

ALA ANNUAL 2026

with Penguin Random House Library Marketing
Chicago, IL • Booth #2812

MEET THE AUTHORS

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH



Rachel Maddow
DEPARTMENT OF FATE
Opening General Session
Friday, June 26th
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
McCormick Place,
W 375 C D E Skyline

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH



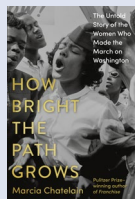
Jarret Dapier
WAKE NOW IN THE FIRE
Civic Engagement, Advocacy,
and Comics
Saturday, June 27th
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Hyatt Regency McCormick,
Clark ABC
and
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
Signing in Follet Booth #1929



Tim Leatherman
THE LEATHERMAN BOOK
Must-Read Memoirs
Saturday, June 27th
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Hyatt Regency McCormick,
Adler ABC



Alex L. Combs and Andrew Eakett
TRANS HISTORY &
James Robinson
WHALE EYES
The Odyssey Awards
Saturday, June 27th
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Hyatt Regency McCormick,
DuSable AB

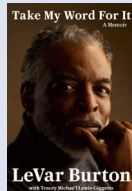


Marcia Chatelain
HOW BRIGHT THE PATH GROWS
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Signing in Amazon Business
Booth #2221
and
Nonfiction You Can't Put
Down
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
McCormick Place, W 192 C

BERKLEY XO GIVEAWAY



Saturday, June 27th
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
PRH Signing Booth #2612
Pick up a Berkley XO tote and
copies of early galleys!



LeVar Burton
TAKE MY WORD FOR IT
Main Stage Speaker:
United for Libraries President's
Program
Saturday, June 27th
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
McCormick Place, W 375 C D E
Skyline



Brenda Iijima
SHELTER IS NECESSARY FOR EXISTENCE
Saturday, June 27th
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612,
Table 3



Ruth Ozeki
THE TYPING LADY
Saturday, June 27th
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
Signing in OverDrive
Booth #2225
and
Beyond the Book:
How Libraries Can Fundraise
with Author Events
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
McCormick Place, W 175 A B C



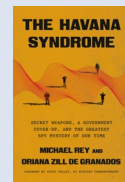
Kobi Yamada
OTHERS
Saturday, June 27th
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612,
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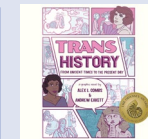
Sarah Becan **LET'S MAKE COCKTAILS!** &
James Tynion IV **SOMETHING IS KILLING THE CHILDREN**
GNCR Magical Comics Tea*
Saturday, June 27th
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Hilton Chicago, Continental A
*Ticketed Event



Tae Keller
WHEN TOMORROW BURNS
Saturday, June 27th
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM
Signing in OverDrive
Booth #2225



Michael Rey
THE HAVANA SYNDROME
Nonfiction You Can't
Put Down
Saturday, June 27th
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
McCormick Place, W 192 C



Alex L. Combs and Andrew Eakett
TRANS HISTORY
Saturday, June 27th
3:30 PM – 4:10 PM
Signing in Playaway Booth
#2616



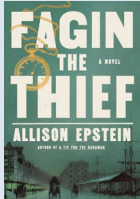
Megha Majumdar
A GUARDIAN AND A THIEF
Saturday, June 27th
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Signing in Amazon Business
Booth #2221

2026 Andrew Carnegie Medals for
Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction
Award Ceremony and Reception*
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
American Writer's Museum
*Ticketed Event



Kate Messner
AXOLOTL-ELLA
Saturday, June 27th
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612,
Table 3

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH



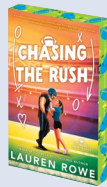
Allison Epstein
FAGIN THE THIEF

RUSA's Literary Luminaries Panel
Sunday, June 28th
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
McCormick Place, 190 A
and
Signing at OverDrive Booth #2225
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Jarret Dapier
WAKE NOW IN THE FIRE

Toxic Exclusion: Banned Authors Share How to Support Children's Access to Information
Sunday, June 28th
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
McCormick Place, W 179 A B



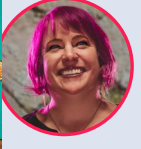
Lauren Rowe
CHASING THE RUSH

Love Stories: A Romance Author Panel
Sunday, June 28th
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
McCormick Place, W 193 A



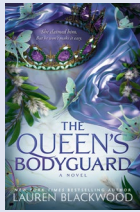
James Tynion IV
SOMETHING IS KILLING THE CHILDREN

Sunday, June 28th
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612, Table 3
and
Crossing the Page
11:30 AM – 12:20 PM
PopTop Stage Booth #1756



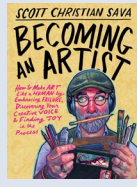
Sarah Becan
LET'S MAKE COCKTAILS!

From Idea to Zine: Supporting Comics Creation in Library Makerspaces
Sunday, June 28th
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
McCormick Place, W 475 b
and
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612, Table 3



Lauren Blackwood
THE QUEEN'S BODYGUARD

Sunday, June 28th
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
Signing in Amazon Business Booth #2221



Scott Christian Sava
BECOMING AN ARTIST

Sunday, June 28th
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612, Table 3



Lina Chern
TRICKS OF FORTUNE

Sunday, June 28th
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM
Signing in PRH Booth #2612, Table 3



Isabela Livino
AN IMMACULATE DECEPTION

First Novels: An Author Panel
Sunday, June 28th
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
McCormick Place, W 193 A



Penguin Random House
SPEAKERS BUREAU

SPEAKERS BUREAU ANNIVERSARY TOAST

Join the Penguin Random House Speakers Bureau for a special treat to celebrate their 20th Anniversary!
Sunday, June 28th
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
PRH Booth #2812



Melanie Benjamin
THE WINDSOR AFFAIR

Sunday, June 28th
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Signing in Amazon Business Booth #2221



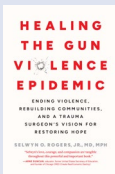
James Robinson and Brian Rea
WHALE EYES

Sunday, June 28th
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM
Signing in Playaway Booth #2616



Sona Movsesian
THE WORLD'S WORST MOM

The Laugh's On Us*
Sunday, June 28th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
McCormick Place, W 375 A
Skyline
*Ticketed Event



Dr. Selwyn Rogers
HEALING THE GUN EPIDEMIC

BCALA Annual Membership Meeting & Awards
Sunday, June 28th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Marriott Marquis, Great Lakes C

MONDAY, JULY 29TH

**INSIDE THE STUDIO:
THE MAKING OF THREE ODYSSEY AUDIOBOOKS**

Monday, June 29th • 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM
A Real Page-Turner Stage Booth #4956

UFL GALA AUTHOR TEA*

Monday, June 29th • 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
McCormick Place, W 375 A Skyline *Ticketed Event



Cara Bastone
I'VE GOT YOU



Elizabeth Kostova
MYSTERY PLAY

BOOK BUZZES:

Penguin Random House Library Marketing Book Buzz

Sunday, June 28th
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Hyatt McCormick, Adler ABC

Join the Library Marketing Team to receive ARCs and a sneak peek of upcoming releases sure to drive your holds list. Attendees will receive ARCs and Swag. Refreshments will be served.

*RSVP at TinyUrl.com/PRHLMBookBuzzALA26

Penguin Random House Publishers Services Small Press Book Buzz

Sunday, June 28th
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM • Hyatt McCormick, Adler ABC

Join for highlights, swag, and ARCS from some of our distribution partners DC Comics, Other Press, NYRB, Soho, Disney Publishing, Titan, and more!

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