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LITERARY FESTIVAL

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SpringWrites.org

2025: LIVE May 7-11 / **ZOOM** May 15-22 /
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May 7-11 Live

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Live Event
Descriptions

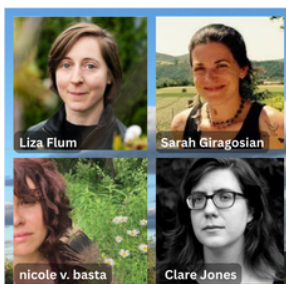


Registration Required

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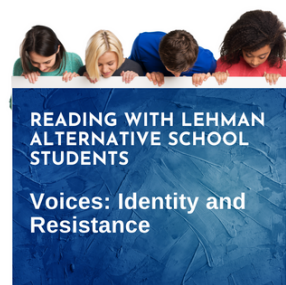
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7



6:00pm - 7:00pm
**Poetry Reading featuring
Saltonstall Foundation for
the Arts Residency Alumni**
Buffalo Street Books

Poet alums **nicole v. basta** ('24),
Clare Jones ('22), **Liza Flum** ('17),
and **Sarah Giragosian** ('21)

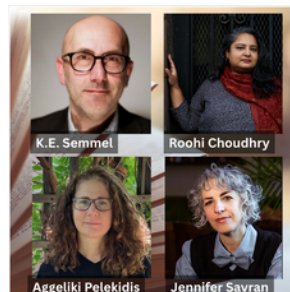
THURSDAY, MAY 8



6:00pm - 7:00pm
**Reading by LACS
Students: Voices:
Identity and Resistance**
Buffalo Street Books

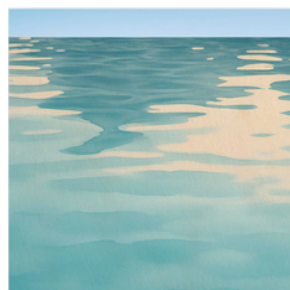
Teen writers from Lehman
Alternatives Community School
will share poetry and prose.

FRIDAY, MAY 9



5:30pm - 6:20pm
**Panel: What to Expect
When You're Expecting (a
Debut Novel)**
Buffalo Street Books

4 debut novelists: **K.E. Semmel**,
Aggeliki Pelikidis, **Jennifer
Savran Kelly**, and **Roohi
Choudhry** will discuss their
publishing experiences.



6:30pm - 7:30pm
**Reading: By Water Near
and Far: Seven poets
reading from original work**
Buffalo Street Books

Evan D. Williams, **David
Weiss**, **Howard Nelson**,
Roger Hecht, **Mary Gilliland**,
Cory Brown, and **Jerry
Mirskin**

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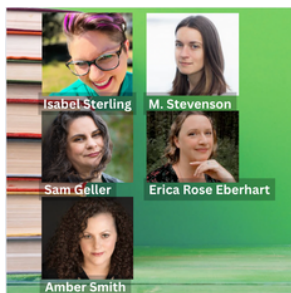
book sale

May 3-5
10-12
17-20

509 Esty Street,
Ithaca

BookSale.org

SATURDAY, MAY 10



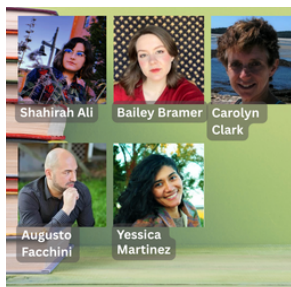
12:00pm - 1:00pm **Panel: But Make it Gay** Buffalo Street Books

Queer fiction authors for adults and teens discuss all things writing and publishing. **M. Stevenson, Isabel Sterling, Amber Smith, Erica Rose Eberhart, and Sam Geller**



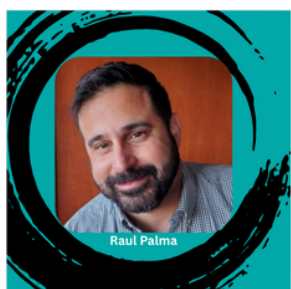
12:00pm - 1:15pm **Workshop for Teens: Writing Fantasy and Sci Fi** Tompkins County Public Library, Borg Warner Room

Katharyn Howd Machan will lead teens in exercises with an emphasis on world building and character development.



