

October 09 Literary Events

All events are free unless otherwise indicated. Author events generally followed by signings. All phone numbers have 314 prefix unless otherwise indicated.

Thursday, October 1

You are invited to join **The Mystery Lovers Book Club** as they discuss *Girl of His Dreams* by Donna Leon. 10am, **SLCL-Headquarters Branch**, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., 63131, 994-3300.

The **Trailblazers Book Discussion** will be on the book *Beach House* by Jane Green. 2pm, **SLCL-Jamestown-Bluffs Branch**, 4153 N. Hwy 67, 994-3300.

Authors @ Your Library presents **Kimberla Lawson Roby** who will discuss and sign her new book, *A Deep Dark Secret*. 7pm, SLPL-Julia Davis Branch, 4415 Natural Bridge Ave., 383-3021.

The inaugural meeting of the **Brentwood Science Fiction Book Club** will meet to discuss *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell. No registration necessary. 7pm, Brentwood Public Library, 8765 Eulalie Ave., 963-8630.

Washington University's Writing Program invites you to join visiting Hurst Professor and fiction writer, **Rikki Ducornet**, for a reading from her work. 8pm, WU Danforth Campus, Hurst Lounge, room 201, Duncker Hall, 935-5190.

Friday, October 2

The **Missouri History Museum** invites you to a book signing and spoken word event with **jessica care moore**, poet and author of *God Is Not An American*. 6pm, Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, 746-4599, purchase tickets in advance for \$10 at www.mohistory.org, \$15 at the door, books will be available for purchase.

Saturday, October 3

St. Louis Writer's Guild is proud to present "Get the Right Gun for Your Murder: A Firearms Primer for Writers," a workshop presented by **Tom Applewhite**. 10am, Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer. SLWG members free, \$5 for non-members, please register in advance at www.stlwritersguild.org.

You are invited to join author, **Pat Bubash**, who will be signing her new book, *Successful Second Marriages*. 1pm, **Main Street Books**, 307 S. Main St., 636-949-0105.

Webster Groves Public Library book discussion group will meet to discuss *Rachel Calof's Story: Jewish Homesteader on the Northern Plains*, by Rachel Calof. 2pm, Webster Groves Public Library, 301 E. Lockwood Avenue 961-3784.

Monday, October 5

Monday Noon Series: Colleen McKee (UMSL English Dept.), co-editor of *Are We Feeling Better Yet? Women's Encounters with Health Care in America*, and **Catherine Rankovic** (WU English Dept.) contributor to the anthology, read from and discuss women, depression, and creative writing. 12:15pm, UM-St. Louis, JC Penney Center room 222. Disabled accessible, park in Lot C, 516-5699.

The **Book Bunch** selection this month is *Tortilla Curtain* by T. C. Boyle. 7pm, **SLCL-Grand Glaize Branch**, 101 Meramec Station Rd., 994-3300.

Tuesday, October 6

St. Louis Public Library invites you to join the Machacek Book Discussion Group. 10am, **SLPL-Machacek Branch**, 6424 Scanlan Ave., 781-2948.

Webster Groves Public Library book discussion group will meet to discuss *Women with Men*, by Richard Ford. 6pm, Webster Groves Public Library, 301 E. Lockwood Avenue, 961-3784.

You are invited to attend the **St. Louis Writer's Guild's Open MIC Night**. 7pm, Wired Coffee, 3860 S. Lindbergh, 63127. Register to read online: www.stlwritersguild.org.

Left Bank Books invites you to join author **John Lutz** for a discussion about his latest in the *Frank Quinn* series, *Urge to Kill*. 7pm, LBB, 399 N. Euclid, 367-6731.

Wednesday, October 7

Join **St. Louis County Library** for a discussion about *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. 10:30am, SLCL-Thornhill Branch, 12863 Willowyck Dr., 63146, 994-3300.

Washington University Assembly Series with the **Elliot Stein Lecture in Ethics** welcomes **Harold Ford Jr.**, the former Democratic Congressman from Tennessee who lost a close senatorial bid in 2006 and now chairs the Democratic Leadership Council, is a vice president at Merrill Lynch, and teaches public policy at Vanderbilt University. 4pm, WU Danforth Campus, Graham Chapel, 935-4620.

