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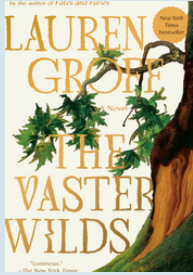
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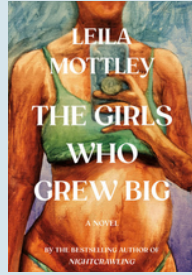
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and browse our full roster of speakers.

New Books 2025/2026

Our speakers have highly anticipated books publishing this year and next. Start planning events around the newest books and future bestsellers.



Lauren Groff
BRAWLER



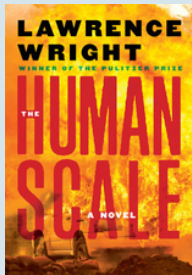
Leila Mottley
THE GIRLS WHO GREW BIG



Namwali Serpell
ON MORRISON



Megha Majumdar
A GUARDIAN AND A THIEF



Larry Wright
THE HUMAN SCALE



Julian Brave NoiseCat
WE SURVIVED THE NIGHT



Taylor Jenkins Reid
ATMOSPHERE



Katie Kitamura
AUDITION



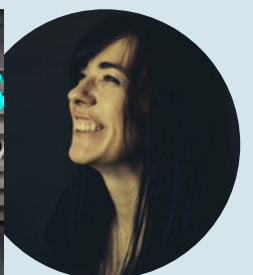
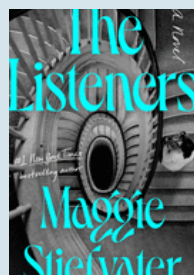
Ocean Vuong
THE EMPEROR OF GLADNESS



Gary Shteyngart
VERA, OR FAITH



Rachel Khong
MY DEAR YOU



Maggie Stiefvater
THE LISTENERS

Community Reads

Searching for a new book for your community reading program? These popular titles unite audiences, foster open dialogue, and spark compelling conversations.

BRIT BENNETT



Brit Bennett appeared on the literary scene with her stunning *New York Times*-bestselling novel, *The Mothers*. Her novel, *The Vanishing Half*, was an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller and was chosen as a Good Morning America Book Club Pick. Her lectures are as unflinching and memorable as her writing and give audiences a window into her craft while exploring broader themes of race and systemic injustice.

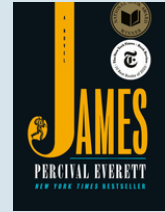


Past Community Reads Pick: Belleville Reads (IL), One Author, One Kirkwood (MO), Seattle Reads (WA), One Book, One Parish (LO), Tacoma Reads (WA)

PERCIVAL EVERETT



Percival Everett is one of the most innovative and prolific writers of our time. A winner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award for Fiction for his novel *James*, a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, his work and talks explore the power of literature to change the way we see the world and the unique influences that inspire us to create art.



Past Community Reads Pick: Greenwich Reads Together (CT)

YAA GYASI



Recipient of the National Book Foundation's 2016 "5 Under 35" Award, Yaa Gyasi is the author of *Transcendent Kingdom* and *Homegoing*. An illuminating speaker, Gyasi captivates audiences with her sincerity and compassion as she explores contemporary craft, cultural identity, and the complex racial landscape of America's past and present.



Past Community Reads Pick: One Book, One Wallingford (CT), NEA Big Read (WI)

J. RYAN STRADAL



J. Ryan Stradal is a writer of incredible range whose *New York Times*-bestselling debut, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, is a big-hearted coming-of-age story that delves deep into the American heartland. Stradal's talks are as generous as his written stories, retracing his unconventional route to writing and filled with anecdotes from his native Minnesota.

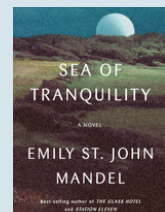


Past Community Reads Pick: Joplin Reads Together (MI)

EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL



Emily St. John Mandel is the author of the critically acclaimed novel *Station Eleven*—a post-apocalyptic novel that Mandel herself calls "a love letter to this extraordinary world in which we live." In her talks, she captivates audiences with stories about her early writing career and her thoughtful reflections on writing literary fiction with the strongest possible narrative drive.



Past Community Reads Pick: NEA Big Read Door County (WI), If All Arkansas Read the Same Book (AR), NEA Big Read Pocumtuck Valley (MA)

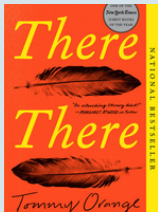
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TOMMY ORANGE



Tommy Orange is the author of *There There*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. This relentlessly paced story introduces readers to a side of America few of us have ever seen: the lives of urban Native Americans. His book, *Wandering Stars*, conjures the ancestors of the family readers know from *There There*. In dynamic and frank in-conversation programs, Orange talks about his writing process and Native American history and culture.

