



BOOKFEST ST. LOUIS IN THE CENTRAL WEST END

OFFICIAL 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

6 P.M. | MARY ENGELBREIT FROM THE ARCHIVES St. Louis Public Library — Schlafly (225 N. Euclid)

Join Mary Engelbreit for a reception and conversation about "Mary Engelbreit from the Archives," a monthlong exhibit of rarely seen early work and ephemera from the Left Bank Books collection. A book signing featuring the artist's newest book, "The Bedtime Book," will follow.

Engelbreit's work will be on display at the St. Louis Public Library — Schlafly Branch from Sept. 5-29 during the library's regular hours. Book signing priority will be given to books purchased from Left Bank Books. This is an exhibit only; artwork is not for sale.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

7 P.M. | AN EVENING WITH SHERMAN ALEXIE The Sheldon (3648 Washington)

An engaging evening featuring acclaimed poet, short story writer, novelist and performer Sherman Alexie. The prolific Spokane-Coeur d'Alene writer will discuss his new memoir, "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me" (Little, Brown and Company, June 2017) — an instant New York Times best-seller and one of the year's most anticipated books.

★ Tickets available at www.thesheldon.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

10:30 A.M. | CHILDREN'S STORYTIME St. Louis Public Library — Schlafly (225 N. Euclid)

Children of all ages are invited to a special BookFest St. Louis Storytime with Ann Ingalls, author of "Fairy Floss: The Sweet Story of Cotton Candy," a picture book about the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, and Webster Groves' own Shelley Michael, author of "All Aboard: The Adventures of Louise and Her Pink Polka Dot Suitcase." In addition to the reading, this event will feature costumed characters for photo opportunities, cotton candy and more!

11 A.M. | FESTIVAL ZONE OPEN McPherson Avenue, east of Euclid Avenue

Check out the BookFest St. Louis festival zone along McPherson Avenue, featuring live music, demonstrations, rare book sellers, local artisans and more!

11:30 A.M. | MIDDLE READERS MEET & GREET St. Louis Public Library — Schlafly (225 N. Euclid)

"The Secret Keepers" and "The Mysterious Benedict Society" author Trenton Lee Stewart and St. Louis' own Kat Zhang, author of "The Emperor's Riddle," will read from and discuss their latest books for middle readers, meet with fans and sign autographs! Featuring Trenton Lee Stewart and Kat Zhang.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 (CONTINUED)

NOON | KEVIN KILLEEN Llywelyn's Pub (4747 McPherson)

A veteran KMOX reporter for over two decades, St. Louis native Kevin Killeen brings his unique comedic stylings to this lunchtime event on Llywelyn's outdoor patio. Since 2012's "Never Hug A Nun," Killeen has written a series of autobiographical novels that have shed light on growing up a free-spirited class clown ... and a good Catholic. Killeen will deliver a knee-slapping 30-minute standup set, discussing his latest novel "Most Improved Sophomore," described as "a Catholic school 'Dazed & Confused,'" and sign all four books in the series.

NOON | YOUNG ADULT PANEL The McPherson (4715 McPherson)

Join Sherman Alexie, author of the National Book Award-winning classic and frequently banned book "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian"; Nina LaCour, author of the national bestseller "We Are Okay"; and St. Louis' own Zac Brewer, author of "The Blood Between Us" and his newest book, "Madness," as they discuss the role of today's most relevant teen issues in contemporary young adult fiction.

12:30 P.M. | JANE ELLEN IBUR 510 N. Euclid

Join poet Jane Ellen Ibur for the official launch of "The Little Mrs./Misses" (PenUltimate Press)! Ibur will be reading from the book with a little help from her friends: Actresses, directors, writers, playwrights and theater educators Emily Kohring, Hassie Davis and Kathi Bentley, accompanied by poet, artist, musician and soundscapist David A. N. Jackson, who will weave in sounds and music throughout the performance.

