apps spike their fares when it rains. And car companies install software that reports your driving behavior to auto insurance companies so that they can hike your premiums. Surveillance pricing, algorithmic price fixing, and other high-tech forms of price gouging are the latest frontiers in corporate profiteering—and they're gutting the American economy and your wallet.

► *Non-Fiction*



HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

David Haskell

How Flowers Made Our World We live on a floral planet, yet flowers don't get the credit they deserve. We admire them for their aesthetics, not their power. In this examination of the role flowers played in creating the world we know today, David George Haskell observes, smells, and studies flowers such as magnolias, orchids, and roses, as well as fascinating but less celebrated flowers such as seagrasses and tea to show us what we've been missing.

► *Nature*



CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Caroline Hallemann

The Kennedys and the Windsors: The Story of Two Dynasties, One Born, One Made For nearly a century, two families an ocean apart have captured the world's collective imagination: the



British Windsors and the American Kennedys. Much ink has been spilled on their individual trysts, tragedies, and triumphs over the years, but no one has examined their powerful and intertwined legacies. Until now.

► *History*

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Erin Miller Reid

But for Fortune: A Novel Blooming from the seeds of author Erin Miller Reid's family history, *But for Fortune* follows two women fifty years apart as they attempt to give voice to their own silenced realities. What unfolds is a whirling intergenerational exploration of mental illness, discrimination, and the insidious nature of family secrets.

► *Fiction*

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Claudia Rankine

Triage Claudia Rankine has widened contemporary literature with her consciousness-raising, genre-defying works. In her first book after her celebrated American trilogy, presented with full-color visuals, Rankine shifts into sustained narrative, memory, criticism, and essay to offer her most personal and emotionally resonant writing yet.

► *Fiction*



OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

Film Screening: Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World

Celebrate the life and career of Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Mary Oliver. Shaped by a solitary childhood and rising literary fame, Oliver published more than 30 collections of poetry and essays on nature, beauty, and love.

► *Poetry*

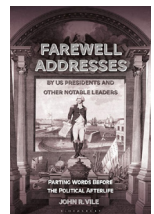
WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

John Vile

Farewell Addresses by U.S. Presidents and Other Notable Leaders

Presidents have numerous attempts to say hello, not simply when they give a victory speech on election night, but also when they announce their candidacies, accept their party's nominations, and otherwise campaign throughout the nation. Opportunities for saying goodbye are less regular; in part because presidents are sometimes struck down before the completion of their terms and in part because not all choose to do so in a formal speech. When presidents do choose to give a formal farewell address, however, the speech is an invaluable glimpse into not only the figure who gave it but also the larger political landscape of the time. This book details the evolution of the presidential farewell address, documenting how the genre has shifted and become more institutionalized over time.

► *History*



HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Julianna Glasse, Emilee Hackney, Josiah Hesse

This is What Happens When Women Read, All That's Unseen, On Fire for God: Fear, Shame, Poverty, and the Making of the Christian Right Three memoirs speak in conversation with one another about evangelical religious trauma, as these authors share their individual stories of reclaiming freedom through education and questioning.

► *Autobiography/Memoir*



CUMBERLAND TENT

Kim Holderness, Penn Holderness

Get it Done and Have Fun! ADHD Hacks for Awesome Kids Hi there! I'm Squeaky McGee. I am a squirrel who has ADHD.



Maybe you have a brain that's like mine? I love an adventure all of the time! But do chores get you down--do you find them a bore? Like brushing your teeth or mopping the floor? I'll help you do them! I've got your back! There's this new thing, I call it a HACK. Written in playful rhyme and filled with humor, this engaging picture book will help all young readers successfully tackle that boring list of household to-do's that challenge us all!

► *Non-Fiction, Picture Book*

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Micaiah Johnson,

Yah Yah Scholfield

The Unhaunting: A Novel, On Sundays She Picked Flowers: A Novel

One house is haunted one house is not, but both tell stories of making peace with ghosts.

