

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY • SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025

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We are excited to partner with Montclair State University for the 9th annual Montclair Literary Festival

10:00 am – 11:00 am Room #1010
NON-FICTION
TO CREATE IS HUMAN?



Moderator: **Fred Guterl**
David Hajdu

The Uncanny Muse: Music, Art and Machines from Automata to AI
Fred Ritchin
The Synthetic Eye: Photography Transformed in the Age of AI

10:00 am – 11:00 am Room #1030
FICTION
THE PAST IS PROLOGUE



Moderator: **Anastasia Rubis**
Oriana

Lauren Francis-Sharma
Casualties of Truth
Georgia Hunter
One Good Thing

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Room #1010
NON-FICTION
THE POLITICAL IS PERSONAL



Moderator: **Dionne Ford**
Go Back and Get It

Irvin Weathersby, Jr.
In Open Contempt: Confronting White Supremacy in Art and Public Space

MSU, located on Normal Avenue, is offering **FREE PARKING** for festival attendees in the Red Hawk parking deck for events held on campus on Saturday April 26.

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Room #1030
FICTION
FAMILY DRAMA



Moderator: **Elizabeth Riggs**
Lisa Williamson Rosenberg

Mirror Me
Rachel Lyon
Fruit of the Dead
Elizabeth Harris
How to Sleep at Night

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Room #1010
FICTION
THRILLERS: DOUBLE JEOPARDY



Moderator: **Mark Rotella**
Amore

Lisa Unger
Close Your Eyes and Count to 10
Patrick Hoffman
Friends Helping Friends

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Room #1030
FICTION
ROOTED IN NEW JERSEY



Moderator: **Liz Alterman**
The House on Cold Creek Lane
David Galef

Where I Went Wrong
Lisa Russ Spaar
Paradise Close

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Room #1020
VOICES OF TOMORROW: Creative Writing Readings from High School Students

Students from **Montclair Kimberley Academy, Glen Ridge High School, Montclair High School** and **Nutley High School.**
Open to all.

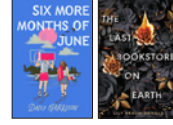
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm ROOM #1010
NON-FICTION
UNCOVERING THE TRUTH



Moderator: **Timothy L. O'Brien**
TrumpNation

David Enrich *Murder the Truth: Fear, the First Amendment, and a Secret Campaign to Protect the Powerful*
Ray Brescia *The Private is Political: Identity and Democracy in the Age of Surveillance Capitalism*
Benjamin Wallace *The Mysterious Mr. Nakamoto: A Fifteen-Year Quest to Unmask the Secret Genius behind Crypto*
Co-presented with **OPEN BOOK OPEN MIND**

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Room #1030
FICTION
NEXT GENERATION STARS



Moderator: **Boo Trundle**
The Daughter Ship

Montclair High School graduates:
Daisy Garrison
Six More Months of June
and **Lily Braun-Arnold**
The Last Bookstore on Earth

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Room #1020
LITERATURE'S RISING STARS: Student recipients of the English Department's Creative Writing Awards at MSU
Open to all.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Room #1010
NON-FICTION
THE NATURE OF ILLNESS



Moderator: **Ivan Amato**
Carl Zimmer *Air-Borne: The Hidden History of the Life We Breathe*
Lina Zeldovich *The Living Medicine: How a Lifesaving Cure Was Nearly Lost- and Why It Will Rescue Us When Antibiotics Fail*

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ROOM #1030
FICTION
LIGHTS, CAMERA, DRAMA



Moderator: **Wilhelm Kuhn**
Sash Bischoff *Sweet Fury*
Daniel D'Addario *The Talent*

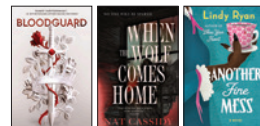
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm Room #1010
NON-FICTION
CRIME AS HISTORY



Moderator: **Joe Pompeo**
Blood & Ink: The Scandalous Jazz Age Double Murder That Hooked America on True Crime

Abbott Kahler *Eden Undone: A True Story of Sex, Murder and Utopia at the Dawn of World War II*
Gary Krist *Trespassers at the Golden Gate: A True Account of Love, Murder and Madness in Gilded Age San Francisco*
Michael Wolraich
The Bishop and the Butterfly: Murder, Politics and the End of the Jazz Age.