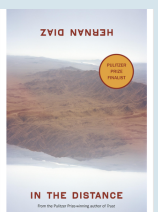


Past Community Reads Pick: One Book, One Philadelphia (PA), Seattle Reads (WA), NEA Big Read (OH)

HERNAN DIAZ



Hernan Diaz is the award-winning author of *In the Distance*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award, and *Trust*, which was longlisted for the 2022 Booker Prize and one of the winners for the 2022 Pulitzer Prizes for fiction. Diaz captivates audiences with witty conversations about foreignness, his theory of genre, literary history, and what it means to do research for a novel.



Past Community Reads Pick: WestportREADS (CT)

CHARLES YU



Charles Yu is the author of the critically-acclaimed novel, and National Book Award winner *Interior Chinatown*. In his entertaining and thought-provoking lectures, Yu speaks to audiences of all kinds about the Asian American experience, representation and stereotypes in film and television, and the unique power of science fiction to address the human condition.

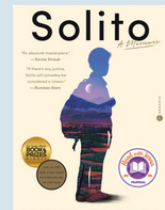


Past Community Reads Pick: One Book, One Philadelphia (PA), Nevada County Reads (NV), Whidbey Reads (WA)

JAVIER ZAMORA



Memoirist, poet, speaker, and author of an award-winning memoir, *Solito*, Javier Zamora explores his harrowing journey to the US as an unaccompanied nine-year-old that gives a unique and unforgettable glimpse into the realities of child migration. In his talks, he shares the story of his trek to reunite with his family, and how therapy and writing were able to help him heal from the trauma that has haunted him ever since.



Past Community Reads Pick: Greenwich Reads Together (CT), Reading Together (MI), Carpinteria Reads (CA)

GABRIELLE ZEVIN



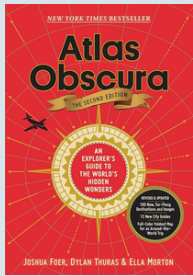
Gabrielle Zevin is the internationally bestselling author of several novels, including *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, a *New York Times* bestseller. Her thoughtful, funny events bring audiences into her writing process as she shares her techniques for writing unforgettable characters, how games are integrally linked to story, and the irreplaceable relationships forged in local literary communities



Past Community Reads Pick: One Book, One Chicago (IL), One Book, One Glendale (CA)

Ideas for Galas or Fundraisers

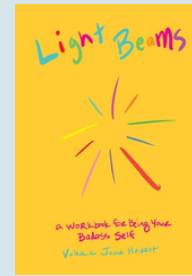
Whether you are hosting a fundraiser or gala for patrons, friends, or supporters, these headliners know how to hold a crowd.



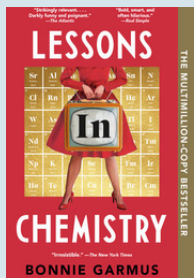
Dylan Thurau
ATLAS OBSCURA



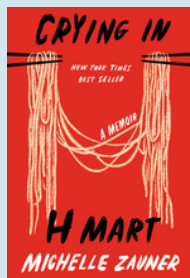
Colson Whitehead
CROOK MANIFESTO



Valerie June
LIGHT BEAMS



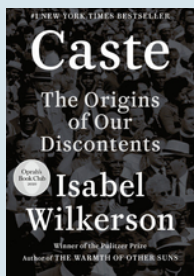
Bonnie Garmus
LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY



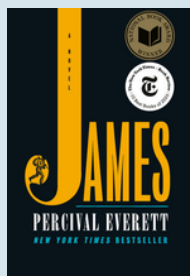
Michelle Zauner
CRYING IN H MART



Jane Fonda
WHAT CAN I DO?



Isabel Wilkerson
CASTE



Percival Everett
JAMES



Ta-Nehisi Coates
THE MESSAGE



Carl Hiaasen
FEVER BEACH



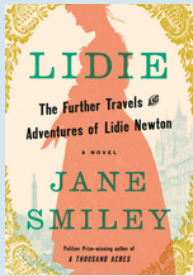
Celeste Ng
OUR MISSING HEARTS



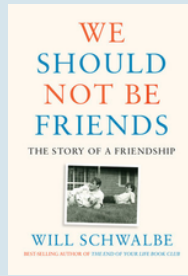
Cheryl Strayed
TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Library Favorites

Our award-winning author speakers are favorites for library events. Their compelling stories entertain patrons and audiences, igniting conversations that continue long after their events end.



