2017 Festival of the Book: Events

Tuesday, March 21 6:00 PM

Jeanine Michna-Bales and Through Darkness to Light Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Allison Wright, Jeanine Michna-Bales

7:00 PM

Poetry & Prose Celebration Omni Hotel Kirsten Miles, Proal Heartwell, Amy-Sarah Marshall

Wednesday, March 22 7:30 AM

Leadership Breakfast with Stuart Firestein Omni Hotel Sponsored by Signature Family Wealth Advisors Tickets Required

12:00 PM

Opening Ceremony with UVA Dean of Libraries John Unsworth Central JMRL Library

2:00 PM

Fiction: In the Wake of History Central JMRL Library Marie Benedict, Carrie Brown, Stephen O'Connor

Betrayal & Virginian Heroes: 20th Century War Stories City Council Chambers William Geroux, William Walker

Strong Women, Artful Lives New Dominion Bookshop Frances Barnhart Beatrix Ost

Deeply Human Stories: Fiction Barnes & Noble Hannah Gersen, Jennifer Handford, Patricia Harman

The Pacific Ecosystem: Exploring Man, Flora, and Fauna UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Frederick Damon, Stan Ulanski

4:00 PM

Secrets and Lies: Haunting Historical Fiction Central JMRL Library Kathleen Grissom, Brooke Obie, Susan Rivers

We Write Too: Celebrating Skyline 2017 City Council Chambers Phyllis Duncan, Susan Lanterman, Jack Trammell

Poetry: Lost and Found, Grief and Healing New Dominion Bookshop Cathryn Hankla, Annie Kim, Charlotte Matthews

Save Room! Cookbooks With a Sweet Tooth Barnes & Noble Sheri Castle, Ronni Lundy

Monuments and Memory: How We Share History Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Jeanine Michna-Bales, Colin Rafferty

6:00 PM

Meaning and Mindfulness Central JMRL Library Hugh Byrne, Erin Olivo Sponsored by Insight Meditation Community of Charlottesville

In Pursuit of Story: Memoirs and Travelogues City Council Chambers Steven Faulkner, Jeffrey Greene

Bus Lines Community Poetry Reading Downtown Transit Center Susan Berres

African Dance, Drum, and Story Time Carver Recreation Center Lillie Williams

Memoir Against Mass Incarceration Northside JMRL Library David Coogan, Kelvin Belton, Stan Craddock, Dean Turner

Challenge Into Change Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Seems Reza The Preschool Primer: A Guide For Parents Piedmont Family YMCA at the Jefferson School Pamela Evans

6:30 PM

Building and Loving Where You Live Crozet JMRL Library Anthony Flaccavento, Melody Warnick Sponsored by Albemarle County

7:00 PM

Out of Wonder: Kwame Alexander & Ekua Holmes UVA Culbreth Theatre Kwame Alexander, Ekua Holmes Sponsored by Miller School of Albemarle and UVA Department of Drama Tickets Required

Thursday, March 23 10:00 AM

Adventures in Eating: Navigating the World for the Perfect Meal Barnes & Noble Jeffrey Greene, Shane Mitchell

Fresh Perspectives on the Civil War UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections D.H. Dilbeck, John Grinspan, Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai Sponsored by John L. Nau III Center for the Study of the American Civil War, UVA

Future Science: Humans and Earth City Council Chambers David Grinspoon, Scott Solomon

Unforgettable Fiction, Unexpected Directions Central JMRL Library Robert Bausch, March Dermansky, Phillip Lewis

11:45 AM

Festival Luncheon with Christina Baker Kline (Sold Out) Omni Hotel, Ballroom Sponsored by Dominion Resources, Lead Sponsor; Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital, and Wells Fargo

12:00 PM

Devlin and Wolfe Talk Jazz: On Albert Murray and Bix Beiderbecke UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections

Paul Devlin, Brendan Wolfe

Memoir As Art, Place City Council Chambers John Kay, Theresa Kubasak, Gabe Huck, Neal Snidow

