



SPRING WRITES LITERARY FESTIVAL

Over 100 Artists
Over 40 Events
SpringWrites.org

LIVE May 2 - 5 / ZOOM May 11 - 18 / WORKSHOPS June - Aug
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May 2 - 5 Live Events

Full Descriptions



Register just once for
all May 2-5 events



THURSDAY, MAY 2



6:00pm - 7:00pm
[Writing Queer in an Era of Book Bans](#)
Buffalo Street Books / Dewitt Mall,
215 N. Cayuga St. (Enter on Buffalo St.)
Queer YA authors **Rob Costello**,
Kalynn Bayron, **Amber Smith**, and
Isabel Sterling.



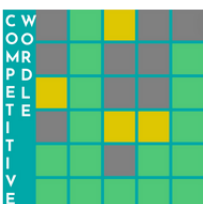
8:00pm - 11:00pm (& after party)
[Three of Cups](#)
Deep Dive / 415 Old Taughannock Blvd.
A multi-genre showcase of poetry,
music, burlesque, visual art,
collaborations, and more!



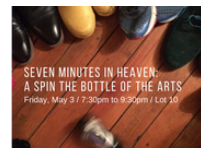
6:30pm - 7:30pm
(Community Partner Event)
[Poetry and Prose Open Mic](#)
Tompkins County Public Library
101 E. Green St. (Ezra Cornell Room)
Open to anyone, any age, to spectate
or participate. (Note: There's a
separate registration for this event.)



6:00pm - 7:00pm
[Limp Fallacies: Pop-Up Artist
Talk & Installation](#)
Buffalo Street Books / Dewitt Mall,
215 N. Cayuga St. (Enter on Buffalo St.)
Presented by Saltonstall
Foundation for the Arts, with Anna
Warfield, residency alumna ('23)



7:00pm - 9:00pm
(Community Partner Event)
[Competitive Wordle](#)
(\$10 Cover) The Downstairs / 121
W. State/MLK Jr. Street (has stairs.)
Face off in a competitive Wordle Off,
hosted by local author and amateur
game show host, **Bob Proehl!**



7:00pm - 9:00pm
[Seven Minutes in Heaven:
A Spin-the-Bottle of the Arts](#)
Lot 10 / 106 S. Cayuga Street
Seven writers, seven musicians,
and seven actors.

SATURDAY MAY 4



12:00pm - 1:00pm

Workshop: Stranger than Fiction

Buffalo Street Books / Dewitt Mall, 215 N. Cayuga Street (Enter on Buffalo St.)

With **E. C. Barrett**. A discussion of magical realism and practice playing with the surreal and fantastical.

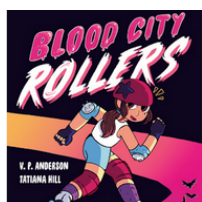


1:00pm - 2:00pm

Group Reading

Community School of Music & Arts, 3rd Floor (elevator) 330 E. State/MLK Jr. St.

With (top row) **Rob Costello**, **Candy Moore**, (bottom row) **Carson Lopez**, **Aurora Rey**.



2:00pm - 3:30pm

Blood City Rollers (middle grade novel)

Buffalo Street Books / Dewitt Mall, 215 N Cayuga St (Enter on Buffalo St.)

With author **V Park Anderson** and their Alternate Universe City Podcast co-host **Rey Noble**.



2:30pm - 3:30pm

Reading with Finishing Line Press Poets

Community School of Music & Arts, 3rd Floor (elevator) 330 E. State/MLK Jr. St

With local poets (top row) **Roger Hecht**, **Wren Tuatha**, (bottom row), **Jillian Barnet**, **Tish Pearlman**, whose recent books were published by Finishing Line Press.



4:00pm - 5:00pm

Group Reading

Ithaca Print Commons, (Center Ithaca), 171 E. State/MLK Jr. St.

With (top row): **Mona Eikel-Pohen**, **Lushima Kuajo Lumumba-Kasongo**, (bottom row) **Erica Steinhagen**, **Cyepress Brathwaite**.