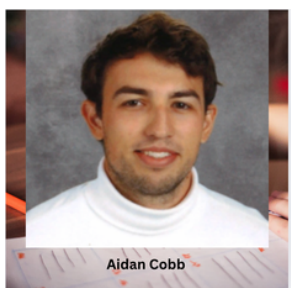
2:00pm - 3:00pm **Group Reading: Five Writers Read Poems and Fiction** Conference Center, Room D

Shahirah Ali, Bailey Bramer, Carolyn Clark, Augusto Luiz Barbosa Facchini, and Yessica Martinez.



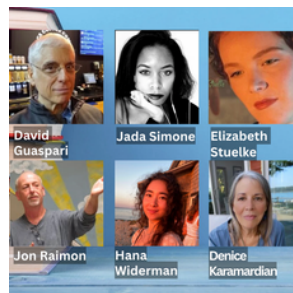
2:00pm - 3:00pm **Workshop: Experiments with Genre-Bending Fiction** Conference Center, Room C

Raul Palma, a generative course, with discussion and creative writing exercises.



2:00pm - 3:15pm **For 3rd to 6th Graders: Children's Collaborative Poetry Workshop** Tompkins County Public Library, Borg Warner Room

Aidan Cobb empowers young students to explore connections between poetry, visual art, and self-expression in a fun way!



3:15pm - 4:15pm **Group Reading: Poems, Historical Fiction, a Play and Essay** Conference Center, Room D

Jada Simone, Denice Peter Karamardian, Jon Raimon, Elizabeth Stuelke, David Guaspari, and Hana Hope Wideman



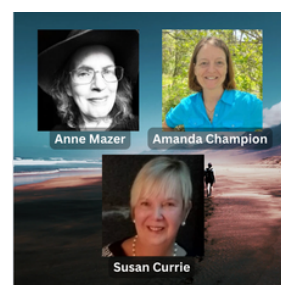
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Elisabeth Nonas will help you plow ahead when the writing gets tough.



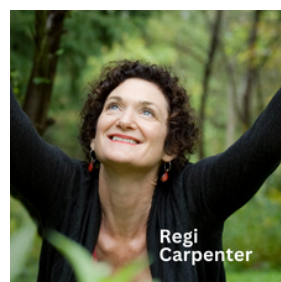
4:30pm - 5:30pm **Writers Block Party** Conference Center, Room E

with **Claire Jones**. Come to the quietest writing party EVER.



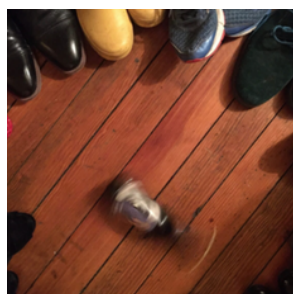
4:30pm - 5:30pm **Reading and Q&A: Women's Journeys: Three Memoirs** Conference Center, Room D

Amanda Jaros Champion, Susan Currie, and Anne Mazer



4:30pm - 5:30pm **Workshop: Words with Wings** Conference Center, Room C

Storyteller **Regi Carpenter** teaches how to read your pieces in an engaging and impactful way that will bring your work to life using your voice, phrasing, tone, and gesture.



6:00pm - 8:00pm
Performances: Seven Minutes in Heaven: A Spin-the-Bottle of the Arts
Lot 10 Ithaca
 7 readers, 7 writers, 7 musicians come together with the spin of the bottle!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY



2:00pm - 5:30
Writing Room
Conference Center, Room E
 We've set aside a room where attendees can sit quietly and write.

SUNDAY, MAY 11



11:00am - 5:00pm
Ithaca Book & Zine Fair
Buffalo Street Books & DeWitt Mall
 Independent publishers, zine-makers, artists, DIYers, and writers show and sell their wares.



