



Indie Author Day

Saturday, September 22nd



SUGAR GROVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Indie author day celebrates the work of writers and authors in our community. Join us for a day of education, networking, mingling, writing, panels and so much more! The Sugar Grove Library is proud to host so many talented members of the community!

Schedule of Events

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. General Library

Browse the tables of over 23 authors, discuss their work, and purchase copies of books. Authors may be at public tables until 5 p.m. depending upon their attendance at workshops and panel discussions.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. “Finding Your Passion”

Dr. Maria Malayter from Do What You Love Foundation

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. “What Can a Publisher Do For You”

Anna Michels, Senior Editor of Sourcebooks

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Share Your Knowledge on Publishing

An open discussion inviting authors to share their knowledge, special discussion by the former creative Director of Sourcebooks Wayne E. Johnson

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion

Round tables on topics from open mics readings, writing prompts and marketing your materials will be available. Join one discussion, or all!

**A special Thank You to The Friends of the Sugar Grove Library
for sponsoring this event!**

Guest Speakers



Maria Malayter - Dr. Maria Malayter from the *Do What You Love Foundation* will lead attendees in a workshop style presentation designed to help find your passion, and direct energy into personal and career growth.

Dr. Malayter travels the nation encouraging professionals to find their passion, and will

tailor her discussion to meet the needs of patrons interested in writing and publishing.



Anna Michels - Anna Michels, Senior Editor of Sourcebooks will be presenting on the topic “What Can a Publisher Do for You” as she highlights the industry standards and imprints from one of the largest independent publishers in this region. Sourcebooks is the home of more than a dozen New York Times

bestsellers, including poetry and children’s titles, and scores of national and regional bestsellers.

Appearing Authors



Ann Brack-Johnson - Ann Brack-Johnson has been a freelance writer working for Chicago area publications. She holds a Masters in Journalism from Medill at Northwestern University and most recently has been working in telecommunications. *Angie of Garfield Farm* is her first published novel and reflects her passion for Garfield Farm and her interest in Chicago history. Ann and her husband Jerry Johnson live in Campton Hills, Illinois.



J.L. Callison - After a varied career in retail, recycling, sales, and transportation, Callison fulfilled a life-long dream of writing. He followed Louis L'Amour's adage in that he considers himself along the lines of the old-time storytellers more than as a writer. His first novel, *Stranded at Romson's Lodge* (Morgan James 2016), was received with very good reviews. His second work, *My Donkey and the Master*, is a novelette that released in April 2018. Callison lives in Aurora, IL with his wife of 40+ years. They have five grown children and six grandchildren of whom he is inordinately proud



Mark Durrenberger - Mark Durrenberger, CFP®, EA, has spent the bulk of his adult life studying personal finance. In addition to honing his expertise through years of professional study, he has significant first-hand experience helping hundreds of individuals, families and business owners - people just like you - achieve their financial goals.



Peter J. Gallanis - Peter J. Gallanis has worked in the Chicago area newspaper and magazine business for 20 years. Gallanis began his career as a reporter and columnist with *The Warrenville Free Press* then moved on to *The Winfield Estate*, both weekly newspapers located in Chicago's far west suburbs. Gallanis then spent years in the trade magazine business, covering the retail and heavy construction equipment industries. Most recently he was Editor-in-Chief of two trade publications covering the boating and marina industries.

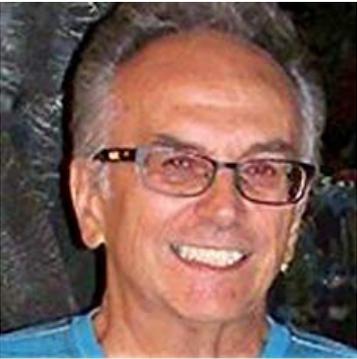


Marilyn Huntman Giese - Marilyn Huntman Giese began writing poetry while raising five lively children, four daughters and one son who was the third born in the middle of the quartet of girls. That joy brought a desire to dig deeper into the meaning of life. Then came her husband's heart attack at 49 years old. Life flip-flopped for awhile, but, in time, with a complete recovery, weddings were celebrated and grandchildren came into the world to bless us. At last, two books were published: *The Eye of God: A Fisherman's Tale* & *When the World Changed, A Revolutionary Peace*

