

Monthly Author Series And One Book, One Chicago Event

In October, the Chicago Public Library presents several diverse author programs as part of its free monthly Authors @ the Library series, as well as several events spotlighting the 2014-2015 One Book, One Chicago selection. The current One Book, One Chicago choice is *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* by Michael Chabon. The 25th selection for One Book, One Chicago launches a season-long exploration on the theme of Heroes: Real & Imagined. Visit onebookonechicago.org to learn more about the book selected and join in a discussion at your local Chicago Public Library location. One Book, One Chicago is presented by the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Public Library Foundation, Allstate and BMO Harris. All of the programs listed take place in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium (Lower Level), at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14th at 6 p.m. as part of One Book, One Chicago, author Jennifer Holland appears at Harold Washington Library Center to discuss her new book *Unlikely Heroes: 37 Inspiring Stories of Courage and Heart from the Animal Kingdom*. Holland is the New York Times bestselling author of *Unlikely Friendships*, *Unlikely Loves* and the *Unlikely Friendships for Kids* series, all celebrating wonders of the animal kingdom. In *Unlikely Heroes*, Holland uncovers and celebrates an unexpected trait of animals—heroism, that indefinable quality of going above and beyond. Presented in partnership with The Anti-Cruelty Society.

On Thursday, Oct. 16th at 6 p.m. join poets from two generations for the 60th annual Poetry Day. Carolyn Forché's first volume, *Gathering the Tribes*, won the Yale Series of Younger Poets Prize, and was followed by *The Country Between Us*, *The Angel of History*, and *Blue Hour*. Jamaal May's first book, *Hum*, won the 2013 Beatrice Hawley Award from Alice James Books. He is founding editor of the Organic Weapon Arts Chapbook and Video Series. Cosponsored with The Poetry Foundation.

On Monday, Oct. 20th at 6 p.m. as part of One Book, One Chicago, former Chicago television news anchor and current Chicago radio news personality Walter Jacobson leads a group of distinguished panelists, as they consider the idea of heroism in politics; debating the question: How does one achieve heroic status—is it for a heroic achievement or because we as constituents like (or need) to lionize those in power? Join us for a fascinating discussion!

On Monday, Oct. 27th at 6 p.m., just in time for Halloween, Aaron Christensen takes attendees on a joy ride through the annals of horrifying (and just plain horrible) fright films. Christensen discusses his recent book *Hidden Horror: A Celebration of 101 Underrated and Overlooked Fright Flicks*.



On Wednesday, Oct. 29th at 6 p.m. the Chicago Public Library welcomes Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, and one of the country's most visionary legal thinkers, social justice advocates, and MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award recipient. As the U.S. is awakening to the consequences of a period of unprecedented incarceration and severe punishment that has transformed us as a nation, Stevenson takes us on an unforgettable journey into the broken American criminal justice system.

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