

OCTOBER  
4-7, 2024

Saratoga Springs, NY

Over 50  
Authors &  
Presenters

33  
Sessions  
&  
Special  
Events



Literary  
Marketplace  
with over 90  
Local Authors



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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Saturday, 10/5

Friday, 10/4

SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY CENTER

MAIN HALL

ROOM 2A

ROOM 2B

CAFFE LENA

LIBRARY DUTCHER COMMUNITY ROOM

SARATOGA ARTS

10:00

10:30 - 11:30

12:00 - 1:00

2:00 - 3:00

3:30 - 4:30

Literary Marketplace and KidZone

Over 90 Local Authors Activities for Children & Families

10AM - 2PM

Writing Terror Panel with Daniel Kraus, Clémence Michallon & Paul Tremblay

Confronting the Patriarchy: A Conversation with Novelists Jill Bialosky & Helen Schulman

Fiction: What Makes a Life? A Conversation with Novelist Amitava Kumar

Heists and Liars: A Multi-Genre Fiction Panel with Mai Corland, Karen McManus & Melissa Caruso

Saving Democracy: A Conversation with Corey Brettschneider & Beau Breslin

Historical Romance Panel with Elizabeth Everett, Adriana Herrera & Joanna Lowell

YA Novels to Adult Fiction with Cecily von Ziegesar & Mai Corland

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Writing a Memoir While Hiking with Sally Chaffin Brooks & Beck Krefting

7:00 PM-8:30 PM BEYOND THE BOOK EVENT Warren Zanes Celebrates Springsteen's Nebraska in Song & Stories!

Universal Preservation Hall TICKETS REQUIRED

Black Into the Future...with Jaye Austin Williams & Shawntelle Madison

Motherhood in Fiction with Carrie Mullins & Daphne Uviller

Satire for Dark Times: Ryan Chapman & John McPherson

LGBTQ+ Voices in Contemporary Rom Com with Jennifer Dugan & Ella Dawson

7:00 PM-8:30 PM BEYOND THE BOOK EVENT Comedy Night with Sally Chaffin Brooks & Beck Krefting

Putnam Place TICKETS REQUIRED

Session Info and Tickets at

SaratogaBookFestival.org

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10/6

Monday, 10/7

	SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY		EMBASSY SUITES	UNIVERSAL PRESERVATION HALL		SARATOGA ARTS
	DUTCHER COMMUNITY ROOM	SUSMAN ROOM	SKIDMORE ROOM	MAIN HALL	COMMUNITY ROOM	
10:00 - 11:00						Heritage-Inspired Fiction with Ann Dávila Cardinal, Elizabeth Gonzalez James & Shawntelle Madison
11:30 - 12:30	12:15PM-1:15PM Breaking Glass Ceilings on Wall Street (and Elsewhere) with Paulina Bren & Daphne Uviller		Nonfiction: Critical and Personal with Melora Wolff & Jay Rogoff		BEYOND THE BOOK EVENT Gossip Girl Brunch with Cecily von Ziegesar (TICKETS REQUIRED) 11:00 VIP 11:30 Brunch	Contemporary Fantasy: A Conversation with Kelly Link, Jedediah Berry & GennaRose Nethercott
12:30 - 1:30						
1:30 - 2:30						
3:00 - 4:00	Memoir: Becoming an Artist with Hyeseung Song and Novelist Ryan Chapman	Farms, Ballots, and Racial Justice: Black Adirondack History with Amy Godine	Tackling Difficult Topics for Tweens with J.S. Lemon, Cindy Rodriguez & E.L. Shen		New Suspense Novels from Emily Layden, Mandy McHugh & Sarah Sawyer	Short Story Readings and Conversation with Kelly Link & Mary Jones

1:30PM-2:30PM  
Fiction Headliner:  
Liz Moore in  
Conversation with  
Joe Donahue  
(TICKETS  
REQUIRED)

6:00PM-7:00PM  
Monday  
Middle Grade Fiction:  
*The Bletchley Riddle*  
with Ruta Sepetys and  
Steve Sheinkin  
Northshire  
Bookstore

TANG MUSEUM  
(SKIDMORE)  
Special Children's Event  
Saturday, 1:30PM-2:30PM  
*What is Color?* Family Art  
Workshop at the Tang Teaching  
Museum and Art Gallery with  
Steven Weinberg

