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# 10th Anniversary Millbrook Literary Festival

# Michael Korda, Honorary Chairperson

Esteemed biographer/novelist, Editor-in-Chief emeritus at Simon & Schuster. Author of current best seller ALONE - Britain, Churchill, and Dunkirk: Defeat into Victory

The Millbrook Literary Festival began in 2008, inspired by Merritt Bookstore founder Scott Meyer, who sought to engage the local community, share his love of books, and encourage writers. Every May, the Festival features nationally recognized authors such as Min Jin Lee and Gail Carson Levine in 2017 and Lauren Belfer, K.L. Going and Valerie Martin in 2016. The Festival also promotes our talented local and regional writers with panels and workshops that are accessible and of interest to all ages. Each year the Festival committee arranges for 50 – 80 authors to participate and attracts crowds of several hundred adults and children.

Since its inception, each Festival has been completely organized and implemented by volunteers (local authors, illustrators, librarians, booksellers, retirees, students and teachers) from our community or region. While individuals on the Steering Committee change each year, the collaboration of Merritt Bookstore and the Millbrook Library, with the support of the business community, has been the cornerstone of the event. Millbrook Library provides the venue for the presentations; Merritt Bookstore arranges for the availability of books by participating authors and processes all book sales.



RED HOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENTING THEIR PROJECT IN 2017: IN DEFIANCE - RUNAWAYS FROM SLAVERY IN NEW YORK'S HUDSON RIVER VALLEY 1735-1831



# Young Writers Showcase

Every year the Festival hosts a Young Writers Showcase and invites students from ages 8 to 18 to submit their creative writing. Students are encouraged to read their work during the Festival. A special anthology of selected entries is published. In 2018 the assigned genre will be poetry.



**LEANNE SOWUL**1ST PLACE WINNER IN 2017

# **Annual Scott Meyer Award**

In 2016, the Festival launched the Scott Meyer Award writing competition. Open to all Hudson/Harlem Valley writers 18 years of age or older, a different genre is featured each year.

In 2018 the genre will be poetry, following short story and essay writing in the previous two years.



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#### **Native Voices**

In 2017 a "Native Voices" panel was established. It is a venue for all of us to gain a better understanding of our indigenous cultures and the Native American literature of today, especially that of the Hudson Valley.

Joe Bruchac, Evan Pritchard, Molly McGlennen celebrate *TENDING THE FIRE* 



MIN JIN LEE - *PACHINKO* 2017 MILLBROOK LITERARY FESTIVAL



YA AUTHOR GAIL CARSON LEVINE 2017 MILLBROOK LITERARY FESTIVAL



ELAINE KHOSROVA - *HISTORY OF BUTTER* 2017 MILLBROOK LITERARY FESTIVAL