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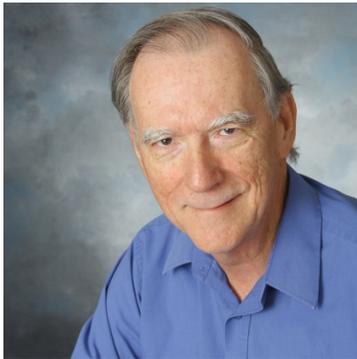
Mike Grosso - Mike Grosso is an author, musician, and a fifth-grade teacher who always keeps a guitar in his classroom. His father gave him his first lesson, and his mom taught him how to keep a steady rhythm. Mike continues to write and record music at his home in Oak Park, Illinois, where he lives with his son and a drum set he plays much too loud. *I AM DRUMS* is his first novel.



Wayne E. Johnson - Wayne E. Johnson is a Vietnam era vet. He was drafted in 1969 and spent two years in the Army. He's ghost-written two books and is working on a third with *Dick Tracy* creator and Pulitzer Prize winner Dick Locher. His work has appeared in *Tooling & Production*, *The Herald*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Rivulets* and online in *Combat* and *The Journals of Father Nick Thomas*. He currently is a self-employed book designer and writes a humor column for *The Voice*. He lives with his wife, Pat, two cats and a yard full of chipmunks in Aurora, Illinois, where he's working on *Music Man: What Did You Do in the Band, Grandpa?*, the prequel to this novel.



Lisa Katzenberger - Lisa Katzenberger is a picture book author with one published book, *Triceratops Would Not Make a Good Ninja*, and another under contract. She has been a member of SCBWI for several years and is a Fiction Editor for *Literary Mama*.



Paul R. Lloyd - Paul R. Lloyd is an accomplished writer of horror and thriller fiction including Amazon Kindle top selling novels *Fulfillment* and *Hags*. His latest work is the noir thriller *Steel Pennies*. He leads the Write Time Writer's Group in Geneva, Illinois. His business career spans more than 30 years as a professional marketing consultant and writer for print, video, film and online media. Paul is married and lives in Warrenville, Illinois.



Darlene Marcusson - Darlene Marcusson was born in Chicago and raised in the inner-city during the 1960's. The civil rights movement made a great impression upon her, especially after giving her life to Christ at age 15. Since that time God has allowed her to experience a variety of ministry opportunities, culminating in the founding of Lazarus House in St. Charles, Illinois, in 1997. Darlene has been married to her husband, Sam, for 50 years. They retired and moved to south Florida 5 years ago

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Kerry Nenn - Kerry Nenn is a full-time freelance writer and prize-winning author. She is a regular contributor to international journal publications, industry-leading consumer blogs and national lifestyle magazines. She writes to share what God teaches her, to equip others for victorious living in the Lord. Kerry spends her days wordsmithing, and, between writing projects, acts as social coordinator and event planner. Planning and hosting fun and unusual events for friends, family, and church groups allows her to combine her love for creativity and community. Passionate about the outdoors and sunshine, she bikes and hikes any time the Chicago weather allows.



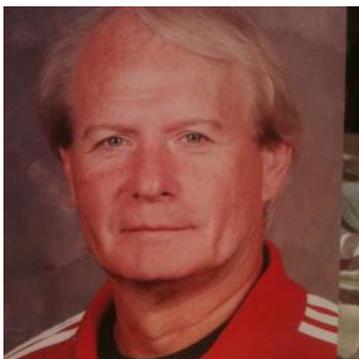
Susan Schubert - Susan Schubert, award winning author has a new book, *The Way I Remember It, A Memoir of a Trip to Europe 1971*. The book is her story, taken from journals she wrote along the way. She travels alone, with a backpack on her back, to London, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, and more.