Poetry: Threads of Identity CitySpace J.K. Daniels, Jenny Johnson, Jason Schneiderman Sponsored by Cville Pride Community Network

Terrific Fiction in Short Form New Dominion Bookshop Jonathan Corcoran, Rion Amilcar Scott, Paula Whyman Sponsored by Cville Pride Community Network

Cooking Demos The Charlottesville Cooking School Sheri Castle, Shane Mitchell, Ronni Lundy Sponsored by Charlottesville Cooking School

1:00 PM

From Page to Stage: The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Worksource Enterprises

2:00 PM

Irresistible Oddballs: New Voices in Fiction Barnes & Noble Julie Clairborne Johnson, Rebecca Kauffman, Liz Kay

Women Making History: Who Gets to Write Which Stories? UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Catherine Clinton, Claudrena Harold, Dava Sobel, Susan Southard

Heartbreaking (& Heartbreakingly Good) Fiction Central JMRL Library Jane Alison, Michael Knight, Laurie Stone

Literary Memoirs of Lost Worlds CitySpace John Guzlowski, Caroline Heller

3:30

Earth in Human Hands UVA Clark Hall, Room 108 David Ginspoon Food Traditions and Women Chefs Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Ashley Christensen, Shane Mitchell, Ronni Lundy Sponsored by the Ballyshannon Fund and Renee and Jonn Grisham

Race and Class: A Necessary Dialogue UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Lisa Goff, Lawrence Ross, Jr., Brooke Obie

Civil War: The Governors and the Commanders City Council Chambers Stephen Engle, Wayne Hsieh, Williamson Murray

American Lives: Shirley Jackson, Margaret Wise Brown, and Black Elk Central JMRL Library Ruth Franklin, Amy Gary, Joe Jackson

Business Building, Life Giving UVA Bookstore Macon Brock

Warhol and the First Ladies CitySpace Feather Schwartz Foster, Claudi Kalb

Poetry: Finding Our Space New Dominion Bookshop Temple Cone, Emilia Phillips, Ravi Shankar

Shaping Eyre: A Conversation About (Re)Reading Brontë in the 21st Century The Rotunda Barbara Heritage, Patricia Park Sponsored by the Rare Book School

6:00 PM

Voices of Adult Learners Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

Take it Personally: A Life in Art UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Holland Cotter

A Piece of the World with Christina Baker Kline Christ Episcopal Church, Meade Hall

4:00

Christina Baker Kline, Renee Grisham Tickets Required

6:30 PM

Crossing Boundaries: Relationships, challenges, and Perspectives in YA Fiction Crozet JMRL Library Pintip Dunn, Marie Marguardt, Maria Padian, Mary Thompson

Middlemarch in Spring Paramount Theater Claudia Stevens Tickets Required

7:00 PM

My Little Star: Remembering Carmelita Tea Bazaar Lauren Catlett

A Tribute to Joe Wilson: Reading & Concert C'ville Coffee

Fred Bartenstein, Sammy Shelor, Phil Wiggins, Linda and David Lay, Frank Newsome Sponsored by Blue Ridge Music Center and W. Tucker Lemon, VFH Board member and advocate for Reading Under the Influence

Frank Shorter - My Marathon: Reflections on A Gold Medal Life Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center

Claudia Kalb: Andy Warhol Was A Hoarder Green County JMRL Library

8:00 PM

Night Moves: Poets Nystrom, Seibles, and Spaar Christ Episcopal Church, Meade Hall Debra Nystrom, Tim Seibles, Lisa Spaar

Friday, March 24 10:00 AM

The Climate Change Generation Barnes & Noble Susan Cohen, Leidy Klotz

Emerging Voices: Critically Acclaimed Debut Novels Central JMRL Library Viet Dinh, Jung Yun, Emily Fridlund

Animal Lives - Genius, Feral, and Cannibal

City Council Chambers Jennifer Ackerman, Abraham Gibson, Bill Schutt

Mother, Daughter, Family-Tangled Perspectives CitySpace Daryl Dance, April Ryan, Lori Tharps