► *Horror*



NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Susannah Felts in Conversation with Margaret Renkl

The Come Apart: A Novel Drifting in and out of songwriting sessions, cozy kitchens, and moments of bearing witness to the curious power of the natural world, *The Come Apart* celebrates the times when we must come fully undone in order to put ourselves back together.

► *Fiction*

4:00-4:30

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND



Dr. Rosa Vásquez Espinoza

The Spirit of the Rainforest: How Indigenous Wisdom and Scientific Curiosity Reconnects Us to the Natural World Come along and learn from scientist Dr Rosa Vásquez

Espinoza as part of the STEAM Festival.

► *Creativity Land Activity, Environment*

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 4 pm

Stephanie Niu, Melissa Range, Michael Buckley, Greg Howard, Marissa Macy, Lindsay Owens, Henry Wise, Gin Phillips, Lauren Nosselt, Kristin Kobes du Mez, Charles Ghigna, B.B. Reid, Robyn Wall

► *Signings*

4:30-5:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Poetry Piñata Smash

SMASH! CREATE!

► *Creativity Land Activity*



5:00-5:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/17 at 5 pm

Susannah Felts, Yah Yah Scholfield, Micaiah Johnson, Penn Holderness, Kim Holderness, Julianna Glasse, Emilee Hackney, Josiah Hesse, John Vile, Claudia Rankine, Erin Miller Reid, Caroline Hallemann, Dr Rosa Vásquez Espinoza

► *Signings*



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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10:00-11:00

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Eiman Jahangir

A Heart for Space: An Astronaut's Guide to Achieving the Impossible In this bold and heartfelt story of ambition and belonging, Eiman Jahangir charts a path from immigrant beginnings to historic spaceflight--and challenges readers to aim higher than they ever thought possible.

► *Autobiography/Memoir*

OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

J.W. Mason

Against Money In this revelatory book, economists J.W. Mason and Arjun Jayadev explain how and why money is so deeply misunderstood by the world it dominates--as well as the dangerous social implications of this misunderstanding.

► *Non-Fiction*

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Jamie Fisher, Emily Lordi

Nobody Broke Your Heart: An Intimate Biography of Elliott Smith, Holding Lightning: The Life, Loves, and Art of Whitney Houston From the explosive superstardom of Whitney Houston to the powerful legacy of Elliot Smith, these music biographies tell the stories of beloved musicians. Both artists struggled with fame, and both biographers explore these legacies in loving depth.

► *Music*

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

Kristy Woodson Harvey

Falling for Peachtree Bluff: A Novel Eldest sister Caroline has never been happier: The family business is thriving, her kids are great, and her sister Emerson's hunky costar has absolutely swept her off her feet. But when her not-quite-ex-husband decides it's high time he begged Caroline for a second chance, she is thrown into the midst of a love triangle she never saw coming.

► *Fiction*

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Linda Carman, Mindy Merrell, R.B. Quinn

Self-Rising: The Magic Rise Behind Biscuit and Cornbread Culture

reveals how a combination of simple ingredients sparked a quiet culinary and cultural revolution.

► *Cookbook*



HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Lokelani Alabanza, Blair LM Kelley, Otis Sanford

Ice Cream Queen, Black Freedom: A Visual History of Juneteenth and Emancipation Days, Newsman: The Road from Route 2 Box 9 Black excellence is not celebrated enough in our culture. Through biography, memoir, and a celebration of Juneteenth, these black writers bring us stories of remarkable achievement and reason for celebration.

► *History*

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

Luke Pounder, Tristan Tales

The Cogsworths Three mechanically created siblings set out to uncover the truth behind their inventor mother's disappearance in this whimsical mystery adventure from renowned social media storytellers Tristan Tales and Luke Pounder.

► *Middle Grade*

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Sisters in Crime with Meredith R. Lyons, Jaden Terrell, Oliver Kelly and Roy Hiller

Join Sisters in Crime members for a session entitled "Creating



the Perfect Villain." This session is for readers and would-be mystery writers.

► *Mystery/Thriller*

10:00-10:20

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND Maya Myers Reading and Activity for All Ages

Good Morning, Morning! Welcome the morning with Maya Myers as she reads her book and leads participants in an activity!