5:00pm - 6:00pm

Worldbuilding in Science Fiction and Fantasy - with Live Audience Globe-Making

Lot 10 / 106 S Cayuga Street

A panel and art activity with (top row) **D.A. Xiaolin Spires**, **Will McMahon**, (bottom row) **Brian Hugenbruch**, **Karen Osborne**

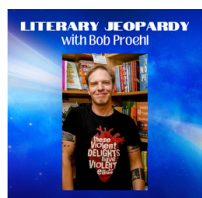


6:30pm - 7:30pm

Speculative Works Reading and Live Art Show (with Volunteer Audience Art Participation)

Lot 10 / 106 S Cayuga Street

With (top row) **D.A. Xiaolin Spires**, **Leora Spitzer**, (middle) **Jennifer Hudak**, **Debbie Urbanski**, (bottom) **Risa Wolf**.



8:00pm - 9:30pm

Literary Jeopardy

Lot 10, 106 S. Cayuga Street

Teams of local literary luminaries face off in an ultimate test of novelistic knowledge. Hosted by local author and trivia host **Bob Proehl**.

SUNDAY, MAY 5



11:00am - 5:00pm

Ithaca Book and Zine Fair

Buffalo Street Books / Dewitt Mall, 215 N. Cayuga St. (Enter on Buffalo St.)

Independent publishers, zine-makers, artists, DIYers, writers, and workshops!



1:00pm - 2:00pm

Performances: Play It Again Theatre: Original Memoir on the Theme of Challenges

Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green St. (Borg Warner Room)

Seven members of Play It Again Theatre of Lifelong will read original stories from their lives.



1:00pm - 2:00pm

Group Reading

CAP ArtSpace (Tompkins Center for History & Culture) / 110 N. Tioga St.

With (top row) **Jada Simone, Evan Stewart Eisenberg**, (bottom row) **Elisabeth Nonas, SingTrece**.



2:30pm - 3:30pm

Workshop: Find The Funny

Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green St. (Borg Warner Room)

With **Sir Kenneth McLaurin**: a beginner friendly session on making people laugh!



2:30pm - 3:30pm

The Art of Poetry: Word and Image

CAP ArtSpace (in Tompkins Center for History & Culture) / 110 North Tioga St.

With (top row) **Terry Plater, Barbara Reganspan**, (middle row) **Daphne Sola, Joanna Green**, (bottom row) **Susan Weitz**.



4:00pm - 5:00pm

Reading: Poems for Palestine

CAP ArtSpace (Tompkins Center for History & Culture) / 110 N. Tioga St

With **nicole v. basta, Amrita Chakroborty, Mejdulene Bernard Shomali, and Melissa Tuckey**.

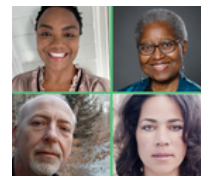


4:00pm - 5:30pm

Comics Drama Radio Hour

Ithaca Print Commons / Center Ithaca on The Commons, 171 E. State/MLK Jr. St.

Nerds! Join us for a live-recorded podcast on comic books, superheroes, and all things nerdy.



5:30pm - 6:30pm

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CAP ArtSpace (in Tompkins Center for History & Culture), 110 North Tioga St.

With (top row) **Michelle Courtney Berry, Janie Bibbie**, (bottom row) **Jon Raimon, and Emily Sanders Hopkins**.





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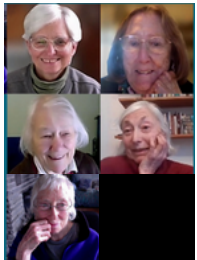
SATURDAY MAY 11



5:00pm - 6:15pm
[Panel: Piazzas, Poems, and Pasquinades: Local Writers Celebrate Rome](#)

With Anthony Di Renzo, Barbara Adams, Eric Machan Howd and Katharyn Howd Machan.

SUNDAY MAY 12



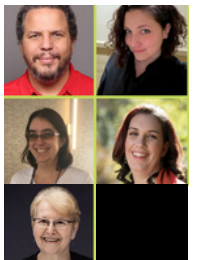
2:00pm - 3:15pm
[Reading and Panel: Writer's Critique Groups: Nourishing Feedback](#)

With (top row) Felicia Ansty, Judith Pratt, (middle) Barbara Schramm, Persephone Doliner, (bottom) Kathy Morris.



