

2025 Alaska Book Week Events Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 5, Fall Into Reading. 11 am - 1 pm	Live	Children's Books presented by Local Authors Title Wave Books Signed Books available for purchase
Tuesday, October 7, 5:30 - 7:00 Wasilla Public Library (500 N Crusey St., Wasilla AK)	Live	Tea With Author Lily Tuzroyluke Please join us for an author reading and Q&A at the Wasilla Public Library, with tea and treats. Lily Tuzroyluke, the author of <i>Sivulliq: Ancestor</i> , will perform a reading, share the inspiration behind her debut novel, and provide her favorite writing tips.
Tuesday, October 7 Doors open at 5:30 pm, event begins at 6:00 pm Solstice Books, 721 Second Ave., Fairbanks, AK	Live	Storybook Alaska: Pushing Alaska Fiction Beyond the Tired Old Tropes Novels and short fiction set in Alaska (written by Alaskan authors) have historically played second fiddle to homegrown nonfiction narratives. Yet fiction allows both writer and reader a look into the past, present, and future that isn't possible with other types of writing. It offers a view of our world, warts and all, that is often sorely lacking in Alaska's wider culture. With everything happening in Alaska and the world beyond in recent times, there's never been a better moment to move beyond the old tropes of stalwart pioneers forging a new life on the Last Frontier and show a truer vision of the Far North. David James, freelance writer and editor, interviews Paul Greci and Rosemary McGuire on the subject of moving Alaska fiction forward into a new century of artistic endeavor.
Wednesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. Writer's Block Bookstore and Cafe, Anchorage	Live	Writing the Wild: A Conversation with Marybeth Holleman and Martha Amore Share an evening with Alaska authors Marybeth Holleman and Martha Amore as they talk about the craft of writing, wilderness, feminism, and the ups and downs of the writer's life. The conversation will also explore the ways Northern landscapes, communities, and histories enter into their work. There will be time for audience questions and conversation, offering a chance to reflect together on what it means to write from and about the North.

<p>Wednesday, Oct. 8, Ann Stevens Room of Loussac Public Library, Anchorage</p> <p>Doors open at 5:30 p.m., the annual Friends of Library meeting begins at 6:15 p.m., and Kate will speak at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be offered.</p>	Live	<p>The Making of an Alaskan Mushroom Book with Kate Mohatt This event is hosted by Friends of the Library.</p> <p>Kate Mohatt will speak on "The Making of an Alaskan Mushroom Book" at the Friends of the Library annual meeting. Alaska is home to thousands of mushroom species, and foragers rely on handbooks for safety in harvesting and eating. But what goes into creating a field guide that's accurate and appealing? Join us for a look behind the pretty pictures with a focus on the research, science, and creativity of documenting Alaska's mushrooms.</p>
<p>KRUA interview to be broadcast on Thursday, October 9, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>listen to the radio interview here:</p> <p>http://alaskabookweek.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025-Oct-9-Gramse-Poetry-Edited.mp3</p>	Live, then Virtual	<p>Interview with poet Shannon Gramse UAA Professor and Reference Librarian Deborah Mole interviews Shannon Gramse about writing poetry, with a focus on his new book, <i>Lost Last Poems</i>.</p> <p>Gramse has taught writing at the University of Alaska Anchorage since the late 20th century. He is the author of <i>Lost Last Poems</i>, which won the Andy Hope Literary Award, and he co-founded and co-edited <i>Ice-Floe: International Poetry of the Far North</i>, the celebrated circumpolar journal and book series.</p>
<p>October 9, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Writer's Block Bookstore, Anchorage</p>	Live	<p>Both Sides Now, True Crime vs Crime Fiction Leland Hale and Stan Jones will team up to discuss the differences between writing crime fiction and crime nonfiction in their approaches to writing about murder and mayhem.</p>
<p>Saturday, October 11, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.</p> <p>Loussac Library, Anchorage,</p> <p>Event Center</p>	Live	<p>Local Author's Showcase Anchorage Public Library and the Alaska Center for the Book invite you to meet 20 Alaska writers in celebration of Alaska Book Week. Attend this free event to connect with authors on a wide range of topics and genres for adult readers. See the full list of authors online at bit.ly/APLAAuthorsShowcase25</p>

Click here to access the YouTube video of the interview.	Virtual	<p>Charles Wohlforth talks with Senator Lisa Murkowski about her new book, <i>Far Away Home</i>. Lisa Murkowski is a third-generation Alaskan proudly serving as the state's senior senator. Since joining the U.S. Senate in 2002, she has earned a reputation for her collaborative approach and her ability to work across the aisle to reach common sense solutions. She and her husband live in Anchorage, Alaska, where they raised their two sons.</p> <p>Charles Wohlforth is the author of many nonfiction books about science, history, and Alaska, and often collaborates with authors who have their own stories to tell. He is married, has four adult children, and divides his time between Alaska and the New York City area.</p>
Click here to watch a YouTube video of the event.	Virtual	<p>Every Glacier is Different</p> <p>The author of the newly released The Alaska Glacier Dictionary, and Homer local, Naomi Klouda, shares a slideshow presentation called "Every Glacier is Different." The presentation includes discussion about the importance of Alaska's glacier details, both in history and in future ramifications.</p>
Click here for to view the YouTube	Virtual	<p>Interview with Erica Watson by Dawnell Smith</p> <p>Erica Watson is an essayist, writing instructor, knitter, and occasional community organizer living on the boundary of Denali National Park, Alaska. Her experiences in conservation advocacy, tourism, and environmental education inform her writing.</p> <p>Dawnell Smith lives with a crew of human and more-than-human beings in Anchorage, Alaska, where they school her on the ways of love, patience, and commotion. She makes a living doing communications work for an Alaska nonpro</p>
Click here to view the YouTube video.	Virtual	<p>Interview with Eowyn Ivey</p> <p>Nancy Lord interviews Alaska author Eowyn Ivey. Nancy Lord, a former Alaska State Writer Laureate who lives in Homer, writes both fiction and literary nonfiction.</p> <p>Eowyn Ivey was raised in Alaska and continues to live here with her family. Her books are international bestsellers, translated into more than 25 languages.</p>