1:00pm - 2:00pm
Six Writers Read Poems, Fiction, a Play, Memoir, and Ethnography
Conference Center, Room D
Gordon Paul Bonnet, Jennilie Brewster, Jack Wang, Judy Malloy, Alida Dean, and Jamie Davidson



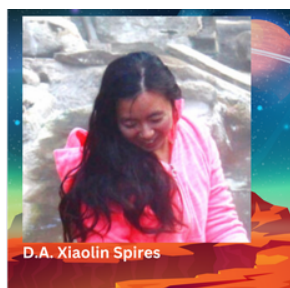
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Performance: Play It Again Senior Theatre Troupe: "Mistakes"
Conference Center, Room C
 Eight senior writers read original memoirs on the theme of mistakes.



2:00pm - 3:00pm
Mother's Day Lyric Writing Workshop
Conference Center, Room D
 Join powerful soul singer **SingtTrece** and create a meaningful song tribute - whether as a gift, a song for a loved one, or simply as artistic expression.



3:15pm -4:15pm
Workshop: Water as Poetic Partner
Conference Center, Room D
 A poetry workshop with **Imogen Osbourne**. Draw inspiration from Ithaca's abundant waterways!



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Workshop: Bite-sized Speculative Fiction
Conference Center, Room C
 with **D.A. Xiaolin Spires**. Craft a speculative fiction story in 300 words or less!