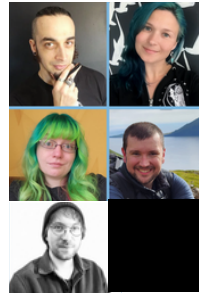
4:00pm - 5:00pm
[Ithaca College Writing Senior Project](#)

With Matt Minton, Jayke Paver, Delaney Judson, Xan Hopkins and Danka Hlinka.



6:00pm - 7:00pm
[Group Reading](#)
With (top row) Karel Hilversum, Heather Bartlett, (middle row) Rabbi Suzanne Brody, Sue Mann, (bottom row) Roselyn Teukolsky.

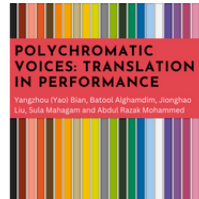
TUESDAY, MAY 14



6:30pm- 7:45pm
[Local Anthology Reading](#)

With (top row) Keegan Young, Naomi Daniluk, (middle row) Cheyenne Shaffer, Kyle Thompson, (bottom row) Devin Hunt.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15



6:30pm - 7:30pm
[Reading: Polychromatic Voices: Translation in Performance](#)

With Yangzhou (Yao) Bian, Batool Alghamdim, Jionghao Liu, Sula Mahagam and Abdul Razak Mohammed.

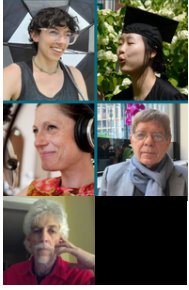
THURSDAY, MAY 16



6:30pm - 7:45pm
[Reading: Existing Beyond The Pen](#)

With (top row) KP The Intellectual, Candy, (bottom row) Bubblesz.

FRIDAY, MAY 17



6:30pm - 7:30pm
[Group Reading](#)

With (top row) **Lee Cotman**,
Yangzhou (Yao) Bian, (middle
row) **Mary Brett Lorson**, **Gregg
Weatherby**, (bottom) **Mark Zuss**.



6:00pm - 7:00pm
[Reading: Collective
Monstrosities in the Poetry
of Emilia Ayarza de Herrera](#)

Bi-lingual two-voice reading with
Erin Riddle and **Juliana Torres
Forero**.

SATURDAY, MAY 18



2:00pm - 3:15pm
[Mixing It Up: Community
Storytelling from
Cornell's Milstein
Program](#)

Stories by students in
Cornell's Milstein Program in
Technology & Humanity.
Director **Austin Bunn**, and
**Lesley Greene & Jonathan
Miller**, co-directors of Story
House Ithaca,

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13 - LIVE



4:00pm - 6:00pm

[Singing in the Dark: Writing Poetry of Resistance, with Melissa Tuckey](#)

Buffalo Street Books, 215 N. Cayuga Street, (enter on Buffalo St.)

WED, JULY 31 - LIVE



6:00pm - 7:30pm

[Reaching Out / Reaching In: How to Send Hope to Imprisoned Writers](#)

Durland Library / 130 Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University

SAT, JUNE 15 - LIVE



3:00pm - 5:00pm

[Unleashing the Power of the List Poem, with Wren Tuatha](#)

Buffalo Street Books, 215 N. Cayuga St, (enter on Buffalo St.)

SUN, AUGUST 4 - LIVE



1:00pm - 2:15pm

[Disrupting Sterile Spaces: How to Write Scientific Blackout Poetry, with Lee Cotman](#)

CAP ArtSpace / in Tompkins Center for History and Culture, 110 N. Tioga St., Ithaca Common

WED, JULY 10 - ZOOM



6:30pm - 8:30pm

[Live Your YA Fantasy: An Embodied Writing Speculative Fiction Workshop, with Angie Somma](#)

THURS, AUGUST 15 - LIVE



6:00PM - 8:00PM

[How to Make A Zine \(15 person max\), with jen ospina](#)

CAP ArtSpace / in Tompkins Center for History and Culture, 110 N. Tioga St, Ithaca Commons

SUN, JULY 14 - LIVE



2:00pm - 3:30pm

[So You Want to Write a Picture Book, with Rowen MacCarald & Sue Heavenrich](#)

Buffalo Street Books, 215 N. Cayuga St, (enter on Buffalo St.)

THURS, AUGUST 22 - LIVE



6:00pm - 8:00pm

[Recovering Your Creative Spirit, with Brenna Fitzgerald](#)

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