
ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT MILLBROOK LIBRARY· CHILDREN'S EVENTS ARE LISTED SEPARATELY

· **10 AM to 10:45 AM**

[Native Voices - Speaking As One With All That Is](#) —Gallery

Join Native American authors Evan Pritchard, and Joseph and Jesse Bruchac as they focus on the language of Native Peoples. Poetry is an excellent medium for exploring the ancient native languages of North America. The translation of a single word can often result in a stanza of poetic imagery. At the same time, we rarely listen to the music of the words we speak, except when read aloud as poetry, and Native American words are often packed full of remarkable sounds, that tend to bless a poem with music and mystery, beyond the limits of the English language.

· **11 AM to 11:45 AM**

[Young Writers & Scott Meyer Award Presentation](#) —Gallery

Festival founder Scott Meyer loved to encourage reading and writing of every kind. In honor of his work and passion, the Literary Festival presents an annual award for a different genre each year to a Hudson/Harlem Valley writer. This year both the Scott Meyer Award and the annual Young Writers Showcase are for poetry. 2017/2018 Dutchess County Poet Laureate Bettina "Gold" Wilkerson will announce the winners and lead then in a discussion of their works.

· **12 PM to 12:45 PM**

[Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All](#) —Gallery

What was it like to be a wife of Henry the VIII? Acclaimed author Jennifer Donnelly discusses her work on the historical novel *Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All*, in which she collaborated with other YA authors and wrote from the viewpoint of Anne of Cleves.

[Finding Your Voice](#) —Bennett Room

Presented by Dutchess County Poet Laureate, Poet Gold, the emphasis of this engaging workshop will be to aid poets in building a bridge for their words to connect with the audience, becoming more comfortable in presenting their own work. Be prepared to share and have fun.

· **1 PM to 1:45 PM**

[The Timothy Leary Project: Inside the Great Counterculture Experiment](#) —Gallery

Join New York State Historian Devin Lander and archivist Jennifer Ulrich, who currently works at the Archives & Special Collections, Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library, Columbia University, as they discuss her journey into the infamous Timothy Leary's archives and her efforts to compile them into a book. It has now been 50 years since Timothy Leary lived in Millbrook where he and his colleagues--most notably Richard Alpert (now Ram Dass) and Ralph Metzner--established one of the most famous and influential centers in communal living, spiritual awakening, and psychedelic experimentation of the 1960s.

[Weather: An Illustrated History, From Cloud Atlases to Climate Change](#) —Bennett Room

Award-winning environmental journalist Andrew Revkin, now at National Geographic, and his wife and coauthor, environmental educator Lisa Mechaley, discuss how their new book on humanity's evolving relationship with Earth's climate system offers a path forward amid overheated debates and scary weather events.





· **2 PM to 2:45 PM**

[The Slave Who Sued For Freedom](#)—Gallery

While teaching ESL to African students in 2006, Jana Laiz wanted to introduce them to an African American hero. She stumbled upon Elizabeth “Mumbet” Freeman, who was the first enslaved African American to file and win a freedom suit based on the words of the newly ratified Massachusetts Constitution, “all men are created equal.” Upon finding Mumbet’s story had never been officially written, she took pen in-hand, along with co-author Ann-Elizabeth Barnes and published *A Free Woman On God's Earth*. As a result of that one small book, published in 2009, Jana was approached by Hollywood. Now eight years later, Octavia Spencer (*The Shape of Water*, *Hidden Figures*, *The Help*) has signed on as Executive Producer. Hear Jana discuss the journey from publishing a book to making a movie.

[Written From Nature](#)—Bennett Room

Poets Jessica Cuello and Theresa Senato Edwards discuss the ways in which the natural world manifests in their poems. Cuello and Edwards will read from their work and talk about the relationship between humans and the environment, nature as a metaphor for illness, and Cuello's book, *Hunt*, an inversion of *Moby Dick* in the voice of the whale. How does the environment provide a poetic means to discuss violence, the commodification of others, and illness? Hear some poems and join in the discussion!

· **3 PM to 3:45 PM**

[Twentieth-Century Boy](#)—Gallery

Imagine finding your intimate journals from the age of 17 until 27-- all your youth, captured on paper. Duncan Hannah moved to NYC, became immersed in the downtown art and music scene, and kept detailed accounts. Merritt Bookstore owner Kira Wizner will talk with this celebrated New York City painter about his new memoir that recounts his experiences in the raw and exciting times of the punk-rock era.