► *Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book*



10:20-11:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel

The classic Brothers Grimm tale is told with the charming Peeko Puppets. Be enchanted as two siblings face challenges that test their courage in difficult times.

Running time: 30 minutes

► *Creativity Land Activity*



11:00-12:00

CUMBERLAND TENT

Arnold Myint

Family Thai: Bringing the Flavors of Thailand Home In *Family Thai*, Arnold breaks down an often-intimidating cuisine into accessible building blocks for every home cook, beginning with pantry staples--what's fish sauce? what are the differences between soy sauces?--and moving on to teaching readers essential skills like how to steam the perfect sticky rice or how to make their own noodles if they can't find them stocked nearby.

► *Cookbook*

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Christina Soontornvat, DK Yingst

The Luckies, Baby-Sitters Little Sister: Karen's New Year Two step-sisters have very different views toward living together. A little sister tries to get her family to stick to their New Year's promises. These illustrated books about sisterhood explore what it takes to bring and keep a family together.

► *Middle Grade*



HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Dave Zirin

The People's Historian: The Outsized Life of Howard Zinn New York Times bestselling author Dave Zirin, The People's Historian is a deeply researched biography of Howard Zinn, the beloved author of the classic national bestseller with more than four million copies sold, *A People's History of the United States*.

► *Biography*

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Erin McCoy, Alice Martin, Deb Olin Unferth

Underlake, Westward Women: A Novel, Earth 7 The powerful pull of water is centered in these two atmospheric novels. McCoy explores an underworld community, while Martin writes of women pulled via an invisible force toward the ocean. In Unferth's novel, the ocean plays a role in the question of what Earth may look like in the future.

► *Fiction*

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY

J.T. Ellison

You Know Why: A Novel It's the holidays, and photographer Brooklyn Locke is bound for Italy with her husband, Trey, and their two children. But when Trey vanishes from the airport, missing their connecting flight, their impromptu vacation--and life as she knows it--begins to unravel.

► *Mystery/Thriller*

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY

Kwoya Fagin Maples, Amy Speace

Long Eye: Poems, The Cardinals: Poems Together these poetry collections span from sea to sky, weaving threads through everything in between and emerging as an anthem of the power, love and longing of American women.

► *Poetry*

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY

Susan Finch, Lydia Mathis

Dear Second Husband, Desperate Bodies: Stories Two collections of short stories from various perspectives highlight the importance of honest storytelling, in empowering women and in forging connections between humans.

► *Short Story*



OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

W. Jason Miller

Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood: Nina Simone, Langston Hughes, and the Birth of Black Power Langston Hughes and Nina Simone had one of the most important--yet unheralded--friendships of the Black Power era. In *Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood*, W. Jason Miller offers a riveting history of how their relationship helped spark the birth of Black Power.

► *Music*

11:00-11:30

SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 11 am

Luke Pounder, Tristan Tales, Lokelani Alabanza, Otis Sanford, Blair LM Kelley, Mindy Merrell, Linda Carman, R.B. Quinn, Kristy Woodson Harvey, Emily Lordi, Jamie Fisher, J.W. Mason, Eiman, Jahangir, Maya Myers, Sisters in Crime

► *Signings*

11:00-12:00

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM

Caroline Brooks DuBois, Amy Sarig King

All the Sunshine in the World, It Came from the Creek These middle grade novels traverse two searches for justice and discover how much further the search can go when people come together.

► *Middle Grade*



11:30-12:00

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Meet Little Critter

Character meet and greet with Mercer Mayer's Little Critter

► *Creativity Land Activity*



12:00-12:30

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND

Grace Lin Reading and Activity for All Ages

The Little Stone Buddha Join Grace Lin as she reads her book and leads participants in an activity!

► *Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book*



12:00-1:00

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)

Colin Asher

Midnight Special: The Secret Prison History of American Music In American popular music, we often glorify rebellious artists and "outlaws." But in *The Midnight Special*, Colin Asher tells a deeper story about the criminal justice system's impact on our musicians, explored through compelling portraits of five artists whose careers span the twentieth century.