2 P.M. | MEGAN STIELSTRA The Vino Gallery (4701 McPherson)

Fans of Roxane Gay and Leslie Jamison — don't miss this opportunity to share an afternoon glass of wine with contemporary essayist Megan Stielstra, who will discuss her brand new collection, "The Wrong Way to Save Your Life," a book filled with deeply personal and richly detailed essays that nonetheless have universal appeal.

2 P.M. | LITERARY FICTION PANEL I The McPherson (4715 McPherson)

Join Edward Kelsey Moore, author of the beloved "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat" and "The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues"; Alex George, author of "Setting Free the Kites" and indie bestseller "A Good American"; and Robin Sloan, author of the runaway bestseller "Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore" and new novel "Sourdough," as they speak about crafting stories of intimacy, family, friendship and community in the 21st century.

2 P.M. | WEIRD FICTION PANEL 510 N. Euclid

St. Louis' own Kea Wilson, author of the novel "We Eat Our Own"; Brooklyn's Chavisa Woods, author of the short story collection "Things to Do When You're Goth in the County"; and Spokane's Leyna Krow, author of the collection "I'm Fine, But You Appear to Be Sinking," discuss their genre-bending books. Taking elements of science fiction, horror, satire and realism, the authors morph these elements into something comedic, political, terrifying, and heartfelt all at once — a new indefinable genre, "Weird Fiction," that's the current sharp edge of literature.

3 P.M. | MICHAEL KAHN Brennan's (4659 Maryland)

Join St. Louis attorney and suspense author Michael Kahn at Brennan's for a celebration of paperbacks and cocktails, where he'll discuss his new novel, "Played!," a fast-moving and fun story of brotherly love, loyalty and baseball.

3:30 P.M. | LITERARY FICTION PANEL II The McPherson (4715 McPherson)

Debut novelist Gabriel Tallent, author of "My Absolute Darling"; Shanthi Sekaran, author of the acclaimed novel "Lucky Boy"; and Kansas City's Whitney Terrell, author of "The Good Lieutenant" — named "the best novel of the Bush Wars" by The Guardian — discuss crafting searing and relevant fiction that helps us empathize with parts of the American experience otherwise foreign to many readers, including immigration, war and economic hardship.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 (CONTINUED)

3:30 P.M. | MEMOIR PANEL 510 N. Euclid

George Hodgman, author of the highly acclaimed "Bettyville"; Washington University's Kathleen Finneran, author of "The Tender Land"; and Ann Edelstein, veteran literary agent and author of the debut memoir "Lifesaving for Beginners," will discuss their emotionally riveting memoirs that come to terms with growing older, mending familial bonds and finding grace in grief.

4 P.M. | PETER HERNON Gamlin Whiskey House (236 N. Euclid)

Join former St. Louis Post-Dispatch investigative reporter Peter Heron, author of "The Great Rescue: American Heroes, an Iconic Ship, and the Race to Save Europe in WWI," for a special History Happy Hour at Gamlin Whiskey House, where he will discuss his new book on the USS Leviathan, the legendary liner-turned-warship that ferried U.S. soldiers to Europe.

5 P.M. | MISS KOPP'S HIGH TEA WITH AMY STEWART Mary Ann's Tea Room (4732 McPherson)

BookFest St. Louis presents a high tea with award-winning author Amy Stewart, who will sign and discuss the third novel in her bestselling Kopp Sisters mystery series, "Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions." Tickets for Miss Kopp's High Tea are \$70 per person and include an exclusive presentation and book signing by Stewart, a hardcover copy of "Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions," a speciality cocktail inspired by the book and full-service high tea, with tea, scones with jam, sandwiches and dessert from Mary Ann's Tea Room.

★ Tickets available at www.left-bank.com/stewart.