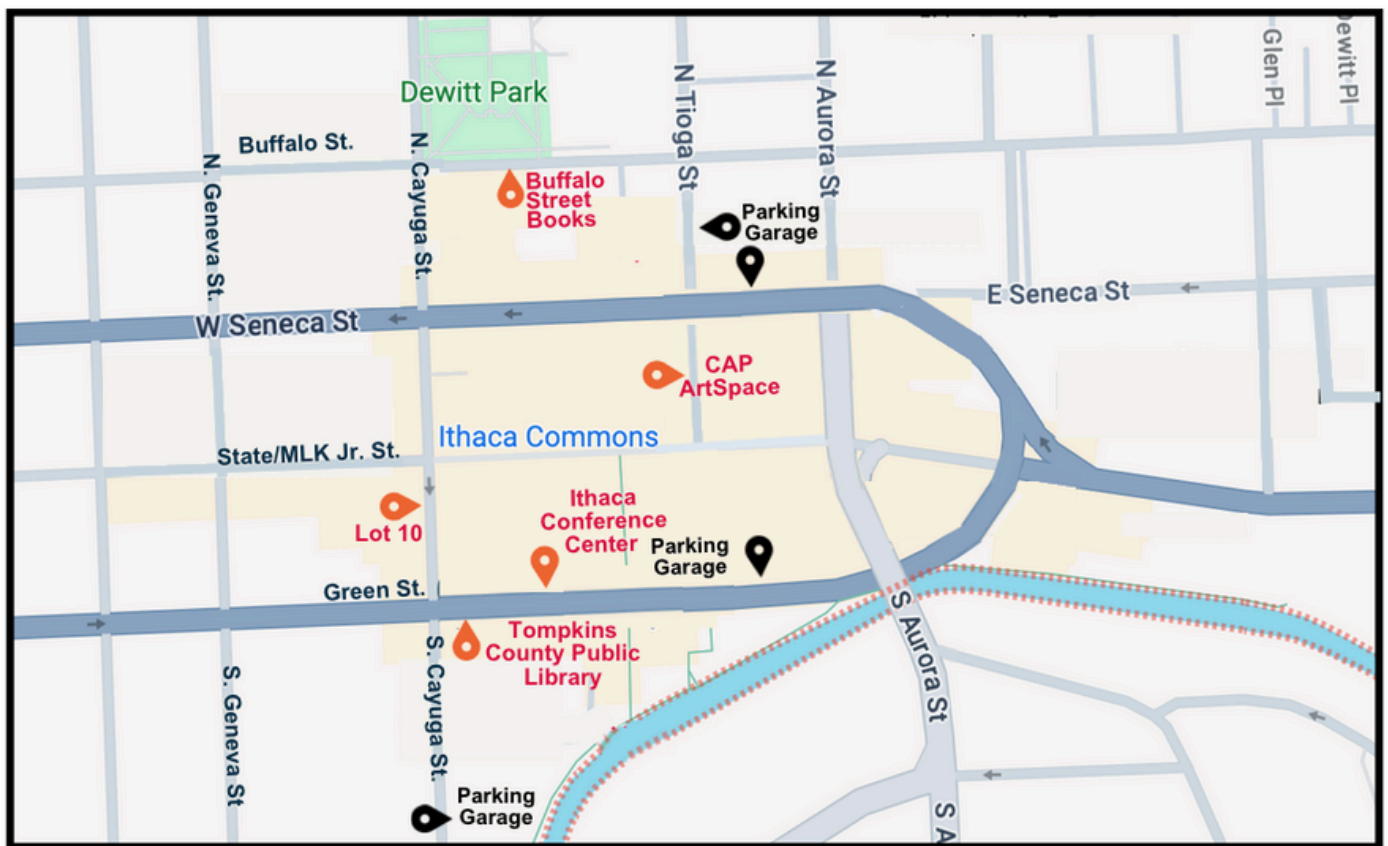


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4:30pm -6:00pm
Text in Play (a performance panoply)
Conference Center: Room C
 Theatre Incognita curates staged readings or texts from local writers.

Live Event Locations & Parking Info



LOCATIONS:

Buffalo Street Books, 215 N Cayuga St, Ithaca, 14850 (in Dewitt Mall / **Entrance on Buffalo Street.** / buffalostreetbooks.com

Tompkins County Public Library , 101 East Green St, Ithaca, 14850 / tcpl.org

Ithaca Downtown Conference Center, 116 E. Green St., Ithaca, NY 14850

CAP ArtSpace, 110 N. Tioga St., on the Ithaca Commons, in the Tompkins Center for History & Culture / ArtsPartner.org/ArtSpace

Lot 10, 106 S. Cayuga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850 / [instagram.com/lot10ithaca](https://www.instagram.com/lot10ithaca)

PARKING:

Parking on the street is FREE after 6:00pm and on weekends (when most Spring Writes events happen)! On weekdays before 6:00pm there's a 2 hour limit. For parking before 6pm on weekdays, signs lead you to payment stations, or you can use a parkmobile app.

There are **three Parking Garages** (open 24/7) close to event locations so you don't have to search for a street spot, but you do have to pay at night and weekends.

Learn all about parking at the City of Ithaca website at cityofithaca.org/705/Parking-Information



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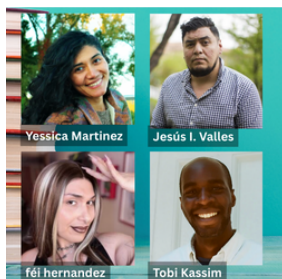
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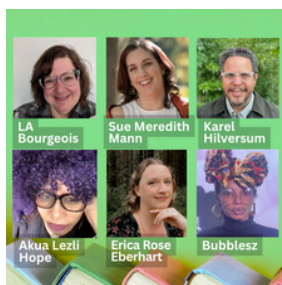


THURSDAY, MAY 15



6:00pm - 6:55pm
Reading/Panel: Here to Stay: Poetry & Prose from the Undocumented Diaspora

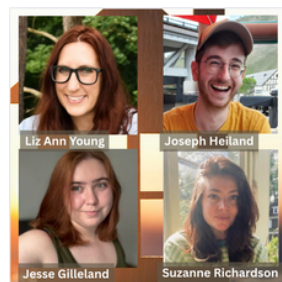
With Tobi Kassim, Jesús I. Valles, féi hernandez, and Yessica Martinez



7:00pm - 8:00pm
Poetry, Memoir and Reflections

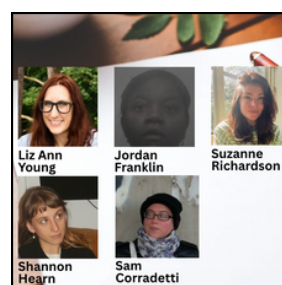
With LA Bourgeois, Karel Hilversum, Akua Lezli Hope, Bubblesz, Sue Meredith Mann, and Erica Rose Eberhart

FRIDAY, MAY 16



6:00pm - 6:55pm
Panel/Reading: Rooted Words: Poetry and Prose of the American Landscape

With Liz Ann Young, Jesse Gilleland, Joseph Heiland, and Suzanne Richardson



7:00pm - 8:00pm
Reading: The Body: Intimate Histories, Possible Futures, & Nature