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# Saratoga Book Festival 2024 Program Details

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## TICKETED EVENTS

### BEYOND THE BOOK EVENTS

#### **Comedy Night with Sally Chaffin Brooks & Beck Krefting**

Friday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm | Putnam Place | \$20/\$25

#### **Warren Zanes Celebrates Springsteen's Nebraska in Song & Stories!**

Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm | UPH | \$35.50/\$55.50

#### **Gossip Girl Brunch with Cecily von Ziegesar**

Sunday 11:30 am–1:00 pm | UPH | \$100/\$125

### HEADLINE SESSION

#### **Liz Moore in Conversation with Joe Donahue**

Sunday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm | UPH | \$5/\$35

*To purchase tickets for any of these events, go to  
[SaratogaBookFestival.org](http://SaratogaBookFestival.org)*



# Saratoga Book Festival

## 2024 Program Details

FRIDAY 10/4/2024

### BEYOND THE BOOK EVENT

#### Comedy Night with Sally Chaffin Brooks & Beck Krefting

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Putnam Place

Join us at Putnam Place on Friday, October 4th from 7:00 pm–8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30) for an evening of laughter and fun! Authors Sally Chaffin Brooks and Beck Krefting will entertain us with sidesplitting stand-up comedy routines before inviting us into a discussion and Q&A about comedy writing. To close out the night, Sally's book, *Going to Maine: All the Ways to Fall on the Appalachian Trail* will be available for purchase and signing. Tickets are just \$20 per person if purchased by Thursday, October 3rd and \$25 at the door. Don't forget to bring a little extra for the cash bar and get ready for a night of humor and good times!

**TICKETS REQUIRED**

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# 2024 Program Details

SATURDAY 10/5/2024

## Saratoga Book Festival Literary Marketplace

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Saratoga Springs City Center Main Hall

Featuring over 90 local authors, publishers, artisans and more! Come visit the KidZone for over 30 children's authors and activities for the whole family.

### Special KidZone Activities

#### **10:30 am: Story Time with SSPL Outreach Librarian Jen Ogradowski (Ages 3–6)**

Kids (and parents), pull up a rug and listen to Jen read some of her favorite picture and story books (for ages 3 - 6).

#### **11:30 am: Cartooning and Talk with Maxwell Eaton III (All ages)**

Maxwell Eaton III is the author and illustrator of numerous books for children, including *Looking for Peppermint*, *Bear Builds a House*, *Bear Goes Sugaring*, the *Survival Scout* series, *The Truth About Your Favorite Animals* series, *The Flying Beaver Brothers* series, *Okay Andy*, and more. Join Maxwell as he discusses his many characters and demonstrates his illustrations!

#### **12:30 pm: Kids Yoga Adventure Session (All Ages)**

Embark on a playful journey with a Yoga Adventure for kids! Inspired by Susan Verde's creative book, *I Am Yoga*, this class is all about exploring yoga with fun and imagination. Get ready to roar like a lion and romp like a playful pup, stand strong as a tree, and strike a warrior pose like never before! Join us for a dynamic class where every stretch, bend, and breath brings a sense of joy and calmness to kids of every age! Parents of our youngest yogis (ages 5 and under), please join in the fun! Class conducted by *Yoga with Jess*. Find out more about Jessica and her array of classes at [yogawithjess.yoga](http://yogawithjess.yoga).

#### **1:15 pm: Bookmark Making (All Ages)**

Stop by the KidZone to make a bookmark with Saratoga Children's Literacy League. Decorate a bookmark to match your favorite series or design a new one for your next read. This fun and easy activity is for everyone in the family!

# 2024 Program Details

Saturday 10/5/2024

## Writing Terror Panel with Daniel Kraus, Clémence Michallon & Paul Tremblay

10:30 am–11:30 am

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2a

New York Times Bestselling Author and Bram Stoker Award Winner Paul Tremblay (*Horror Movie: A Novel*) joins bestselling authors Daniel Kraus (*Pay the Piper*) and Clémence Michallon (*The Quiet Tenant*) to talk about their newest books and the art of creating psychological thrillers. Paul Bogaards moderates.