5 P.M. | SCIENCE FICTION PANEL The McPherson (4715 McPherson)

Join St. Louis' own Ann Leckie, author of the Hugo Award-winning "Ancillary Justice" and new novel "Provenance"; Charlie Jane Anders, author of the Nebula Award-winning "All the Birds in the Sky"; MIT Fellow and iog founder Annalee Newitz, author of the highly anticipated debut novel "Autonomous"; and Left Bank Books' own Mark Tiedemann, author of the Philip K. Dick Award-nominated "Compass Reach" and the recent collection "Gravity Box and Other Spaces," as they discuss novels that run the gamut from intergalactic politics to techno-pharmaceutical noir, and the razor's edge of understanding between magic and science.

5 P.M. | POETRY PANEL 510 N. Euclid

St. Louis poet and Cave Canem Fellow Alison C. Rollins; 2015 Whiting Award winner Roger Reeves, author of the acclaimed collection "King Me"; St. Louis metro-based poet and social justice educator Treasure Shields Redmond, author of "chop"; and San Francisco poet and movement worker Tongo Eisen-Martin, author of the highly-anticipated "Heaven is all Goodbyes," will discuss poetry as a force for radical empathy, social justice and the political as very, very personal.

6 P.M. | POETRY PANEL 510 N. Euclid

Join us for the completion of the Central West End's Writer's Corner project as we honor one-time CWE resident William S. Burroughs, author of "Naked Lunch," "Junky" and "Queer." Carol Shepley will discuss Burroughs' enigmatic legacy and his enduring connection to the neighborhood; Brett Underwood will perform a cut-up piece using lines taken from several of Burroughs' books including "The Place of Dead Roads," "The Western Lands" and "My Education," with music from the Chano Cruz Duo.

Special thanks to the CWE Community Improvement District and the CWE Association for their generous contributions; to sculptor Vlad Zhitomirsky for his provocative artistry; and to the St. Louis Poetry Center for their sponsorship of this BookFest St. Louis event.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 (CONTINUED)

7 P.M. | "A SPECIAL TRUST" — REMEMBERING PATRICIA & FRED MCKISSACK **Left Bank Books (399 N. Euclid)**

Join colleagues, friends and family of beloved St. Louis children's authors Patricia and Fred McKissack for a celebration of their lives and their contributions to children's literature. In addition to honoring their legacy, the evening event will highlight examples from the next generation of authors and illustrators that continue the McKissacks' mission of producing beautiful, educational and emotionally intelligent work for children.

8 P.M. | PRUFROCK & OTHER OBSERVATIONS **Dressel's Pub (419 N. Euclid)**

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the publication of St. Louis poet T.S. Eliot's "Prufrock & Other Observations" with a dynamic and intimate performance of all 12 Prufrock poems by a diverse coalition of St. Louis' best poets. Featuring Jane Ellen Ibur, Steve Schreiner, Mary Jo Bang, Ted Mathys, Alison C. Rollins, JR Tappenden, Shane Seely, Katryn Dierksen, Cheeraz Gorman, MK Stallings, Jessica Baran, Eileen G'Sell and others.

★ Indicates a ticketed event.

All BookFest St. Louis events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.
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CWE VENUES

FESTIVAL
ZONE

Children's Storytime
10:30 a.m.

Middle Readers
Meet & Greet
11:30 a.m.

Jane Ellen Ibur
12:30 p.m.

YA Fiction
Noon

Kevin Killeen
Noon, Llywelyn's

Weird Fiction
2 p.m.

Literary Fiction I
2 p.m.

Megan Stielstra
2 p.m., The Vino Gallery

Memoir
3 p.m.

Literary Fiction II
3 p.m.

Michael Kahn
3 p.m., Brennan's

Peter Hernon
4 p.m., Gamlin
Whiskey House

Poetry
5 p.m.

Science Fiction
5 p.m.

★ Amy Stewart
5 p.m., Mary Ann's
Tea Room

Writer's Corner:
William S. Burroughs
6 p.m., Left Bank Books

Remembering Patricia &
Fred McKissack
7 p.m., Left Bank Books

Prufrock & Other
Observations
8 p.m., Dressel's Pub

McPherson Avenue Festival Zone
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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