► *Music*

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HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY
Lawrence Wells

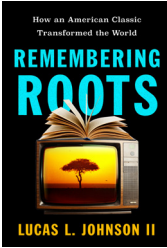
Backstory:A Literary Life on the Run For every published article there is a backstory of behind-the-scenes adventures. Between 1980 and 2000, Dean Faulkner Wells and Lawrence Wells traveled coast to coast on magazine assignments.The book reveals how unexpected events played a major role in each article.
►Travel

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY
Olivie Blake, Nathaniel Rich

Dreamland:A Novel, Cloudthief When the world pushes you to your limits, you push back. Set in the world of underground L.A. and data centers gobbling up the land, these exquisite novels give you someone, and something, to root for.
►Fiction

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY
Lucas L. Johnson

Remembering Roots: How an American Classic Transformed the World As we approach the 50th anniversaries of Alex Haley's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Roots* (1976) and its landmark television adaptation (1977), journalist and storyteller Lucas L. Johnson II reflects on the enduring legacy of Haley's work through the voices of those it continues to move, including scholars, artists, genealogists, students, and original cast members like LeVar Burton and Ben Vereen.
►History



NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY
Patricia Lockwood

Agate Head / Stone Soup Many have called Patricia Lockwood a wordsmith, but in the latest iteration of her life, she has become, quite literally, a metalsmith too. Stones, gems, metals, fossils--she forges them into bodies, faces, and, with her typical irreverence, vaginas.
►Poetry

OBION ROOM: LIBRARY
Sarah Goodyear, Doug Gordon

Life After Cars: Freeing Ourselves from the Tyranny of the Automobile When the very first cars rolled off production lines, they were a technological marvel, predicted to make life easier and better for all Americans; yet a hundred years later, that dream is running on empty. Instead of unbounded freedom, the never-ending proliferation of automobiles has delivered a host of costs, among them the demolition of our neighborhoods, towns, and cities to make way for car infrastructure; an epidemic of violent death; countless hours lost in traffic; isolation from our fellow human beings; and the ongoing destruction of the natural world.
►Non-Fiction

SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM
Sharon Cameron, Andrea L. Rogers

Up From the Ashes:A Novel, Death in the Tallgrass How do we make history interesting and relatable to young readers? Cameron and Rodgers are two middle grade writers who bring the past to life for readers.
►Middle Grade

12:00-12:30
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 12 pm
W, Jason Miller; Lydia Mathis, Susan Finch, Kwoya Fagin Maples, Amy Speace, J.T. Ellison, Alice Martin, Deb Olin Unferth, Erin L McCoy, Dave Zirin, DK Yingst, Christina Soontornvat, Arnold Myint
►Signings

12:30-1:30
CUMBERLAND TENT
Silas House in Conversation with Kevin Wilson
The Tulip Poplar is a gorgeous and moving novel spanning most

of the 20th century, centering on four people trying to find happiness in a world that demands conventional choices. House tells a deeply intimate story of faith and doubt, race and class, sexual desire and the longing to be good when you've been taught that you are evil for loving who you love.
►Fiction

12:30-1:00
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 12:30 pm
Caroline Brooks DuBois, Amy Sarig King
►Signings

1:00-2:00
SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Elizabeth Kostova
Mystery Play:A Novel After his beloved mother passes away suddenly, Jay Turner finds himself at a crossroads. She was always secretive, and when he returns to their Boston home to clear out her possessions, he finds an unusual item: a partially burned scrap of newspaper bearing the name "Gael Brogan." Soon after, a deliveryman leaves behind a package containing a small antique volume bound in leather--and two bloody footprints.
►Historical Fiction

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)
Jordan Ritter Conn, Bill Friskics-Warren, Paul Shupe *American Men, The Wilderness of Friendship: Forty Years of Hospitality, Vulnerability, and Wonder* The loneliness epidemic and our fragmented society have had a profound impact on men..The session reveals study of men affected by our isolated world and a group of men who have defied the stereotype with a decades-long friendship.
►Non-Fiction