It's Complicated: US & USSR Relations UVA Bookstore Kenneth Ackerman, Richard Moss, Louis Sell

Civil War: Southern Women, Black Regiments, and Night Visions UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Catherine Clinton, Douglas Egerton, Jonathan White

12:00 PM

Wild Fiction!! Attacks! Exorcism! Animation! Barnes & Noble Manuel Gonzales, Grady Hendrix, Kayla Rae Whitaker

Writing Lives: Memoirs of Old and New Homes Central JMRL Library Plum Johnson, Okey Ndibe

How We Choose What To Eat: Straight Talk & Science City Council Chambers David Ludwig, Gary Taubes

Battles Worth Fighting: Civil Rights and Journalism CitySpace Jim Obergefell, Patricia Hruby Powell, Anya Schiffrin Sponsored by Cville Pride Community Network and UVA Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program

UVA Creative Writing Alumni Reading UVA Bookstore Kim Brooks, lee Clay Johnson, Sjohnna McCray, Sarah Schweig

Indian Wars, Firearms and the Early American Arms Race UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections David Silverman, Laura Trevelyan

Southern Writing - Rough & Rural New Dominion Bookshop Jean Cash, Ted Geltner A Conversation with Elizabeth Nunez Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Elizabeth Nunez

1:00 PM

"Tiny Steps" by Rose Williams Carver Recreation Center, Lounge/Classroom Rose Williams

From Page to State: The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Carver Recreation Center

Middlemarch in Spring Paramount Theater Rebecca Mead, Claudia Stevens Ticket Required

2:00 PM

Life (and Love) Is Complicated: Fiction Barnes & Noble Michelle Brafman, Ann Garvin, Lauren Grodstein

Landscapes of the Heart: Appalachian Fiction Central JMRL Library Elizabeth Cox, Julie Franks, Sheryl Monks

Navigating International Conflicts: Who Helps the Refugees? City Council Chambers Christine Mahoney, Jennifer Rubenstein

Perspectives From Africa: Ndibe, Okupe, and Omotoso CitySpace Okey Ndibe, Roye Okupe, Yewande Omotoso

Eyes on the City: Planning and Power UVA Bookstore Robert Kanigel, Richard Schragger

Touching Land and Nature UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections Ben Kessler, Denise Low

Ashley Christensen: Recipes and Stories From A Modern Diner New Dominion Bookshop Ashley Christensen Sponsored by the Ballyshannon Fund and Renee and John Grisham Activism & Leadership: African Americans During Jim Crow Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Claudrena Harold, Joseph Mosnier, Richard Rosen, Elizabeth Dowling Taylor

4:00 PM

Historic Crime: Sherlock, Poison, and Music Barnes & Noble Michael Sims, Holly Tucker, Richard Underwood

Fiction: Exploring Others and Ourselves Central JMRL Library Elizabeth Poliner, Jonathan Rabb, Domnica Radulescu

Secrets and Adventures: The Dyslexic Spy and Hemingway City Council Chambers Yudhijit Bhattacharjee, Nicholas Reynolds

Witches, Patriots, and Partisanship: Early American History CitySpace Robert McDonald, John Ragosta, Benjamin Ray

Spanish Language Poetry - La Poesía en Español UVA Bookstore Miguel-Angel Zapata

Things Are Not Always As They Seem (But Sometimes They Are) UVA Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections John Casteen III

Poetry: A Little Levity New Dominion Bookshop James Brasfield, Joseph Mills, Alan Michael Parker

Economic Inequality: Who Profits? What's At Stake? Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Daniel Hatcher, Thomas Shapiro, Jennifer Silva Sponsored by Clergy and Laity United for Justice and Peace

Book Signing with Rome Okupe Telegraph Art & Comics Roya Okupe

5:00 PM

Race and Public Space: Commemorative Practices in the American South UVA School of Architecture, Campbell Hall, Room 153

