Author Events at the Main Library

Author Event with Michael Belanger

Saturday, September 22 from 2 - 3 p.m.
Banx Room - Main Library

Michael Belanger will discuss the inspiration for *The History of Jane Doe* and the process of getting it published, from the initial idea to finding an agent and editor. He will also read selections from the book. Q & A and book signing to follow.

Author Event with Gary Gemme

Tuesday, September 25 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Fiction Area - Main Library

Former Worcester Police Chief Gary Gemme will be reading from and discussing the process of writing and publishing his debut novel *Margaret’s Dove*, a love story set on the Cape and Nashville Tennessee. Q & A and book signing to follow.

*Idol Talk: Author Panel Includes Elizabeth Searle, Suzanne Strempek Shea and Caitlin McCarthy*

Saturday, November 3 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Fiction Area - Main Library

Authors Elizabeth Searle, Suzanne Strempek Shea and Caitlin McCarthy discuss their latest work, the anthology *Idol Talk: Women Writers on the Teenage Infatuations that Changed Their Lives*. Q & A and book signing to follow.

And More!

How to Get a Literary Agent

Tuesday, October 9 from 6 - 7 p.m.
Fiction Area - Main Library

Literary agent Lorin Rees of the Rees Literary Agency in Boston will present the ins and outs of obtaining literary representation and how writers can effectively bring their ideas to fruition.

How to Get Published

Tuesday, November 13 from 6 - 7 p.m.
Fiction Area - Main Library

Owner and literary agent Amaryah Orenstein of GO Literary, a boutique agency in Boston, knows what publishers want to see. Join us to learn how to successfully present and submit your work.

Adult Fall Reading Recommendations 2018

Selected by WPL Librarians

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**Fiction**

**The Overstory by Richard Powers**

A novel of activism and natural-world power presents interlocking fables about nine strangers who are summoned by trees for an ultimate, brutal stand to save the continent’s few remaining acres of virgin forest.

**The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner**

Romy Hall is sentenced to two life sentences at a women’s correctional facility. Outside is her youth and her son Jackson. Inside is thousands of women hustling for bare essentials needed to survive, and the deadpan absurdities of institutional living.

**Awayland Stories by Ramona Ausubel**

An inventive story collection explores themes of love, identity, coming of age, and parenthood as they are shaped by mythology in different world regions.

**The Book of M by Peng Shepherd**

In a dangerous near-future world where a phenomenon causes people to gain strange new powers but lose their memories, Ory and his wife journey through a perilous, unrecognizable world in a search for answers.

**All the Names They Use for God by Anjali Sachdeva**

A collection of stories follows a set of protagonists who struggle with fate, from a steel mill worker who is transformed by the power of the furnaces he works with, to a fisherman who succumbs to an obsession while sailing through overfished waters.

**Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions by Mario Giordano**

For fans of *A Man Called Ove* and the novels of Adriana Trigiani: a charming, delightfully sexy, and bighearted novel starring Auntie Poldi, Sicily’s newest amateur sleuth.

**The Perfect Mother by Aimee Molloy**

A group of new moms gather twice weekly at the park to offer companionship before one of the babies is abducted, subjecting his traumatized mother to invasive questions and prompting the others to go to increasingly risky lengths to help.
Non-Fiction

**The Secret Token: Myth, Obsession and the Search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke** by Andrew Lawler
Documents the events surrounding the unsolved 1587 disappearance of the Roanoke Island colony, tracing major investigations from the past 400 years as well as the author’s own findings about how the Lost Colony is tied to today’s America.

**Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century** by Jessica Bruder
The author chronicles her time in a pool of transient older Americans who have taken to the road in late-model RVs, travel trailers, and vans, forming a community of nomads, migrant laborers who call themselves “workampers.”

**The Recovering: Intoxication and Its Aftermath** by Leslie Jamison
An exploration of addiction that blends memoir, cultural history, literary criticism and journalistic reportage to analyze the role of stories in conveying the addiction experience, sharing insights based on the lives of genius artists whose achievements were shaped by addiction.

**Meditation Is Not What You Think** by Jon Kabat-Zinn
Millions of people around the world have taken up a formal mindfulness meditation practice. So what is meditation anyway? And why might it be worth trying?

**Fatal Discord: Erasmus, Luther, and the Fight for the Western Mind by Michael Massing**
Presents an intellectual assessment of the rivalry between Desiderius Erasmus and Martin Luther that examines their respective characters and belief systems, sharing insights into their proper historical roles in western tradition.

**Facts and Fears: Hard Truths From a Life in Intelligence by James Robert Clapper**
The former Director of National Intelligence and senior advisor to Barack Obama details his relationships with multiple presidents, his efforts to make intelligence more transparent, and his decision to step down.

**Our Towns: A 100,000-mile Journey into the Heart of America** by James Fallows and Deborah Fallows
A portrait of the economic renewal underway in American towns draws on the authors’ visits with civic leaders, factory workers, recent immigrants, and young entrepreneurs.

**Real Life Dinners** by Rachel Hollis
Making sure your family is fed makes a day a success, and truly taking the time to give them something wholesome and delicious is the ultimate pleasure.

**Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company That Addicted America** by Beth Macy
A look into America’s twenty-plus year struggle with opioid addiction. From small communities in Central Appalachia to wealthy suburbs; from cities to once-idyllic farm towns; a trajectory that illustrates how this national crisis has persisted for so long and become so firmly entrenched.

**Assume the Worst: The Graduation Speech You’ll Never Hear by Carl Hiaasen**
This is Oh, the Places You’ll Never Go - a hilarious, cynical, but absolutely realistic view of a college graduate’s future, and what he or she can or can’t do about it.

**Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover**
Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. The family was so isolated that there was no one to ensure the children received an education. Tara began to educate herself, learning enough to be admitted to Brigham Young University.