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY
Lauren Acampora, Devon Halliday

The Animal Room: Stories, To Stay, to Stay, to Stay Lives naturally interconnect in a small town, especially when that small town includes eclectic people prone to the entwining of rumors and secrets.This session explores the beauty in the ordinary and fragile web of lives American neighborhoods create.
►Fiction

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY
Mark Johnson, Rebecca Lang, Jimmy Proffitt

American Bacon:The History of a Food Phenomenon, Pimento Cheese:The Southern Spread, Seasoned in Appalachia From bacon to pimento cheese to Appalachian cuisine, these books explore how history shapes our food and how our food shapes our history.
►Cookbook



CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY
Molly Irani

Service Ready:A Story of Love, Restaurants, and the Power of Hospitality Molly Irani, the visionary cofounder of the James Beard Award-winning restaurant Chai Pani, shares her passion for hospitality and story of building a thriving business that puts people first.
►Cookbook

BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND
Jessica Hische Reading and Activity for All Ages

I'll Be Happy Join Jessica Hische as she reads her book and leads participants in an activity!
►Creativity Land Activity,Picture Book

1:00-1:30
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 1 pm
Sharon Cameron, Andrea L. Rogers, Sarah Goodyear, Doug

Gordon, Patricia Lockwood, Olivie Blake, Nathaniel Rich, Lucas L. Johnson, LawrenceWells, Grace Lin, Colin Asher
►Signings

1:00-2:00
OBION ROOM: LIBRARY

Keith O'Brien, Erin Osmon
Heartland:A Forgotten Place, An Impossible Dream, and the Miracle of Larry Bird ,Won't Back Down: Heartland Rock and the Fight for America These tales from the Heartland explore sports and music as cultural forces that shape how we view ourselves and our societies. O'Brien is the biographer of heartland hero Larry Bird. Osmon delves into the legacy of heartland rock music.
►Music, Non-Fiction

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM
Amisha Padnani

The Woman Who Heard the Sun and Other True Stories Overlooked by History This collection of ten true stories about dreamers and doers, from scientists to stuntwomen, celebrates larger-than-life heroes who have gone unappreciated--until now!
►Non-Fiction, Middle Grade

1:30-2:00
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 1:30 pm
Silas House, Keith O'Brien, Erin Osmon
►Signings

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM
Joe Pagetta, Sheri Lea Sellmeyer

The Apostle of Tennessee, Nashville's New Americans:Tracing the Journeys of Our Immigrant Neighbors From an early priest who built churches across the state to the newest citizens shaping Nashville's future, this session explores the history that shaped us and where we might be headed.
►History

2:00-3:00
SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM

Allegra Goodman
This Is Not About Us:A Novel When their beloved sister passes away, Sylvia and Helen Rubinstein are unmoored.A misunderstanding about apple cake turns into a decade of stubborn silence.
►Fiction

CUMBERLAND TENT
Danica McKellar

I Love You 100:A Counting Book Full of Love As a mother and son move through their day, Mom counts up all the many moments and reasons that she loves her kiddo--while helping the reader learn to count up to 100!Whether the duo is playing with toy boats, swinging, or cleaning up messes, there is no shortage of love.
►Picture Book

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY
Erik Hendrikx in Conversation with Jake Kiszka

Motorcycle Life In *Motorcycle Life*, author and journalist Erik Hendrikx brings together more than 100 riders from across the globe in a visually rich exploration of what draws people to two wheels--and why they never leave.
►Non-Fiction

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY
Jeremy Lloyd, Zackary Vernon
Forest Time: Footnotes to an Outdoor Education, Eating on a Mountain at the End of the World After encountering the mountains, these authors investigate our relationship to the earth through the lenses of eating and living.
►Non-Fiction



AUTHOR SIGNINGS Signings will take place in the Signing Tent immediately following sessions.