You are invited to the 42nd Annual **St. Louis Literary Award** honoring **Salman Rushdie**. Book sale and signing at 4:30pm, Award Presentation and Conversation with Salman

Rushdie 5:30pm, Busch Student Center, St. Louis University campus, please register on line: www.stlliterary.com or call 977-3145.

Left Bank Books is pleased to present **Jamie Ford**, the author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. 7pm, LBB, 399 N. Euclid, 367-6731.

Border's Book Club meets to discuss *The Island* by Victoria Hislop. 7pm, Borders' Cafe in Sunset Hills, 10990 Sunset Hills Plaza, 909-0300.

Thursday, October 8

You are invited to join the **HQ Afternoon Book Discussion Group** as they discuss *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. 1:30pm, **SLCL-Headquarters Branch**, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., 63131, 994-3300.

If you like mysteries, the **Murder of the Month Club** is the book club for you. This month's selection is *A Catered Affair* by Isis Crawford. 3:30pm, **SLCL-Indian Trails Branch**, 8400 Delport, 63114, 994-3300.

Devin Johnston, whose poetry collection *Sources* was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle award for poetry in 2008, will read from his work. Johnston will be joined by poets **Michele Glazer and John Estes**. 8pm, Schlafly Bottleworks, 7260 Southwest Avenue, 241-2337.

Washington University's Writing Program invites you to join visiting Hurst Professor and fiction writer, **Rikki Ducornet** for a lecture on the craft of fiction. 8pm, WU Danforth Campus, Hurst Lounge, room 201, Duncker Hall, 935-5190.

Left Bank Books and **COCA** present *Gourmet Magazine's* Editor-in-Chief **Ruth Reichl**, who talks about *Gourmet Today*, a new cookbook with recipes selected by Reichl from more than 1000 in the magazine's history. 7:30pm, **COCA**, 524 Trinity Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130. (Purchase *Gourmet Today* or Ruth Reichl's other books from Left Bank Books for a book signing line ticket.) More information at www.cocastl.org or 725.6555.

Friday, October 9

You can expect great company, discussion, and refreshments at the **Great Expectations Rock Road Book Discussion Group**. 10am, SLCL-Rock Road Branch, 10267 St. Charles Rock Road, 63121, 994-3300. This month's selection is TBA.

Monday, October 12

Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America by **Paul Tough** is a portrayal of Geoffrey Canada and the children and parents who are struggling

to better their lives and the impact of the Harlem Children's Zone. **Left Bank Books**, 399 N. Euclid, 367-6731.

Tuesday, October 13

The **Tuesday Night Writers' Critique Group** will meet to read and critique each others' work. Writers of all levels of experience are invited to join us. 7pm, B&N, 9618 Watson Road. For more info contact Susan: 9p4a-p8bp@dea.spamcon.org

Grand Glaize Library Book Discussion Group will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride. 2pm, Grand Glaize Branch, 101 Meramec Station Rd., 63021, 994-3300.

Brentwood Public Library Book Club invites you to join the discussion of the book by Julia Child, *My Life in France*. The book club is free and open to the public. 7pm, Brentwood Public Library, 8765 Eulalie Ave., 963-8630.

Authors @ Your Library presents **Keisha Ervin**, who will sign and discuss her new book, *Gunz & Roses*. 7pm, SLPL-Carpenter Branch, 3309 S. Grand Blvd., 772-6586.

Wednesday, October 14

The **Bookies Book Discussion Group** invites you to a discussion on the book *Where God was Born* by Bruce Fieler. 2pm, **SLCL-Oak Bend Branch**, 842 S. Holmes Ave., 63122, 994-3300.

You are invited to join the **Boones Bookies Discussion Group**. 2pm, **SLCL-Daniel Boone Branch**, 300 Clarkson Rd., 63011, 994-3300.