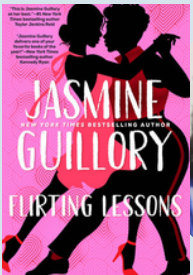
Jane Smiley
LIDIE



Will Schwalbe
WE SHOULD NOT BE FRIENDS



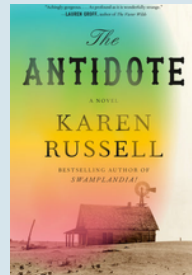
Debbie Macomber
MUST LOVE FLOWERS



Jamine Guillory
FLIRTING LESSONS



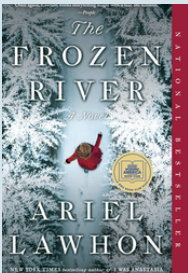
Elliot Ackerman
SHEEPDOGS



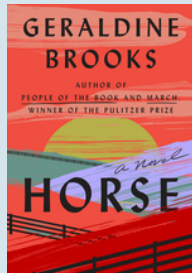
Karen Russell
THE ANTIDOTE



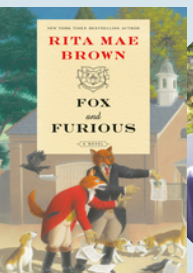
Georgia Hunter
ONE GOOD THING



Ariel Lawhon
THE FROZEN RIVER



Geraldine Brooks
HORSE



Rita Mae Brown
FOX AND FURIOUS



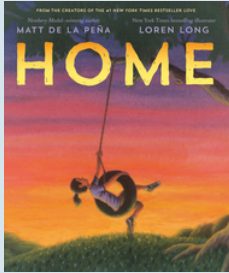
Cassandra Clare
THE RAGPICKER KING



Jennifer Egan
A VISIT FROM THE GOON SQUAD

Programming for All Ages

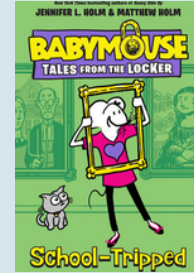
These amazing storytellers cater to audiences of all ages and share vibrant tales and enlightening lessons. Celebrate the joy of reading and the power of curiosity among young readers with these fantastic speakers.



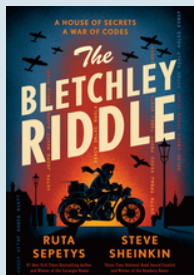
Matt de la Peña
HOME



Sabaa Tahir
HEIR



Jennifer L. Holm
BABYMOUSE



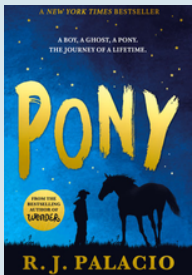
Ruta Sepetys
THE BLETCHLEY RIDDLE



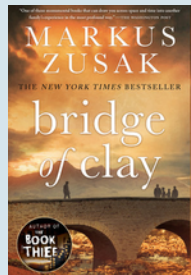
Nicola Yoon
THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR



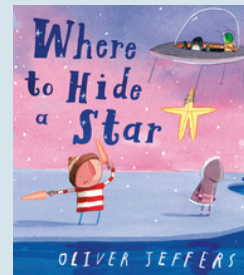
Rachel Ignotofsky
DINOSAURS



RJ Palacio
PONY



Markus Zusak
BRIDGE OF CLAY



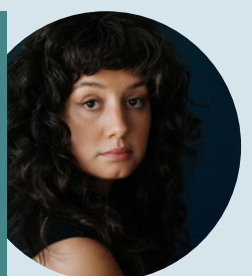
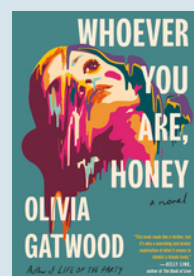
Oliver Jeffers
WHERE TO HIDE A STAR



E. Lockhart
WE FELL APART



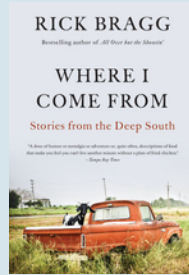
Pierce Brown
RED RISING SERIES



Olivia Gatwood
WHOEVER YOU ARE, HONEY

Regional Favorites

Explore local themes and shine a spotlight on your community with writers who bring regional flavor to their events.