## Saving Democracy: A Conversation with Corey Brettschneider & Beau Breslin

10:30 am–11:30 am

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2b

With just weeks to go until the presidential election, two experts in constitutional law and politics, Corey Brettschneider (*The Presidents and the People: Five Leaders Who Threatened Democracy and the Citizens Who Fought to Defend It*) and Beau Breslin (*A Constitution for the Living: Imagining How Five Generations of Americans Would Rewrite the Nation's Fundamental Law*), explain what's at stake and how citizens have previously stood up for democracy.

## Confronting the Patriarchy: A Conversation with Novelists Jill Bialosky & Helen Schulman

12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2a

Jill Bialosky (*The Deceptions*) and Helen Schulman (*Lucky Dog*) explore the themes of motherhood, desire, rage, betrayal, and violation. They introduce their new novels and speak about how the Patriarchy has defined and shaped our culture—including the literary arts—and the desire to map a new way forward. Moderated by Ellen Beal.

## Historical Romance Panel with Elizabeth Everett, Adriana Herrera & Joanna Lowell

12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2b

Adriana Herrera (*An Island Princess Starts a Scandal*), Elizabeth Everett (*The Love Remedy*), and Joanna Lowell (*A Shore Thing*) share how their historical novels are informed by womanist, BIPOC, and Queer history and their thoughts on why the romance genre doesn't get the respect it deserves.

# 2024 Program Details

SATURDAY 10/5/2024

## **Fiction: What Makes a Life? A Conversation with Novelist Amitava Kumar**

2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2a

Yaddo artist Amitava Kumar discusses his new novel *My Beloved Life*, a family saga that captures the life of an ordinary man of humble beginnings who lives in a time of extraordinary change. Moderated by Aatish Taseer.

## **YA Novels to Adult Fiction with Cecily von Ziegesar & Mai Corland**

2:00 pm–3:00 pm Saratoga

Springs City Center, Room 2b

What's it like to write for adult audiences after penning books for teens? Cecily von Ziegesar, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Gossip Girl* series shares some of the unique challenges she faced writing *Cobble Hill: A Novel* in a session with Mai Corland, who wrote for teens and tweens before publishing her adult fantasy novel *Five Broken Blades* this year.

## **Black Into the Future: Science Fiction & Fantasy by Black Authors with Jaye Austin Williams & Shawntelle Madison**

2:00 pm–3:00pm

Saratoga Springs Public Library, Dutcher Room

For scholar Jaye Austin Williams, reading Black Science Fiction has long been a portal into the intergenerational impact of racial slavery, violence, and injustice. She shares her thoughts about the future imagined by Octavia Butler and several other Black Science Fiction writers with Shawntelle Madison, whose new historical fiction debut novel *The Fallen Fruit* is a sweeping multi-generational epic about a woman who travels through time to end a family curse that has plagued her ancestors for generations.

This program was funded by a generous re-grant from Saratoga Arts and organized by Our Lodge Foundation, Inc., a Saratoga Springs community non-profit supporting our minority populations through cultural, educational, civic, and creative programs.



# 2024 Program Details

SATURDAY 10/5/2024

## **Memoir: Lyn Slater On Living Boldly at Any Age**

2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Caffè Lena

Lyn Slater, Instagram sensation and author of *How to Be Old: Living Boldly from the Accidental Icon*, shares how to reinvent yourself and live a modern, culturally relevant life at any age. In her 60s, she became the “Accidental Icon,” known for her unique fashion sense that attracted close to a million followers on Instagram. Now in her 70s, Lyn is fashioning a new life for herself in the Hudson Valley. This session is for anyone who wants to live more intentionally and authentically—rules and other people’s expectations be damned. Moderated by Abby Tegnella.

## **Satire for Dark Times: Ryan Chapman & John McPherson**

2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Saratoga Arts Center

Novelist Ryan Chapman (*The Audacity*) joins cartoonist John McPherson (*The Close to Home Anniversary Treasury*) to discuss their new books and the time-tested weapon of using satire and dark humor to cut the powerful down to size.

## **Heists and Liars: A Multi-Genre Fiction Panel with Mai Corland, Karen McManus & Melissa Caruso**

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2a

Mai Corland, author of the bestselling new fantasy novel *Five Broken Blades* joins Karen McManus, the #1 New York Times bestselling YA author of *Such Charming Liars*, and Melissa Caruso, author of *The Obsidian Tower* and the soon-to-be-released novel *The Last Hour Between Worlds*, to discuss their latest works.