National Book Award winning author of *Three Junes*, **Julia Glass** will read from and sign her latest novel, *I See You Everywhere*. This is an on-stage interview with KMOX's **Debbie Monterrey**. 7pm, SLCL-Headquarters Branch,

March by Geraldine Brooks is the selection this month. 7pm, **SLCL-Mid-County Branch**, 7821 Maryland Ave., 63105, 994-3300.

Fontbonne University's Writer's Reading Series hosts MacArthur Award winner **Eleanor Rand Wilner**, author of six books of poetry, including *The Girl with Bees in Her Hair* and *Reversing the Spell: New and Selected Poems*. 8pm, Fontbonne University Library, the Lewis Room, 889-4551.

Thursday, October 15

Washington University Assembly Series in conjunction with the **Center for Academic Integrity Conference** welcomes **David Callahan**. The author of *The Moral Center* and *The*

Cheating Culture believes Americans have lost their moral compass in search of success at any cost. 4pm, WU Danforth Campus, Graham Chapel, 935-4620.

Saturday, October 17

Join the **Mystery Lover's Book Club** to discuss *Grave Surprise* by Charlaine Harris. 752-9224. 10am, **SLPL-Carondelet Branch**, 6800 Michigan Ave., 752-9224.

St. Louis Public Library invites you to read and discuss African American titles. 12:30pm, **SLPL-Julia Davis Branch**, 4415 Natural Bridge Ave., call 383-3021 for current selection.

Book Journeys invites you to join as they discuss *The Devil in the White City* by author Erik Larson. 2pm, **SLCL-Indian Trails Branch**, 8400 Delport, 63114, 994-3300.

MORWA presents: "Write Like You Mean It: Being a Full time Writer Without Writing Full Time" featuring **Jenna Peterson**, best selling Avon author. Practical advice and tips on how to recognize writing blocks and, even more important, how to overcome them. 11am, **Barnes & Noble**, 9618 Watson Road, fee charged, www.morwa.org.

Monday, October 19

Monday Noon Series: Daniel L. Rust (UMSL Center for Transportation Studies) discusses his book *Flying Across America: The Airline Passenger Experience* 12:15pm, UM-St. Louis, JC Penney Center room 222. Disabled accessible, park in Lot C 516-5699.

Join the **Thornbirds** for a lively discussion about *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns. 2pm, **SLCL-Thornhill Branch**, 12863 willowycck Dr., 63146, 994-3300.

¡Leamos! Spanish Book Discussion Group will discuss *Prision verde* by Ramon Amaya-Amador. 7pm, **SLPL-Carpenter Branch**, 3309 S. Grand Blvd., 772-6586.

Left Bank Books and the **Ethical Society** welcome **Deepak Chopra** to discuss his new book, *Reinventing the Body, Resurrecting the Soul*. 7pm, Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, 367-6731. Book purchase required from LBB to attend the event.

River Styx's popular reading series continues its 35th season with three poets: **Kathleen Driskell, Jeanie Thompson, and Gardner McFall**. 7:30 pm, Duff's Restaurant, 392 N. Euclid, 533-4541. Admission is \$5, \$4 for seniors, students, and members.

Tuesday, October 20

St. Louis Public Library invites you to join the Machacek Book Discussion Group. 10am, **SLPL-Machacek Branch**, 6424 Scanlan Ave., 781-2948.

St. Louis Public Library invites you to discuss Andrew Davidson's, *The Gargoyle*. 6:45pm, **SLPL-Kingshighway Branch**, 2260 So. Vandeventer, 771-5450.

Prairie Commons Adult Book Club selection is *The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B.* Stop by the circulation desk to pick up your copy. 7pm, **SLCL- Prairie Commons Branch**, 915 Utz Lane, 63042, 994-3300.

St. Louis Writer's Guild presents **Loud Mouth Open MIC Night**, a live performance for writers and guests who are 18+ years. 8pm, The Mack, 4615 Macklind Ave., 63109. Register to read online: www.stlouiswritersguild.org.

The **Tuesday Night Writers' Critique Group** will meet to read and critique each others' work. Writers of all levels of experience are invited to join us. 7pm, B&N, 9618 Watson Road. For more info contact Susan: 9p4a-p8bp@dea.spamcon.org

Washington University's Writing Program invites you to a lecture on the craft of poetry featuring visiting Hurst Professor, poet **Claudia Rankine**. 8pm, WU Danforth Campus, Hurst Lounge, room 201, Duncker Hall, 935-5190.