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY
Joe Bond, Christy Scott

Cashman, Kayla Rae Whitaker Hope House:A Novel, What Happened in Beulah:A Novel, Returns and Exchanges:A Novel Set in the American Southeast in the 1980's, these books tell stories of making a home through courage, care, and honesty.
►Fiction



HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY
Madeline Taylor

Heir of Illusion:The Verran Isles Series Book One Blessed with the power of illusion, Iverson Pomeroy has many tricks up her sleeve. However, none are a match for the enchanted collar at her throat that keeps her bound as assassin and mistress to a ruthless king.
►Fantasy

OBION ROOM: LIBRARY
Robbi Behr, Matthew Swanson

Life on the Moon The extraordinary tale of a curious boy sent to live on the moon, the wondrous discoveries he makes, and the courage it takes to speak a truth no one wants to believe.The first rule of life on the moon is:There is no life on the moon.The second rule is: Don't ask questions.
►Graphic Novel, Middle Grade

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)
Varina Buntin Willse

Beneath and Between:And Other Overlooked Words that Illuminate God What if God is not just above us but also beneath and between, alongside and among? In lush and literary prose, writer Varina Buntin Willse invites us to encounter the omnipresence of God through the lens of the lowliest of all parts of speech: the preposition.The result is nothing short of revelatory.
►Non-Fiction

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM
Drew Brockington

CatStronauts: Module Mayhem The bestselling *CatStronauts* series continues in the eighth hiss-terical book about a special cat that gets stranded in space!
►Graphic Novel

2:00-2:40
BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND
Nashville Puppet Truck presents Hansel and Gretel

The classic Brothers Grimm tale is told with the charming Peeko Puppets. Be enchanted as two siblings face challenges that test their courage in difficult times. Running time: 30 minutes
►Creativity Land Activity

2:00-2:30
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 2 pm
Molly Irani, Jimmy Proffitt, Mark A. Johnson, Rebecca Lang, Devon Halliday, Lauren Acampora, Jordan Ritter Conn, Bill Friskics-Warren, Paul Shupe, Elizabeth Kostova, Jessica Hische, Sheri Lea Sellmeyer, Joe Pagetta
►Signings

2:30-3:00
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 2:30 pm
Amisha Padnani
►Signings

3:00-4:00
BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND
Shanna Upchurch Reading and Activity for All Ages
The Honeybee Highway Shanna Upchurch will read from her book and lead participants in an activity!
►Creativity Land Activity, Picture Book

OBION ROOM: LIBRARY
Lydi Conklin, Zane McNeill

Songs of No Provenance, Be Gay Do Crime: Everyday Acts of Queer Resistance and Rebellion In fiction and nonfiction, LGBTQ writers give voice to the struggle for equality. McNeill is an activist, providing specific ways that the community and its allies can bring equality. Conklin's novel is an exploration of queer identity and the role of art in becoming ones self.
►Fiction, Non-Fiction

NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY
Donna Mintz

Stars at Noon Weaving essay, memoir, and natural history with biography, *Stars at Noon* is one artist's pilgrimage through a book and a love letter to its author, James Agee, whose untimely death becomes the thread connecting it all.
►Autobiography/Memoir

CONASAUGA ROOM: LIBRARY
Donovan McAbee, Justin Wymer

Holy the Body: Poems, Let the Forest Go: Poems Two poets discuss trauma, grief, memory and the search for beauty both in life and through the art of poetry.
►Poetry

HIWASSEE TENT: MUSEUM (OUTDOORS)
John Garrison Marks, Susan Eva O'Donovan, Gautham Rao

Thy Will Be Done: George Washington's Legacy of Slavery and the Fight for American Memory, Moving Toward Freedom:The Political Education of Enslaved Americans, White Power: Policing American Slavery From the earliest days of the United States before it existed as a nation, slavery was upheld by written law.These histories explore those laws from George Washington through the Civil War; and how slaves developed the knowledge to assist in attaining their freedom.
►History