## **Motherhood in Fiction with Carrie Mullins and Daphne Uviller**

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Saratoga Springs Public Library, Dutcher Room

Journalist and essayist Carrie Mullins, author of *The Book of Mothers: How Literature Can Help Us Reinvent Modern Motherhood*, discusses classic novels that have shaped our cultural notions of motherhood and what lessons we can draw from them. Joining her is author and essayist Daphne Uviller, whose new book *This Was Not the Plan* is a thought-provoking examination of the personal and political complexities of abortion.

# 2024 Program Details

SATURDAY 10/5/2024

## Familial Drama in Contemporary Fiction: Roxana Robinson and Garth Risk Hallberg

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Saratoga Springs City Center, Room 2b

Garth Risk Hallberg (*The Second Coming: A Novel*) and Roxana Robinson (*Leaving*) discuss their new novels that ask, “What do we owe our children, other people, ourselves?” Moderated by Paul Bogaards.

## Writing a Memoir While Hiking with Sally Chaffin Brooks and Beck Krefting

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Caffè Lena

Comedian Sally Chaffin Brooks talks about her side-splitting new memoir *Going to Maine: All the Ways to Fall on the Appalachian Trail* with Skidmore College Professor, Humor Expert, and Comedian Beck Krefting.

## Fiction: LGBTQ+ Voices in Contemporary Rom Com with Jennifer Dugan and Ella Dawson

3:30 pm–4:30 pm

Saratoga Arts

Jennifer Dugan (*The Ride of Her Life: A Novel*) and Ella Dawson (*How Are You Doing Really: A Novel*) introduce their new books and discuss characters who are figuring out life, relationships, and adulting after college.

### BEYOND THE BOOK EVENT

## Warren Zanes Celebrates Springsteen's Nebraska in Song & Stories!

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Universal Preservation Hall

Proctors/UPH partners with the Saratoga Book Festival to present Warren Zanes, one of the founding members of the American 1980s garage-style rock band *The Del Fuegos*. Author of several biographies of the world’s most iconic rock stars, Zanes will share stories and perform songs inspired by his latest book, *Deliver Me from Nowhere: The Making of Bruce Springsteen’s Nebraska*.

TICKETS REQUIRED

# 2024 Program Details

SUNDAY 10/6/2024

## Heritage-Inspired Fiction with Ann Dávila Cardinal, Elizabeth Gonzalez James & Shawntelle Madison

10:00 am–11:00 am

Saratoga Arts

Authors Ann Dávila Cardinal (*We Need No Wings*), Elizabeth Gonzalez James (*The Bullet Swallow*), and Shawntelle Madison (*The Fallen Fruit*) introduce their new novels and explore how each uses elements of magic realism to conjure up the past wrongs, tragedies, and triumphs of those who came before us.

### BEYOND THE BOOK EVENT

## Gossip Girl Brunch with Cecily von Ziegesar

11:30 am–1:00 pm

Universal Preservation Hall

Meet and greet Cecily von Ziegesar, author of the *Gossip Girl* series that inspired not one but two hit TV series and dozens of knock-offs, over brunch at Universal Preservation Hall. The Palette Community's CEO Marcella Hammer joins von Ziegesar on stage for an exclusive interview, presented in partnership with *Saratoga Living*.

### TICKETS REQUIRED

## Contemporary Fantasy: A Conversation with Kelly Link, Jedediah Berry & GennaRose Nethercott

11:30 am–12:30 pm

Saratoga Arts

Pulitzer Prize finalist Kelly Link talks about her acclaimed, bestselling first novel, *The Book of Love*, and the art of blending the real with the unreal with fellow panelists Jedediah Berry (*The Naming Song*) and GennaRose Nethercott (*Fifty Beasts to Break Your Heart*). Moderated by Rachel Person.

# 2024 Program Details

SUNDAY 10/6/2024

## **Nonfiction: Critical and Personal with Melora Wolff & Jay Rogoff**

11:30 am–12:30 pm

Embassy Suites, Skidmore Room

Personal essayist Melora Wolff and poet-critic Jay Rogoff read from their current books and interview each other about the varieties and challenges of writing their brands of nonfiction. Melora Wolff's brand-new essay collection, *Bequeath* (LSU Press, 2024), presents a flawed, funny, impressionable narrator who tries to solve the mysteries of bequeathed artifacts, family myths, and haunting mistakes, while figuring out how to grow up in dangerous, glamorous 1970s New York City. Jay Rogoff's book about poetry, *Becoming Poetry: Poets and Their Methods* (LSU Press, 2023), winner of the Lewis P. Simpson Award for literary criticism, explores what makes a poet's work endure and also shares his own experience as a poet and reader.