Wednesday, October 21

Cliff Cave Book Discussion Group. 2pm, **SLCL-Cliff Cave Branch**, 5430 Telegraph Road, 63129, 994-3300. Newcomers welcome!

Sachs Afternoon Book Discussion Group. 2pm, **SLCL-Sachs Branch**, 16400 Burkhardt Place, 63017, 994-3300.

Trailblazers After Dark will meet to discuss *Relic* by Douglas Preston. 7pm, SLCL-Jamestown Bluffs Branch, 4153 N. Hwy 67, 63031, 994-3300.

Urban Lit Discussion Group will meet to discuss *Just to Good to be True* by E. Lyn Harris. 7pm, **SLPL-Carpenter Branch**, 3309 S. Grand Blvd., 772-6586.

The **Wednesday Night Book Discussion Group** invites you to join the discussion of the riveting tale, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. 7pm, **SLCL-Cliff Cave Branch**, 5430 Telegraph Rd., 63129, 994-3300.

Join the **Evening Book Discussion Group** for a discussion. Visitors welcome; open membership. 7:30pm, **SLCL-Oak Bend Branch**, 842 S. Holmes Ave., 63122, 994-3300.

Thursday, October 22

You are invited to attend the **St. Louis County Library's Grand Glaize Library Book Discussion Group** as they discuss *The Other Side of the Bridge* by Mary Lawson. 2pm, SLCL-Grand Glaize Branch, 101 Meramec Station Rd., 63021, 994-3300.

St. Louis Public Library invites you to join the **Central Book Discussion Group**. The selection for October is *Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry. 4pm, **SLPL-Central Branch**, 1301 Olive St., 539-0396.

St. Louis Public Library book discussion group invites you to join them to discuss *Mudbound: A Novel* by Hillary Jordan. No advance registration is required, and new members are always welcome! 7pm, **SLPL-Schlafly Branch**, 225 N. Euclid Ave., 367-4120.

Richard Newman, editor of **River Styx** will read from his newest poetry collection, *Domestic Fugues*. 7:30pm, Dressel's Pub, 419 N. Euclid, 533-4541. Books will be available for purchase through Subterranean Books.

As the Page Turns Books Discussion Group invites you to join them as they discuss *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. For further information, please pick up a list of our future reads at the Weber Road front desk. 7pm, SLCL- Weber Road Branch, 4444 Weber Road, 63123, 994-3300.

Authors @ Your Library presents **Keven Kious, Henry Herbst and Don Roussin** authors of the *St. Louis Brews*, the first comprehensive book on the history of brewing in St. Louis. 7pm, SLPL-Schlafly Branch, 225 North Euclid, 367-4120.

Washington University's Writing Program invites you to join poets **Monica de la Torre** and **Mark Bibbins**, who will read from their work. 8pm, WU Danforth Campus, Hurst Lounge, room 201, Duncker Hall, 935-5190.

Friday, October 23

You are invited to join author **Marion Moore Hill** while she signs her delightful historical mystery, *Deadly Design*, which has a Lewis & Clark and Thomas Jefferson storyline. 2pm, **Main Street Books**, 307 S. Main St., 636-949-0105.

Washington University's Assembly Series with the **Spencer T. Olin Fellows Lecture** presents **Urvashi Vaid** "Beyond the Wedding Ring: LGBT Activism in the Age of Obama." The prominent activist, lawyer and author of *Virtual Equality* has devoted her career to fostering equal rights for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered communities. 4pm, WU Danforth Campus, Graham Chapel, 935-4620.

The **Ethical Society** and **Left Bank Books** invite you to join **Eoin Colfer** for a book signing of his new book, *And Another Thing*. The event is free; books for signing must be purchased at LBB to receive a ticket. 367-6731.