Rick Bragg
WHERE I CAME FROM



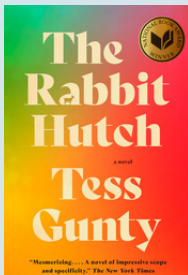
Francisco Cantú
THE LINE BECOMES A RIVER



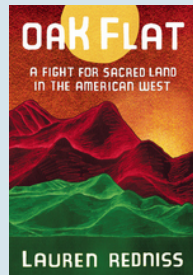
Elizabeth Strout
TELL ME EVERYTHING



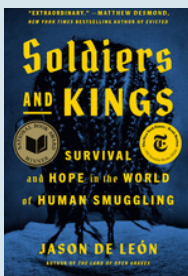
J. Ryan Stradal
SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE LAKESIDE SUPPER CLUB



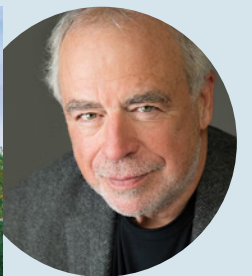
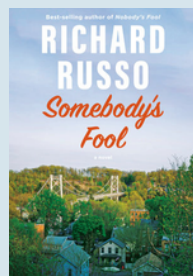
Tess Gunty
THE RABBIT HUTCH



Lauren Redniss
OAK FLAT



Jason de León
SOLDIERS AND KINGS



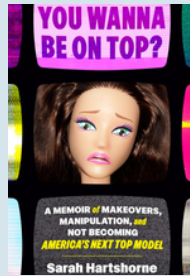
Richard Russo
SOMEBODY'S FOOL

Memoirs and Personal Stories

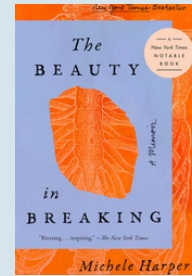
These speakers bring a personal perspective to popular themes like identity, disability, healthcare, immigration, and more.



Tourmaline
MARSHA



Sarah Hartshorne
YOU WANNA BE ON TOP?



Michele Harper
THE BEAUTY IN BREAKING



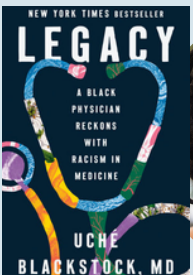
Tiffany Jenkins
A CLEAN MESS



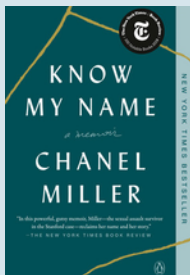
Alora Young
WALKING GENRY HOME



Jasmin Graham
SHARKS DON'T SINK



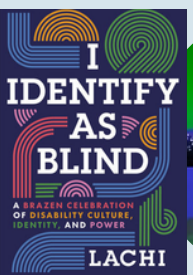
Uché Blackstock
LEGACY



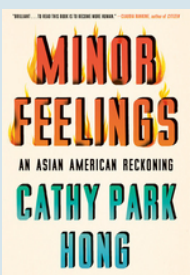
Chanel Miller
KNOW MY NAME



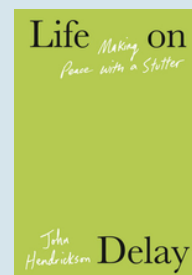
Jacob Tobia
BEFORE THEY WERE MEN



Lachi
I IDENTIFY AS BLIND



Cathy Park Hong
MINOR FEELINGS



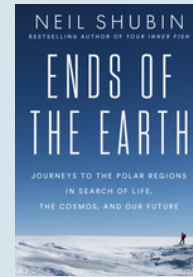
John Hendrickson
LIFE ON DELAY

Science, Tech, and the Natural World

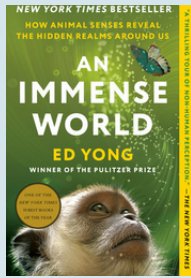
Enlightening and accessible, our author speakers explore health, medicine, the animal kingdom, the environment, and beyond to reveal the intricate connections between science and ourselves.



