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Buffalo & Erie County Public Library to Host Indie Author Day – Buffalo's Premier Independent Author Event

Annual Indie Author Day Connects Independent Writers with Local Libraries and Writing Communities

BUFFALO, N.Y. – [Oct. 28, 2025] – The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is proud to announce Indie Author Day 2025, Buffalo's premier independent author event and a free, full-day celebration of independent writers and the local literary community. The event will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9:15 AM to 4:00 PM at the Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo.

"The Library is thrilled to serve as the hub for our region's vibrant independent author community," said **Dorinda Darden, Interim Director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**. "Indie Author Day exemplifies our commitment to supporting local writers at every stage – strengthening the connections between authors, readers, and the broader literary community we serve."

Indie Author Day is part of a nationwide effort connecting independent writers with their local libraries and writing communities. Whether attendees are published authors or just starting their writing journey, this free event offers valuable resources, expert guidance, and networking opportunities.

Registration is **required** for the morning session.

Registration at this link: <https://buffalolib.libcal.com/event/15047273>

Morning Session: Expert-Led Presentations

The morning session, running from 9:15 AM to 2:00 PM in the Mason O. Damon Auditorium (Clinton Street entrance), features presentations from industry professionals covering essential topics for writers at all levels.

Featured presentations include:

- **Beta Reading: The Inside Scoop** by Valerie Gee & Katelin Pickard of Writer Island
- **When to Trust Humans Over Machines: Understanding What Editors Can Do and What AI Cannot** by Jennifer Borgioli Binis of Schoolmarm Advisors

- **Demystifying the Publishing Landscape: Traditional, Hybrid, and Self-Publishing** by H.R. Gordon of Gordon Publishing
- **HONEST GHOST! Authentic Writing and Fantastic Subjects** by Mason Winfield of Haunted History Ghost Walks, Inc.

Afternoon Session: Indie Author Book Fair, Panels, and Presentations

From 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on the library's second floor, the event opens to the general public with no registration required. The afternoon features tabling opportunities for local and indie authors, along with concurrent panel discussions and presentations featuring:

- **Writing Together: Finding Accountability, Motivation and Connections with Shut Up & Write Buffalo** by John Bowers, Tediya Barton-Harris, Elaine Grant, Dr. Chirantana Mathkari, Michael Neumann, and Annette J. Wacha
- **Transforming Buffalo into the Multiverse** by Travis Carlson of Pan-American Film Division
- **Finishing Your First Novel (Turning Your Idea into a Story)** by Evangeline Williams
- **How to Get Away With (Writing) Murder** by Gary Earl Ross
- **Horror: It's Not Just Teens Getting Killed** by Liam Burke, Rebecca Cuthbert, Pauline Chow.
- **Branding Your Empire** by Tori Einher of Unscripted Chaos
- **Creating Your Literary Magazine (As an Extension of the Self)** by J.B. Stone of Variety Pack Zine

Both the morning and afternoon sessions are free to attend.

About Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Established in 1836, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is Buffalo's oldest cultural institution. **Profoundly Public** in all we do, the Library serves more than 2.35 million visitors annually through 37 branches and mobile services. The Library also houses over 3.2 million resources, extensive digital collections, and innovative programming. With a collection of international and national note, the Library continues to significantly impact community education, equity, and cultural enrichment. In 2024, every tax payer dollar invested returned \$4.32 in community benefits, totaling over \$128 million in annual value to the residents of Erie County. To explore resources and services, visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

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