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm Room #1030
FICTION
FAIRY TALES & FANTASY



Moderator: **Henry Neff**
The Witchstone
Cecy Robson *Bloodguard*
Lindy Ryan *Another Fine Mess*
Nat Cassidy
When the Wolf Comes Home

SUCCEED2GETHER'S
MONTCLAIR LITERARY FESTIVAL
April 26–May 3, 2025
100+ AUTHORS & SPEAKERS
MORE THAN 35 EVENTS

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MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY
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SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

LOCAL AUTHORS' TABLES
outside in front of the FCC (the Tower Room*)

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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| DIANE BELINFANTI
Children | CLAEVENS ESTRIPLET
Children |
| NADIA KHAN
Children | DAVID WILSON
Children |
| MICHELE C. HOLLOW
Children | STEPHANIE WILLING
Children |
| MEI LI
Children | JASON PATTERSON
Young Adult |

12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

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| TED DELGROSSO
Fiction | CHRISTOPHER DALE
Mental Health |
| LAURA DANIELS
Poetry | DIANA HIRSCH
Poetry |
| ERIC GOEBELBECKER
Sci-Fi | CHERYL CORIN-BONDER
Memoir |
| ELAINE DURBACH
Fiction | JUAN CARLOS REYES
Fiction |

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

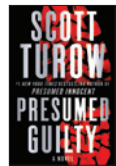
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| PHILLIP STEVENSON
Fiction | JANIS HUBSCHMAN
Fiction |
| JOHN PICCOLI
Fiction | NANCY BURKE
Fiction |
| STEWART LOVE
ISABELLE PUCKETTE
Fiction | CAROL VAN DEN HENDE
Romance |
| MICHELLE WADLEIGH
Spiritual / Self-help | MARK SHOENFIELD
Poetry |

PARKING:
Events on May 3 will be held at Montclair Public Library (MPL) Auditorium, Mills Auditorium (former United Way Building), and two venues in the First Congregational Church (FCC). The MPL, Mills, and FCC are all located on South Fullerton Ave. Parking is available at the Crescent, 1 Seymour Street and Glenridge Ave Parking Decks.

*inclement weather alternative

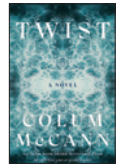
TICKETED AND WEEKDAY EVENTS

Thursday April 17 • 7:00 pm
Ticket \$35



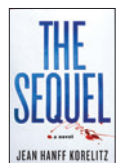
SCOTT TUROW
Presumed Guilty
Temple Ner Tamid
Moderator: **Sarah Lyall**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/TurowMLF
Includes a copy of *Presumed Guilty*

Monday April 28 • 7:00 pm
Ticket \$35



COLUM MCCANN
Twist
The Unitarian Universalist
Congregation at Montclair
Moderator: **Garth Risk Hallberg**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/McCannMLF
Includes a copy of *Twist*

Tuesday April 29 • 12:30 pm
Ticket \$40



JEAN HANFF KORELITZ
The Sequel
Zeugma Grill Montclair
Moderator: **Anne Burt**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/KorelitzMLF
Includes talk and luncheon;
copies of *The Sequel* will be
available for sale at the event

Tuesday April 29 • 6:30 pm
Ticket \$33



ANNE & CLAIRE BEREST
Gabriële
Montclair Public Library Auditorium
Moderator: **Violaine Huisman**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/BerestMLF
Includes a copy of *Gabriële*
This event is also co-presented with OBOM,
Watchung Booksellers, and Montclair Campus
of L'Alliance New York

Tuesday April 29 • 7:00 pm
\$25 general admission
\$15 for MAM members
\$10 for students



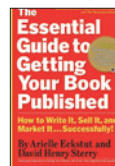
CHRISTIAN ALLAIRE
*From the Rez to the Runway:
Forging My Path in Fashion*
The Montclair Art Museum
Moderator: **Elaina Patton**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/AllaireMLF
Book will be available for
purchase at the event

Wednesday April 30 • 7:00 pm
FREE
BACKSTAGE PASS
TO SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE



SUSAN MORRISON
*Lorne: The Man Who Invented
Saturday Night Live*
Mills Auditorium
Moderator: **Ian Frazier**
RSVP: bit.ly/LorneRSVP

Thursday May 1 • 6.30 pm
Ticket \$10



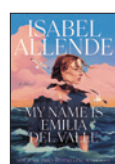
PITCHAPALOOZA
with The Book Doctors
Montclair Public Library Auditorium
Get more info and buy tickets here:
bit.ly/PitchMLF

Saturday May 3 • 11:00 am
Ticket \$35



CONNIE CHUNG
Connie A Memoir
First Congregational Church (FCC)
Moderator: **Mary Alice Williams**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/ChungMLF
Includes a copy of *Connie: A Memoir*

Monday May 5 • 7:00 pm
Ticket \$35



ISABEL ALLENDE
My Name Is Emilia Del Valle
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Moderator: **Cleyvis Natera**
Buy tickets here:
bit.ly/AllendeMLF
Includes a copy of
My Name is Emilia Del Valle