Access the YouTube video here.	Virtual	<p>Researching Yup'ik Traditions Marie Meade, Alice Rearden, and Anne Fienup-Riordan talk with Trish Jenkins, Alaska Book Week coordinator, about their research for their books about Yup'ik history, culture, and oral traditions.</p> <p>They also talk about their newly released book, <i>Angalkut/Shamans in Yup'ik Oral Tradition</i>. This book collects over thirty years' worth of shaman stories</p>
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Click here to access the YouTube video.	Virtual	<p>An Interview with Alaska poet Annie Wenstrup Annie Wenstrup is a Dena'ina poet and the author of <i>The Museum of Unnatural Histories</i>. She is the recipient of a 2025 Whiting Award in Poetry. Nicole Stellan O'Donnell is the author of three books of poetry, most recently, <i>Everything Never Comes Your Way</i>.</p>
Click here to view the YouTube video interview.	Virtual	<p>A Conversation with True Crime Author Betsy Longenbaugh True crime author Betsy Logenbaugh talks with her husband, Ed Schoenfeld, about bringing to life stories of murder that occurred in Alaska.</p>

Click here for directions about how to participate.	Virtual	<p>The 2025 Alaska Book Week Puzzle Cryptogram puzzle and book give-away</p> <p>Jen Funk Weber is a children's author / puzzle specialist. You can visit her website here: http://www.JenFunkWeber.com</p> <p>Alaska Book Week Puzzle ChallengeTo celebrate Alaska Book Week you are invited to complete a puzzle--a cryptogram. This year's puzzle is as easy as 1-2-3!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect the pieces and solve the puzzle. 2. Submit your answer to akbookweek@gmail.com by October 15, 2025. Write "PUZZLE ENTRY" in the subject line. 3. Be entered into a drawing to win a book sent to you in the mail. <p>Click here for directions about how to participate.</p>
Click this YouTube link to view when available.	Virtual	<p>Elizabeth Bradfield reads from SOFAR, her newly released poetry collection published by Persea Books</p>
Click here to view a YouTube video of the discussion.	Virtual	<p>The Mountain, The Mystery, and The Muse: What Makes a Great Alaskan Story? Published University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Pacific University authors, Martha Amore, Don Rearden, and John Messick discuss the inspiration process, challenge and successes of creative writing endeavors inspired by or written about Alaska.</p>
<p>Click here to view the You Tube video interview with Michael Engelhard and David James.</p> <p>Click here to view this You Tube video where Michael Engelhard talks about the inspiration for writing Arctic Traverse.</p>	Virtual	<p>Interview with Adventurer, Anthropologist and Author, Michael Engelhard</p>

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Click here to view the video.	Virtual	<p>The Anatomy of a Murder -- From an Author's Perspective</p> <p>True Crime author Betsy Logenbaugh provides the anatomy of a murder story, which includes how she became interested in writing about true crime, and how she and her husband conducted research for one of her books.</p>
Click here to view the YouTube video.	Virtual	<p>Alaska Writers Discuss Works in Progress</p> <p>Pam Cravez, Jamey Bradbury, Sharon Emmerichs, and Alys Culhane discuss their latest writing projects.</p>
Click here to access the YouTube video.	Virtual	<p>Fairbanks Authors in Conversation about Their Work</p> <p>Dan O'Neill talks with Tom Hewitt about his new release, <i>The Impertinent Question</i>, and Ken Waldman talks with Cynthia Hardy about his new release, <i>Now Entering Alaska Time</i>.</p>
<p>Gabrielle Calvocoressi POETRY READING from her new collection <i>THE NEW ECONOMY</i></p> <p>Premieres October 12.</p> <p>Click here to view the You Tube video when available.</p>	Virtual	<p>Gabrielle Calvocoressi POETRY READING from her new collection <i>The New Economy</i>.</p> <p>Gabrielle Calvocoressi reads from her newly released collection <i>The New Economy</i> from Copper Canyon Press. She is also the author of <i>The Last Time I Saw Amelia Earhart</i>, <i>Apocalyptic Swing</i> (a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize), and <i>Rocket Fantastic</i>, winner of the Audre Lorde Award for Lesbian Poetry. Calvocoressi's work has been widely celebrated for its formal innovation, emotional clarity, and fearless engagement with themes of identity, gender, spirituality, and resilience. Publishers Weekly writes that Calvocoressi "resists the limitations of language—especially where gender is concerned... These poems balance wildness and control in a fearless treatment of eros, identity, trauma, and all that resists easy categorization."</p>