Dell Upton

6:00 PM

Book Signing with Catherine Clinton Barnes & Noble Catherine Clinton

Building (and Breaking) Worlds in Contemporary Science Fiction & Fantasy Central JMRL Library Steve White, Will McIntosh, Sofia Samatar

7:00 PM

An Evening with Joseph Stiglitz: Economic Inequality Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center Joseph Stiglitz Sponsored by Clergy and Laity United for Justice and Peace Tickets Require

Charlottesville Reading Series: Beams, Boggs, and Parker The Bridge PAI Clare Beams, Belle Boggs, Morgan Parker

8:00 PM

Crime Wave Bestsellers: Megan Abbott, Bill Beverly, and John Hart Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Megan Abbott, Bill Beverly, John Hart

9:30 PM

Reading Under the Influence with Jack Hamilton The Ante Room Jack Hamilton, Grits and Gravy Sponsored by W. Tucker Lemon, VFH Board member and advocate for Reading Under the Influence

Saturday, March 25 9:00 AM

Lit Fair Omni Hotel, Atrium Browse among exhibitors offering literary magazines, university presses and small publishers, and writing resources 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sponsored by Green Valley Book Fair

9:30 AM

Clifford, We Love You Paramount Theater

10:00 AM

22nd Annual Kid's Book Swap Central JMRL Library, Children's Room

Story Time Fun With the Play Partners Program of Readykids C'ville Coffee

Essential Fiction: Kaitlyn Greenidge, Caroline Leavitt & Yewande Omotoso Central JMRL Library, McIntire Room Kaitlyn Greenidge, Caroline Leavitt, Yewande Omotoso

Word Salad Or Word Solid? Malapropisms and New Coinages City Council Chambers Allan Metcalf, Robert Rubin

The Tragedy of Racism and Racial Violence Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Charles Dew, Jason Ward, Marjory Wentworth

Publishing Day: Literary Publishing Omni Hotel, Ballroom A C. Michael Curtis, Dallas Hudgens, Erica Wright

Crime Wave Brunch with Laura Lippman (Sold Out) Omni Hotel, Ballroom B/C Sponsored by Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library

Publishing Day: Keys to Success in Book Publishing and Promotion Omni Hotel, Monroe Room Brenda Drake, Ann Garvin, Tom McAllister

Heroines of Destiny: Paranormal Romance Omni Hotel, Preston Room Margaret Locke, Pintip Dunn, Natalina Reis

Flying Lessons & Other Stories: We Need Diverse Books Village School Soman Chainani, Ellen Oh, Meg Medina

12:00 PM

Stage-Serious Cancer: Responding with Humor and Faith UVA McLeod Hall Auditorium Jason Micheli, Terri Tate

Debut Fiction: Love, Loss, and Family

Central JMRL Library, McIntire Room Hannah Assadi, Taylor Larsen, Tom McAllister

Nuclear War: Survivors, Resistors, and Current Peril City Council Chambers Susan Southard, Caren Stelson, Dan Zak

Crime Wave: The Mysterious Worlds of Abbott, Dahl, Lin, and Tran Omni Hotel, Ballroom A Megan Abbott, Julia Dahl, Ed Lin, Vu Tran

Pop Life: Cultural Influences of Media UVA Bookstore Camilla Fojas, Glenn Frankel, Jack Hamilton

Crime Wave: Techno Thrillers! Omni Hotel, Monroe Room Terrence McCauley, Sean McFate, Elizabeth Young

The Men of Romance Audiobooks: Narrator Panel Omni Hotel, Preston Room David Brenin, Will Damron, Luke Daniels, Derek Perkins, Aiden Snow

Adventures in the Middle: Friendships and Mysteries in Middle School Casey Lyall, Ali Standish, Danette Vigilante

2:00 PM

Backpacking Adventures for Kids Albemarle Tourism & Adventure Center Jeff Alt

SELC Environmental Writing Award Program Southern Environmental Law Center

Storytime Marathon Central JMRL Library, Children's Room Lulu Delacre, Angela Dominguez, Min Lê, Priya Mahadevan, Ali Pfautz, Kelly Starling Lyons, Liz Starin, Matthew Swanson, Isabel Roxas, Maria Gianferrari, Robbi Behr