Dawn M. Staszak- Dawn M. Staszak is the author of three previous books, *A Guru In The Office*, *A Fish Out Of Water*, and *A Guru In The Nursery*, and – most importantly – proud mother of 2nd and 4th graders, Victoria and William, respectively. Currently, she is Chair of their school’s PTO Committee, Advancement Coordinator of her son’s Cub Scout Pack, holds two volunteer positions at their church as both Substitute Teacher of the Youth Ministry and as a member of their Social Media Team, on top of holding a full-time position at Fermilab. She began studying and researching all New Thought wisdom in the early 1990s. She is currently living in Aurora, Illinois.



Anne Stomar - Anne Stomar is a retired High School English/Drama Teacher and Counselor. She holds a B.A. in English/Secondary Education and a M.A. in Speech and Performing Arts from Northeastern Illinois University. She is the author of *Burnt Out Kindred Spirits*.



Béla (Bill) Suhayda - Bill Suhayda and his family escaped Communist Hungary in 1956. They lived as refugees in Austria and Germany until they immigrated to the U.S. in 1957. Bill Graduated from East Aurora High School in '67 and then Aurora University in '73 with a double major in Biology and Psychology. He was a Biology and Science teacher in School District 131 at East Aurora High School for thirty years. He established the soccer program for the district and was Head Soccer Coach and Wrestling coach at East. Bill is retired from Education and lives with his wife Brenda here in Sugar Grove.

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Harold G. Walker - Harold Walker is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps where in 1969-70 he served in Vietnam as a CH-46 Helicopter Pilot. Harold has written extensively about his tour of duty in Vietnam in a non-published book, currently being serialized for the Marine Corps History Branch. *Murder on the Floodways* is Harold's first excursion into the world of literature. By utilizing his skills as an investigator, he undertook a four year investigation into a vicious killing that took place on his family's small bucolic cotton farm in Southeast Missouri when he was twelve years old.



Michael Wayne - Michael has a Master of Fine Arts in Children's Writing (and Creative Nonfiction) from Chatham University. He is currently a stay-at-home dad, living near Chicago, IL with his awesome wife and children. Michael has been a 1st & 2nd & 6th & 7th & 8th grade classroom teacher. He was trained in the Six Traits of writing as well as reading and writing workshop methods (he loves the work of Nancie Atwell). Michael mostly focuses on quirky picture books and middle-grade adventure. He is currently working on a self-published picture book series and a variety of manuscripts intended for traditional publishing



Leo Zarko - Author Leo Zarko has always been somewhat of a dreamer with a vivid imagination. He had a rough childhood and obtained bad grades in school, which led to a blue collar lifestyle that was quite stressful. Overall, Leo persevered and found his talents, then pursued them with a passion. He has written many children's books that reflect positive morals and ethics, and encourage young readers to be considerate and kind. Leo's desire is to see kids dream big and succeed in life. His recent children's and poetry books can be found on Amazon.



Rania Zeithar - Rania Zeithar was born in Egypt and has lived on three different continents, Africa (Egypt), Asia (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and now in North America (the United States). She studied business administration at Alexandria University, and currently works in special education in the public school system. Rania is married, with two children, and writes in both Arabic and English.



Lynn Zuk-Lloyd - Lynn Zuk-Lloyd is an artist, author and speaker who helps people snuggle closer to the Lord through her prophetic art and writing. She creates illustrations, stories and inspiration for both adults and children. In 2006, two different publishers at a writer's conference told Lynn to use her talents to develop her own line of books. After taking the idea to the Lord in prayer, she plunged into the publishing arena. Today, creating books, art, articles, newsletters and a blog to release what the Lord has given her, has become an important part of Lynn's life. She has published several non-fiction books, a novel, a children's Christmas book, several short stories and art books.



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