With Liz Ann Young, Sam Corradetti, Jordan Franklin, Shannon Hearn, and Suzanne Richardson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21



6:00pm - 7:00pm
Panel/Reading Of Now and Elsewhere: An "Un-American" Family

With Yangzhou (Yao) Bian, Sandrine Dupiton, Abdul Razak Mohammed, Itzel Robles Valdez, and Süheyla Noyan

THURSDAY, MAY 22



6:00pm - 6:55pm
Panel: Visualizing the Unspeakable: A Filmmakers Showcase

With E. Stuelke, Mara Alper, Karen Rodriguez, and Lori Watt



7:00pm - 8:00pm
Reading: Past and Present Tompkins County Poet Laureates

Dan Rosenberg, Janie E. Bibbie, Melissa Tuckey, Jack Hopper, Gail Holst-Warhaft, and Katharyn Howd Machan



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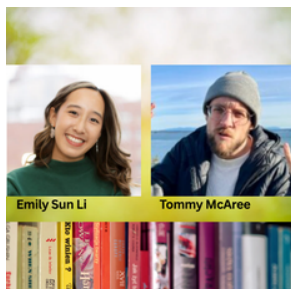
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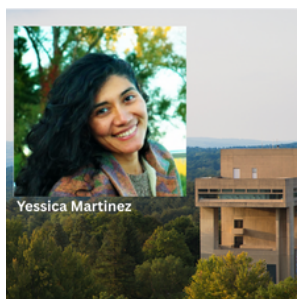
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Workshop: Finding the Right Voice: Writing for Young Readers
CAP ArtSpace
Emily Sun Li and Tommy McAree

SAT, JULY 5



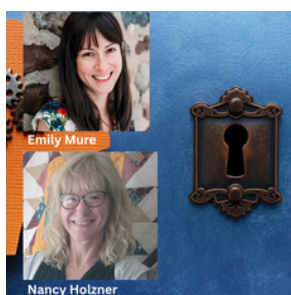
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Workshop: Collaborative Poetry Games Workshop!
Buffalo Street Books
With Dan Rosenberg

SAT, JULY 19



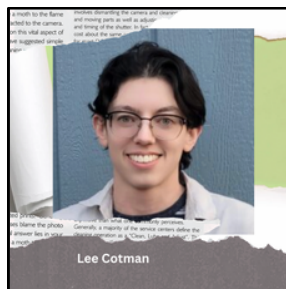
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Workshop: Creative Writing at the Johnson Museum of Art
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University
With Yessica Martinez

THURS, JULY 24



6:00pm - 7:00pm
Workshop: Talking Back to the Voices in Our Heads: Building Confidence as Writers
Buffalo Street Books
With Emily Mure and Nancy Holzner

THURS, AUGUST 14



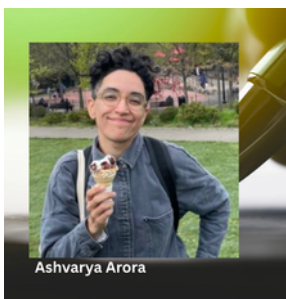
6:00pm - 7:15pm
Workshop: How to Write Blackout Love Poems
CAP ArtSpace
With Lee Cotman

SAT, AUGUST 16



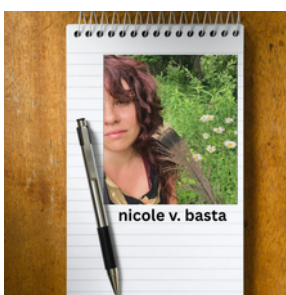
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Workshop: Trans/Queer Poetics of Self-Making
Buffalo Street Books
With Amir McClam

SAT, AUGUST 23



2:00PM - 3:00PM
Workshop: Inciting Poetry: Writing with Revolutionary Lineage Towards Revolutionary Futures
Buffalo Street Books
With Aishvarya Arora

SAT, SEPTEMBER 6



2:00pm - 3:15pm
Workshop: ECODEVIANCE: a generative writing class
Buffalo Street Books
With nicole v. basta

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Robin Schwartz, "CAP" Program & Grant Director at Programs@artspartner.org

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