Saturday, October 24

As part of **Read St. Louis** the St. Louis County and City Public Libraries are pleased to invite you to an author visit with **Patricia McKissack**, as she discusses her new book, *Stitchin' and Pullin.'* 2pm, **SLPL-Schlafly Branch**, 225 N. Euclid Ave., 367-4120.

Andy Williams will talk, sing a few songs and sign his book, *Moon River and Me*, presented by the **Ethical Society** and **Left Bank Books**. 7pm, Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road. 367-6731., Book purchase required from LBB to attend the event.

Sunday, October 25

The **BookClub** will hold its 405th discussion on *The # 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall. For more information, venue and time email, lloydk@klinedinst.com <http://www.klinedinst.com> or call 636-451-3232.

You are invited to a book signing with the author of *Between Me and the River*, **Carrie Host**. 1pm, **Main Street Books**, 307 S. Main St., 636-949-0105.

Thursday, October 29

Washington University's Assembly Series with the **Chimes Junior Honorary** are pleased to present **Francis G. Slay**. Under Mayor Slay's leadership, St. Louis has made progress in reducing urban social ills, but still faces many challenges, especially in education, a topic he will focus on in this informal discussion. 5:30pm, WU Danforth Campus, Danforth University Center, Tisch Commons, 935-4620.

Washington University's Writing Program invites you to a reading with **Claudia Rankine**. 8pm, WU Danforth Campus, Hurst Lounge, room 201, Duncker Hall, 935-5190.

Saturday, October 31

Buder Branch Book Discussion Group will discuss *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. 2pm, SLPL-Buder Branch, 4401 Hampton Ave., 352-2900.

Notices

Washington University in St. Louis and the **St. Louis Black Repertory** present *Ragtime*. Come see this special collaborative event based on the classic novel by E.L. Doctorow. Showings will be held October 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and November 1 in the

Edison Theater. Friday and Saturday show times are at 8pm and Sunday matinees are at 2pm. There will also be a special matinee showing on Wednesday, October 21 at 10am. You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! For more information or to order tickets, contact the Edison Theatre Box Office at (314) 935-6543.

The **Big Read** in St. Louis will focus on *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. Activities begin on October 10 with the Big Read Festival through February 2010. The Big Read is an initiative of the **National Endowment for the Arts** designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Big Read is presented by Centene Corporation and produced by Cultural Festivals, 863-0278; email: info@culturalfestivals.com; website: www.bigread.net/index.htm

Sisters in Crime, Greater St. Louis Chapter will present "Midwest Mystery Fest 2009" on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26, 2009 at St. Charles Community College, Cottleville, Missouri, 63376, 636-922-8233. Special guests included novelists **Carolyn Hart, Kent Krueger** and **Esther Luttrell**. Attendance is limited; advance registration must be received by October 17, 2009. For registration information please call 401-8029 or email MLMerk@aol.com.

St. Louis Writers Guild, a cutting edge literary organization, has a lecture every other month starting in January, on the third Thursday from 7-8pm at **Barnes and Noble Book Store**, 8871 Ladue Road, Ladue, MO 63124. Lectures are free. For more information, contact the Guild President, Rebecca Carron at 314-974-2395 or at stlwritersguild2@gmail.com. Also, check The St. Louis Writers Guild website at www.stlwritersguild.org

St. Louis Writers Guild has a monthly workshop on the first Saturday from 10am-12noon at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer, Kirkwood, MO, 63122. Workshop Fee is \$5 unless you are a member. If you become a member at the Workshop, \$5 will be deducted from your membership cost. For more information, contact the Guild President, Rebecca Carron at 974-2395 or at stlwritersguild2@gmail.com. Also, check The St. Louis Writers Guild website at www.stlwritersguild.org

Abbreviations

STL: Saint Louis; B&N: Barnes & Noble; LBB: Left Bank Books; SLCL: St. Louis County Library; SLPL: St. Louis Public Library; SCCCL: St. Charles City County Library; UCPL: University City Public Library, WU: Washington University, WGPL: Webster Groves Public Library.

Check the online calendar at cenhum.artsci.wustl.edu for more events and additional details. To advertise, send event details to litalc@artsci.wustl.edu, fax 935-4889, or call 935-5576.