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INDIE AUTHOR DAY & BOOK FAIR, SAT., NOV.14 @ BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Indie Author Day and Community Book Fair Connects Independent Writers & Future Authors with Local Libraries, Writing, and Publishing Communities

BUFFALO, N.Y. – [October 30, 2026] – The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is proud to host its 11th Annual Indie Author Day, the region's leading event for independent authors and other members of the literary and publishing communities. The free, full-day celebration of learning, networking, and book selling will take place on **Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the downtown Central Library, located at 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo.**

"Indie Author Day reinforces the Library's commitment to supporting the local writing community," said Library Director Christine Schonhart. "It is the perfect opportunity to highlight self-published and independent talent and allows readers to discover and shop for books written by local authors. Whether attendees are published authors or just starting their writing journey, Indie Author Day offers valuable resources, expert guidance, and networking opportunities."

The daylong schedule includes experts representing all genres of writing. Over 80 authors and other literary talent will participate in the Book Fair. **More information and registration here: https://buffalolib.libcal.com/event/17298202**

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Library Auditorium: "Curating an Anthology of Local Writers" featuring authors Gary Earl Ross, Lissa Marie Redmond, and Kate McGreevy of the WNY Mystery Collective.

11:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. Library Gallery upper floor Meeting Rooms:
"The Accidental Biographer: How One Question Became a 400-Page Book**" -** Susan Fenster
"Comedy Tips from a Failed Stand-Up Comic" - Greg Bauch
"From Page to Audio: Producing & Narrating Your Own Audiobook" - Michael Solis of Writers & Books
"The Face and Place of Magazines in WNY" - *Buffalo Spree*
"Surviving Beyond the Bite" - Queen Solar Ingram
"On-the-Spot Workshop and Editor Ask-Me-Anything**" -** B. B. Garin
"Wanting is Not Enough: Crafting Characters Who Act" - Katie Passerotti
"The Joys of Journaling" - Lisa Jacobs-Watson and Rose Hyman
"Writing Women's Fiction" – Michele Brouder
"Reach for the Scars: Building Characters with Hidden Depth" – Catherine D'Agostino
"Publishing Your Way**" -** thriller author J.C. Moore
"Getting the Most Out of Working with an Editor**" -** Jennifer Lombardo and Aster Hathaway of By Chance Books
"Dreaming of Getting Your Ideas on Paper?**" -**Judene Bliss, Ken Stuczynski, & Sally Cunningham of Dreaming In Ink
"Get Taut: Writing Effective Tension"– Dr. Jack Marsland, Melody Von Smith, & Liam Burke of Horror Writers Assoc.

About Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Established in 1836, 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 with 37 branches & mobile services. The Library houses 3.2 million resources, extensive digital collections, and innovative programming. With a collection of international and national note, the Library significantly impacts community education, equity, and cultural enrichment. In 2025, every tax payer dollar invested returned $4.24 in community benefits, totaling over $131 million in value to Erie County residents. See more here: www.BuffaloLib.org.

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A free all-day event.

Connect with indie and local authors, editors, illustrators, and other literary creatives, learn from a variety of presentations for all skill levels, make friends, network, and browse our large and vibrant book fair.

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Event Schedule

Mason O. Damon Auditorium (Entrance on Clinton Street)

9:30 Arrival and sign-in.
10:00 Welcome and opening remarks
10:15 Keynote: *Curating an Anthology of Local Writers* by Gary Earl Ross, Lissa Marie Redmond, and Kate McGreevy of the WNY Mystery Collective
10:45 The auditorium will close, and the event will continue on Floor 2 of the Library

Central Meeting Room

11:15 *The Accidental Biographer: How One Question Became a 400-Page Book* by Susan Fenster
12:30 *Comedy Tips from a Failed Stand-Up Comic* by Greg Bauch
2:00 *From Page to Audio: Producing and Narrating Your Own Audiobook* by Michael Solis of Writers & Books
3:15 *The Face and Place of Magazines in WNY* by Buffalo Spree

Exhibit Space

11:00 Book Fair opens
4:00 Book Fair closes

TechKnow Lab

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Atrium

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3:00 *Dreaming of Getting Your Ideas on Paper?* by Judene Bliss, Ken Stuczynski, and Sally Cunningham of the Dreaming in Ink writer's group
3:30 *Get Taut: Writing Effective Tension* by Dr. Jack Marsland, Melody Von Smith, and Liam Burke of the Horror Writers Association

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Need an accommodation? Contact the ADA Coordinator at access@buffalolib.org within 7 days of the program.

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