Get Lit: Books That Inspire Central JMRL Library, McIntire Room David Denby, Bethanne Patrick

Civil Protests, Bloody Responses: Kent State and Selma City Council Chambers Howard Means, Robert Pratt True Stories of the Jim Crow South: Beth Macy & Patrick Phillips Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Beth Macy, Patrick Phillips

Publishing Day: How to Hook a Reader on the First Page Omni Hotel, Ballroom A Meredith Cole, Jennifer Elvgren, Deborah Prum, Andy Straka

Crime Wave: Great Stories, Caught Up In Crime Omni Hotel, Ballroom B John Hart, Diane Les Besquets, Randall Silvis, Robin Yocum

Crime Wave: Dangerous Detections & Deceptions Omni Hotel, Ballroom C Diane Fanning, Con Lehane, Bradley Spinelli, David Stewart

Poetry: Time and Memory New Dominion Bookshop Gary Geddes, Sara McCallum, Sandra Meek

Modern Love, Contemporary Romance Omni Hotel, Preston Room Hope Ramsay, Mary Ann Marlowe, Brandi Granett

The Supernatural Self: Fantasy and Intrigue in YA Fiction Village School Jennifer Brody, Eric Smith, Shaun David Hutchinson, Brenda Drake

4:00 PM

From Killer Robots to Evil Emperors: Tom Angleberger & John Claude Bemis Central JMRL Library Tom Angleberger, John Claude Bemis

Questions, Expertise, and the President: Not Just for News Junkies City Council Chambers Marc Fisher, Michael Kranish, Tom Nichols, Frank Sesno

Agents Roundtable Omni Hotel, Ballroom A Lisa Bankoff, Michael Carlisle, Eric Smith

Crime Wave: Gritty and Grabbing Omni Hotel, Ballroom B Bill Beverly, Steph Post, David Swinson Crime Wave: Private Eyes You'll Want To Follow Omni Hotel, Ballroom C Greer Macallister, Michael Robertson, Erica Wright

Drawing and Writing Libros: A Conversation About Children's Publishing Omni Hotel, Monroe Room Lulu Delacre, Angela Dominguez, Juana Medina

An Inconvenient Love: Historical Romance Omni Hotel, Preston Room S.K. Long, Rose Fairbanks, Julia London

Everywhere, Wonder: Bookmaking for Kids Village School Robbi Behr, Matthew Swanson

8:00 PM

Written in the Stars: Margot Shetterly & Dava Sobel (Sold Out) Paramount Theater Margot Lee Shetterly, Dava Sobel

Sunday, March 26 11:00 AM

LINKS Celebration Brunch: A Tribute to the African American Literary Tradition Omni Hotel Tickets Required

12:30 PM

Speaking in Faces: Virginia's Typographical Treasures Published Virginia Arts of the Book Center Lucan Czarnecki, Bonnie Bernstein, David Shields, Kevin McFadden

1:00 PM

Best Food Writing Central JMRL Library Todd Klinman, Joe Yonan, Jason Tesauro; moderated by Holly Hughes

A Revolution in Color: The World of John Singleton Copley Monticello's David M Rubenstein Visitor Center Jane Kamensky

Religion in America: Seeking Meaning, With or Without Faith UVA Bookstore Tom Krattenmaker, Katherine Ozment, Kristin Swenson

Mental Health: Sue Klebold and the Family Aftermath

UVA Culbreth Theatre Sue Klebold Sponsored by The Wesley Foundation at UVA Tickets Required

2:00 PM

A Conversation with Bryan Cranston John Paul Jones Arena Bryan Cranston, Mark Johnson Sponsored by the UVA President's Speaker Series for the Arts Tickets Required

3:00 PM

Touching History: Richard Rabinowitz on Curating America James Monroe's Highland Richard Rabinowitz