## **Breaking Glass Ceilings on Wall Street (and Elsewhere) with Paulina Bren & Daphne Uviller**

12:15 pm–1:15 pm

Saratoga Springs Public Library, Dutcher Room

As engaging as it is enraging, Paulina Bren's *She-Wolves: The Untold History of Women on Wall Street* is an illuminating deep dive into the collision of women, finance, and New York. Joining Bren on stage is Daphne Uviller, author of the novel *This Was Not the Plan*.

## **Fiction Headliner**

### **Liz Moore in Conversation with Joe Donahue**

1:30-2:30 pm

Universal Preservation Hall

The *New York Times* bestselling author Liz Moore shares her ambitious and riveting new novel *The God of the Woods* in a conversation with Joe Donahue, a nationally acclaimed host and interviewer of the Nationally Syndicated "Book Show" and WAMC Radio's "The Roundtable." Named one of Barack Obama's favorite summer reads of 2024, Moore's latest tale of suspense is about family secrets and a child who goes missing from an Adirondack camp.

**TICKETS REQUIRED**

# 2024 Program Details

SUNDAY 10/6/2024

## What is Color? Family Art Workshop at the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery with Steven Weinberg

1:30 pm–2:30 pm

Tang Museum at Skidmore College

Saratoga Book Festival and the Tang Teaching Art Museum present a “What is Color Workshop” with Steven Weinberg, whose new book *What is Color* is a zany, inclusive, vibrantly illustrated guide to all things color. Admission is free but reservations are recommended.

## New Suspense Novels from Emily Layden, Mandy McHugh & Sarah Sawyer

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Universal Preservation Hall

Emily Layden (*Once More from the Top*), Mandy McHugh (*It Takes Monsters*), and Sarah Sawyer (*The Undercurrent*), introduce their books and what drew them to write psychological thrillers. Moderated by Donna Liquori.

## Memoir: Becoming an Artist with Hyeseung Song and Novelist Ryan Chapman

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Saratoga Springs Public Library, Dutcher Room

A conversation with memoirist Hyeseung Song (*Docile: Memoirs of a Not-So-Perfect Asian Girl*) and novelist Ryan Chapman (*The Audacity*). Both are first-generation Americans whose paths to becoming artists are complicated by financial hardships, family strife, and cultural expectations.

## Farms, Ballots, and Racial Justice: Black Adirondack History with Amy Godine

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Saratoga Springs Public Library, Susman Room

Independent scholar and freelance writer Amy Godine discusses her recently published book *The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier*. Godine will share stories about the Black pioneers who carved from the wilderness a future for their families and their civic rights.

# 2024 Program Details

SUNDAY 10/6/2024

## Short Story Readings and Conversation with Kelly Link & Mary Jones

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Saratoga Arts Center

Kelly Link, author of the bestselling new novel *The Book of Love* and the award winning short story collection *White Cat, Black Dog*, and Mary Jones, author of *The Goodbye Process*, will do a short reading and discussion about the art of writing short stories. Moderated by Leigh Haber.

## Tackling Difficult Topics for Tweens with J.S. Lemon, Cindy Rodriguez & E.L. Shen

3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Embassy Suites, Skidmore Room

Three popular authors for middle grade students, J.S. Lemon, Cindy Rodriguez, and E.L. Shen, introduce their most recent books and share why and how they write about challenging issues for young people, their views on book bans, and more. Moderated by Lisa Glazer.



MONDAY 10/7/2024

## Middle Grade Fiction: *The Bletchley Riddle* with Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin

6:00 pm–7:00 pm

Northshire Bookstore

A special launch event in partnership with Northshire Bookstore. Award winning and bestselling authors Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin will join us on the eve of the publication of their new middle grade historical adventure. The audience will be the very first readers in the country to be able to purchase this novel, which follows two siblings at Bletchley Park, the home of WWII codebreakers, as they try to unravel a mystery surrounding their mother's disappearance.

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