SEQUATCHIE ROOM: MUSEUM
Kelli Anderson

Alphabet in Motion: How Letters Get Their Shape Ever wonder how we ended up with so many different styles of letters? Open any text editor; email client or design app and you will immediately be bombarded with a buffet of typographic choices.
►Non-Fiction

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY
Leon Alligood, Kem Hinton, Kathy Turner

Boss Brooks:A True Story of Fraud, Family, and Forgiveness from Tennessee to Texas, Nether Land: High School Temptation, Insurance Haze, Stolen Resolution, and Murder Tennesseans love a good yarn, and these two books spin fasciating and true ones.Turner and Alligood unearthed the story of a banker who faked his death to escape fraud charges. Hinton spend decades tracking down the true story of a former classmate turned embezzler.
►True Crime

CUMBERLAND TENT
Ruta Sepetys

A Fortune of Sand:A Novel Marjorie Lennox is the youngest daughter of a powerful Detroit dynasty--a family rich in money and poor in charm. Creative, reckless, and never quite what they wanted, Marjorie has spent her life overlooked by her controlling father and self-absorbed siblings. But when she secretly applies to an elite arts program backed by a mysterious patron, she grabs the chance to finally step out of her family's shadow.
►Historical Fiction

CANEY FORK ROOM: LIBRARY
The Curry Boys

Asian Smoke:Thai and Southeast Asian Barbecue from the Curry Boys Make your barbecue more exciting, colorful, flavorful, and adventuresome than you ever imagined possible by mastering the amazing smoke-kissed recipes in Asian Smoke.
►Cookbook

WOLF ROOM: MUSEUM
Anthony Cavender, Buck Turner

Mary Hess, Smoky Mountain Witch:A Novel, Evergreen The American South is among the most globally recognizable cultures, thanks in large part to the fiction that keeps its culture and traditions alive. Cavender and Turner continue that tradition with novels set in communities of place.
►Fiction

3:00-3:30
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 3 pm
Varina Buntin Willse, Madeline Taylor, Kayla Rae Whitaker, Christy Scott Cashman, Joe Bond, Zackary Vernon, Jeremy Lloyd, Erik Hendrikx, Danica McKellar, Allegra Goodman, Robbi Behr, Matthew Swanson
►Signings

3:30-4:00
BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND
Meet Little Critter
Character meet and greet with Mercer Mayer's Little Critter
►Creativity Land Activity



SIGNING TENT
Signing Block 10/18 at 3:30 pm

Drew Brockington
►Signings

4:00-5:00
NOLICHUCKY ROOM: LIBRARY

Dorothy Roberts
The Mixed Marriage Project:A Memoir of Love, Race, and Family A spirited and riveting memoir of growing up in an interracial family in 1960s Chicago and a daughter's journey to understand her parents' marriage--and her own identity.
►Autobiography/Memoir

HARPETH ROOM: LIBRARY
Laura Hutson Hunter, Sai Clayton, Katie Delmez, Shaun Giles

In Her Place Nashville Artists in the Twenty-First Century In Her Place charts a network of artists working at a high caliber with deceptively specific criteria--they are all women, and they all work in Nashville, Tennessee.
►Non-Fiction

4:00-4:30
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 4 pm
The Curry Boys, Ruta Sepetys, Kem G. Hinton, Kathy Bingham Turner, Leon Alligood, Kelli Anderson, Gautham Rao, Susan Eva O'Donovan, John Garrison Marks, Justin Wymer, Donovan McAbee, Shanna Upchurch, Z Zane McNeill, Lydi Conklin, Donna Mintz
►Signings

4:30-5:00
BIG FIERY GIZZARD & LITTLE PIGEON'S CREATIVITY LAND
Poetry Piñata Smash
SMASH! CREATE!
►Creativity Land Activity

SIGNING TENT
Signing Block 10/18 at 4:30 pm

Anthony P. Cavender, Buck Turner
►Signings

5:00-5:30
SIGNING TENT

Signing Block 10/18 at 5 pm
Dorothy Roberts, Laura Hutson Hunter, Sai Clayton, Katie Delmez, Shaun Giles
►Signings

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