



CELEBRATING LOCAL AUTHORS

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10AM – 3PM

Central Library – Harrisonburg



Schedule of Events:

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Author Meet-and-Greets

Meeting Rooms, 1st floor

Enjoy a free, open forum to meet 33 local authors, purchase their works, and get signatures!

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM, Twisted Tales with Local Author Gayle C. Krause

Youth Programming Room, 2nd floor

Kids ages 5-11: listen to poems from Gayle's book *Once Upon a Twisted Tale*, have fun with a "twisted" art project, and learn all about becoming a published author!

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM, Panel - What I Wish I'd Known: Authors Talk Marketing

Youth Programming Room, 2nd floor

Authors with a range of publishing experience reflect on the marketing lessons they learned the hard way. This conversation will focus on practical insights, common pitfalls, and sustainable approaches to reach readers.

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM, Keynote - Home and Family in a Fractured America with Beth Macy

Youth Programming Room, 2nd floor

Join award-winning journalist and bestselling author Beth Macy!

Keynote: Beth Macy

Home and Family in a Fractured America



1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

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Beth Macy has won more than two dozen national journalism awards, including a Nieman Fellowship for Journalism at Harvard University, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Los Angeles Times Book Prize for *Dopesick*, which was made into a Peabody Award-winning series for Hulu. Three of her books have been *New York Times* bestsellers. She lives in Roanoke, Virginia.

Meet the Authors!



Kirsten Eve Beachy

Adult - Nonfiction/Poetry
Memoir, Essays, Humor



Linda Berry

Adult - Fiction
Thriller, Mystery



ACF Bookens

Adult - Fiction/Nonfiction
Mystery, Romance, History



Zac Cannon

Adult - Fiction
Crime, Suspense, Thriller



Rel Carroll

Adult - Fiction
Fantasy



Heather S. Cole

Adult – Nonfiction

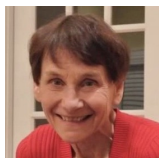
History, Travel



Abigail Dane

Adult – Fiction

Historical, Romance



Linda Ankrah-Dove

Adult – Poetry



Judith Dreyer

Adult – Nonfiction

Self-Help, Dreams



P.A. Duncan

Adult – Fiction

Mystery, Historical, Espionage



David Evans

Adult – Nonfiction



Travis Hellstrom

Youth/Adult - Nonfiction

Quotes, Inspirational



Jeff W. Ishee

Adult - Fiction

Historical



Kurt Johnson

Adult - Short stories



Molly Law

Adult - Fiction

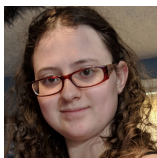
Magical Realism



Elizabeth Massie

Youth/Adult - Fiction/Short Stories

Horror



Jessica Mitchell

Young Adult - Fiction

Fantasy



R.A. Moritz

Adult - Fiction

Fantasy, Romantasy,
Paranormal Romance



John Norment

Youth/Adult - Fiction/Nonfiction

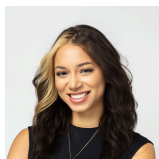
Fantasy, Memoir



Janis Norton

Adult - Fiction

Historical



Nellyber Perez

Adult - Poetry



Ramón Pérez

Adult - Poetry (Spanish)



Dave Pruett

Adult - Nonfiction



N.J. Prynne

Adult – Fiction

Fantasy, Romance, LGBTQ+



Chris Register

Adult – Nonfiction

Narrative, Travel, Americana



Don Rich

Adult – Fiction

Travel, Adventure, Sea, Crime



Shanna Swendson

Adult – Fiction

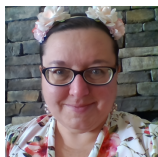
Fantasy, Cozy Paranormal Mystery



Jessica Kay Taylor

Adult – Fiction

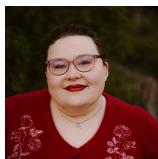
Christian



Mary Ann Weir

Adult – Fiction

Romantasy



Keshia C. Willi

Adult – Fiction

Fantasy, Thriller, Horror



Lois Williams

Adult – Fiction/Nonfiction

Christian



David Wood

Adult – Nonfiction

History, Travel



Nicole Yurcaba

Adult – Poetry

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TU & TH 10 AM - 6 PM | SA 10 AM - 2 PM

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