[How to Pitch Your Book](#)—Bennett Room

You’ve written a book; now what? Literary agents April Eberhardt and Emma Sweeney, accompanied with author Diane Dewey (*The Shiny Life*), talk about what it takes to navigate the changing world of book publishing.

· **4 PM to 4:45 PM**

[Michael Korda: A Life In Books](#)—Gallery

Esteemed biographer and novelist Michael Korda will recount a life spent amongst the written word, from his almost 50 years moving up the editorial ranks with Simon and Schuster, to his experiences writing his own books. He has worked with celebrities running the gamut from Cher to Richard Nixon, and represented well-known authors such as David McCullough, Larry McMurtry, and Mary Higgins Clark. Korda’s most current works are *ALONE: Britain, Churchill, and Dunkirk: Defeat Into Victory*; and *Catnip: A Love Story*.

· **5 PM to 6 PM**

[10th Anniversary Reception](#)—Gallery

Festival-goers, authors, volunteers, and sponsors are invited to a wine and cheese reception to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Millbrook Literary Festival. Light refreshments will be accompanied by music from jazz pianist Don Egry.

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CHILDREN'S ROOM PROGRAMS

10 to 10:45 AM Quick On the Draw Workshop: Artists of all ages can learn the craft of designing a picture book from gifted illustrator Steven James Petruccio. Steven has been a professional artist and illustrator for 35 years, with works in public and private collections and over 80 illustrated picture books. Winner of the Parent's Choice Award, Ben Franklin Award, and illustrator of a book featured on Reading Rainbow, Steven has valuable tips to offer anyone interested in expressing himself through illustration. To learn more about Steve visit www.stevenjamespetruccio.com.

All supplies will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend the workshop with their children and can register by emailing info@millbrookliteraryfestival.org or through the calendar at www.millbrooklibrary.org.

11:30 AM to 12 PM Masterful Michael Garland: Author/illustrator Michael Garland shares his newest picture books with subjects ranging from science (*Birds Make Nests*), to music (*Daddy Played the Blues*), to just plain fun (*Pizza Mouse*). Michael's latest books have been recognized by the National Science Teachers Association, the National Council for Social Studies, and the Junior Library Guild. Don't miss the fun!

12:30 to 1 PM Music and More With Marian Grudko: *Lucinda Snowdrop*, a musical tale by author and composer Marian Grudko. Lucinda is only a toy bunny, but it is up to her to save Emmie's grandma. Will Lucinda make the right choice? Will she do the right thing? With the help of the Great Silver Falcon, Lucinda sets off on a transformative journey and learns the power and pain of promises and love. Marian performs this poignant tale, accompanied by her enchanting music. For ages 4 through adult, *Lucinda Snowdrop* is now an illustrated book, available at Merritt Bookstore.

1:30 to 2:30 PM Picture Book Quartet: The Hudson Valley is home to a host of talented picture book creators. Meet some of our local favorites as they read from their latest creations. Karen Kaufman Orloff (*Goodnight, Little Bot*), Susanna Leonard Hill (*When Your Lion Needs a Bath*), Iza Trapani (*Old MacDonald Had a ... Zoo?*), and Nancy Furstinger (*The Forgotten Rabbit*) will provide lively entertainment.

2:30 to 3 PM It Was a Dark and Stormy Night...: Do you like stories that send a chill up your spine, raise goosebumps on your arms, or make your hair stand on end? Then don't miss David Neilsen (*Dr. Fell and the Playground of Doom*). A talented actor and storyteller, David will provide (age appropriate) chills and thrills. Don't say we didn't warn you!



ALL DAY

Book Signings and Sales —Front Lawn

Books by all authors and illustrators at the festival will be available for purchase. Authors will be signing their books immediately following their program or activity. In addition, non-presenting authors will be in the Book Tent to sign their work and meet visitors all day. Participants include Jacob M. Appel, John Essick, Don Germain, Jenna Grodzicki, Tania Guarino, Raven Howell, Matt Lambros, Russell Paul LaValle, Jackie Reynolds (AKA Bee Bee the Clown), Cynthia Robinson, Lisa Romeo, Peter Rush, Jesse A. Saperstein, Roger Hendricks Simon (for his late wife Sarah Levine Simon), G. Stuart Smith, Sandi Sonnenfeld, Victoria St. George, Timothy Tocher, and Helen Zuman. You can read more about all of our authors at our website.



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PLAN OUT YOUR DAY

<i>Time</i>	<i>Gallery (Upper Level)</i>	<i>Bennett Room (Lower Level)</i>	<i>Children's Room (Lower Level)</i>
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