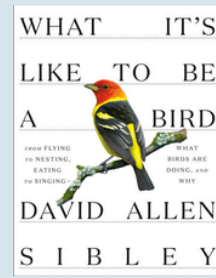
Jennifer Ackerman
WHAT AN OWL KNOWS



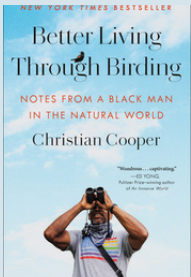
Neil Shubin
ENDS OF THE EARTH



Ed Yong
AN IMMENSE WORLD



David Allen Sibley
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A BIRD



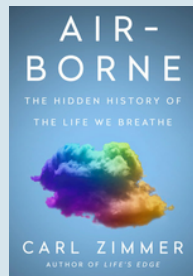
Christian Cooper
BETTER LIVING THROUGH BIRDING



Cat Bohannon
EVE



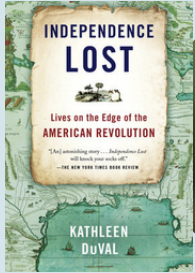
Suzanne Simard
FINDING THE MOTHER TREE



Carl Zimmer
AIR-BORNE

USA 250

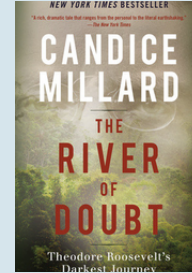
On July 4th, 2026, the country will commemorate the 250th anniversary of signing the Declaration of Independence. Meet the speakers who can reflect on U.S. history the Declaration as a living document.



Kathleen DuVal
INDEPENDENCE LOST



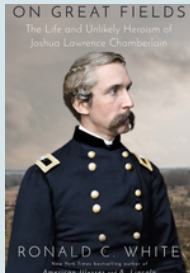
Matthew Delmont
HALF AMERICAN



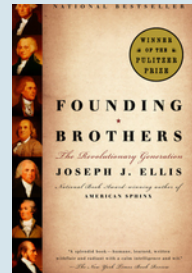
Candice Millard
THE RIVER OF DOUBT



Ken Burns
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



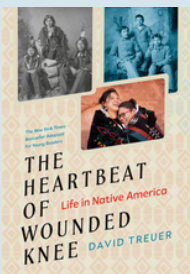
Ronald C. White
ON GREAT FIELDS



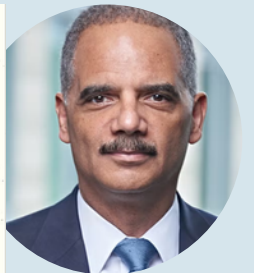
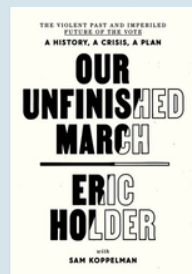
Joseph J. Ellis
FOUNDING BROTHERS



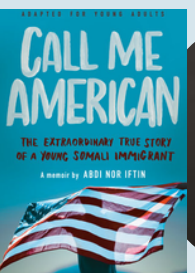
Hampton Sides
BLOOD AND THUNDER



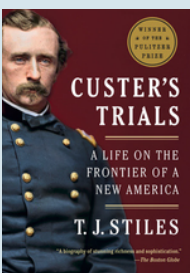
David Treuer
THE HEARTBEAT OF WOUNDED KNEE



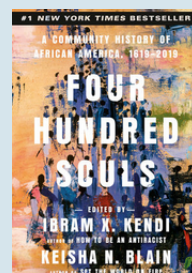
Eric Holder
OUR UNFINISHED MARCH



Abdi Iftin
CALL ME AMERICAN



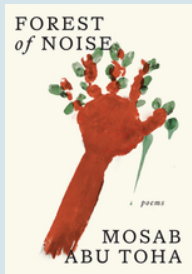
TJ Stiles
CUSTER'S TRIALS



Ibram X. Kendi
FOUR HUNDRED SOULS

Bridging Divides

Whether it's a political, cultural, or social divide, these speakers explore and share actionable strategies for bridging these differences and building community.



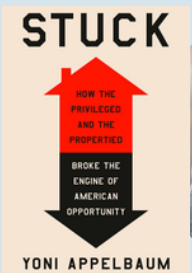
Mosab Abu Toha
FOREST OF NOISE



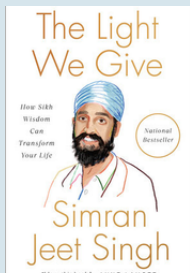
Kurt Gray
OUTRAGED



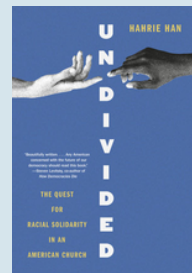
Peter Beinart
BEING JEWISH AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF GAZA



Yoni Appelbaum
STUCK



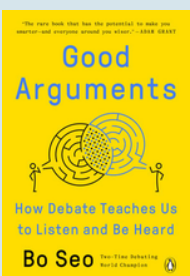
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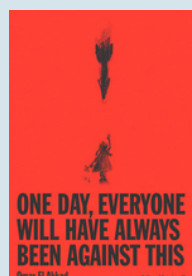
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