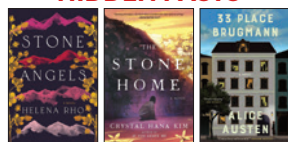
9:00 am – 10:50 am
Mills Auditorium
(in former United Way Building)
POETRY CAFÉ
Moderators: **Christine Adams**
and **John J. Trause**
Featuring:
Elijah Brown, Denise La Neve,
paulA Neves, Frank Rubino, and
Anton Yakovlev
Join us for coffee, bagels
and poetry

10:00 am – 11:00 am
First Congregational Church,
The Guild Room
NON-FICTION
THE FUTURE OF THE LEFT



Moderator: **Michael Paris**
Eric Heinze
*Coming Clean: The Rise of Critical
Theory and the Future of the Left*

10:00 am – 11:00 am
Montclair Public Library
Auditorium
FICTION
**HISTORICAL FICTION:
HIDDEN PASTS**



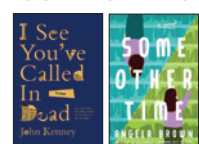
Moderator: **Maisy Card**
These Ghosts Are Family
Helena Rho *Stone Angels*
Crystal Hana Kim *The Stone Home*
Alice Austen *33 Place Brugmann*

11:00 am Ticket \$35
First Congregational Church (FCC)



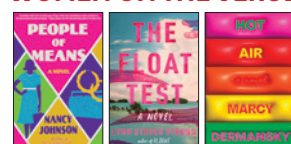
Moderator: **Alexandra Jacobs**
Edwin Frank
*Stranger Than Fiction: Lives of the
Twentieth Century Novel*
Co-presented with **BOOK MIND**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm
First Congregational Church,
The Guild Room
FICTION
SECOND CHANCES



Moderator: **Judith Lindbergh**
Akmaral
John Kenney
I See You've Called in Dead
Angela Brown
Some Other Time

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Mills Auditorium
FICTION
WOMEN ON THE VERGE



Moderator: **Alice Elliott Dark**
Nancy Johnson
People of Means
Lynn Steger Strong
The Float Test
Marcy Dermansky
Hot Air

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Montclair Public Library
Auditorium
NON-FICTION
STRANGER THAN FICTION



Moderator: **Alexandra Jacobs**
Edwin Frank
*Stranger Than Fiction: Lives of the
Twentieth Century Novel*
Co-presented with **BOOK MIND**

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Mills Auditorium
FICTION/NON-FICTION
CALIFORNIA DREAMING



Moderator: **Kate Tuttle**
Brian Castleberry
The Californians
Alissa Wilkinson
*We Tell Ourselves Stories:
Joan Didion and the American
Dream Machine*

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm
Montclair Public Library
Auditorium
NON-FICTION
JOHN LEWIS: A LIFE



Moderator: **Jason M. Williams**
David Greenberg
John Lewis: A Life

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Mills Auditorium
NON-FICTION
TELLING OUR STORIES



Moderator: **Leslie-Ann Murray**
Lee Hawkins
*I am Nobody's Slave: How
Uncovering My Family's History Set
Me Free*
Omo Moses
The White Peril: A Family Memoir
Elissa Altman
*Permission: The New Memoirist
and the Courage to Create*

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Montclair Public Library
Auditorium
NON-FICTION
BATTLE OF THE BOROUGH



Moderator: **D.T. Max**
Russell Shorto
*Taking Manhattan: The
Extraordinary Events that Created
New York and Shaped America*
Ian Frazier
*Paradise Bronx: The Life and Times
of New York's Greatest Borough*

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Mills Auditorium
FICTION
**DEBUTS: NEW VOICES,
FRESH TALENT**



Moderator: **Kim Coleman Foote**
Alejandro Heredia
Loca
Zee Carlstrom
Make Sure You Die Screaming
Josh Duboff
Early Thirties

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Montclair Public Library
Auditorium
NON-FICTION
PROFILES IN COURAGE



Moderator: **Dale Russakoff**
Dr. Rebecca Brenner Graham
*Dear Miss Perkins: A Story of
Frances Perkins's Efforts to Aid
Refugees from Nazi Germany*
Cindy Schweich Handler
and **Harry Handler**
*A German Jew's Triumph:
Fritz Oppenheimer and the
Denazification of Germany*

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Montclair Public Library
Auditorium
NON-FICTION
CULTURE CLASH



Moderator: **Mark Rotella**
Guy Trebay
*Do Something: Coming of Age
Amid the Glitter and Doom of '70s
New York*
Paul Elie
*The Last Supper: Art, Faith, Sex,
and Controversy in the 1980s*

6:45 – 9:00 pm
FESTIVAL PARTY
Meet the Authors!

Tickets to the party are \$35 for one person, \$50 for two.
Beverages and food will be served. Purchase two tickets
for \$100 and donate \$50 to Succeed2gether.

First Congregational Church, The Guild Room
Buy tickets here: bit.ly/MLFParty25

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