

2023 Alaska Book Week Events Schedule

Date/Time	Live or Virtual	Event Description
Ongoing daily	Virtual	<p>Poem-a-Day Every day during Alaska Book Week, look for a poem and a recommended book of poetry by an Alaskan poet, sponsored by Drumlin Poets. Also look for these on the Alaska Center for the Book Facebook page as well as the Alaska Book Week Facebook page</p>
Recorded Zoom event	Virtual	<p>Teachers Turned Writers Dan Walker and Eric Wade, former high school English teachers, discuss their books and writing those books. They consider how teaching shaped their approach to writing and what teaching helped them learn about writing. In addition, they offer advice for budding writers (particularly memoir writers) and talking about working with the publishing industry.</p>
Recorded Zoom event now available.	Virtual	<p>Being the Writer You Are Jamey Bradbury discusses the daily act of living as a writer in the world and the practical aspects of writing the book (or story or poem or essay) you're meant to write.</p>
Recorded Zoom event	Virtual	<p>Writers with New Books Sharon Emmerichs, John Messick, Melinda Moustakis, and Christine Byl answer questions about their recently published books. Moderated by David Stevenson.</p>
Recorded Zoom event now available.	Virtual	<p>Beginning a Literary Career Later in Life The common wisdom is that you are too old to begin a literary career past the age of forty. Lucian Childs has proven this not to be so. He recently published his debut novel, <i>Dreaming Home</i> (Biblioasis 2023) at the age of seventy-four. Together with moderator Martha Amore (<i>In the Quiet Season and Other Stories</i>, 2018), Lucian will discuss the unique challenges and opportunities for older writers. He will offer strategies for writers seeking to publish, applicable at any age, but especially useful for older writers.</p>

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Recorded Zoom event	Virtual	<p>An Evening of Poetry Join us for a dynamic evening of poetry by four poets from around the state of Alaska, Erin Coughlin Hollowell, Annie Wenstrup, Na Mee, and Christopher Miles. Each poet will read their own work as well as that of an Alaskan poet that they admire.</p>
Thurs., Sept. 28, 4:00 pm UAA/APU Library, Room 307	Live	<p>Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the UAA/APU Consortium Library</p> <p>Event #1 Panel Conversation: Ways of Knowing: Poetry, Science and the Environment The panelists are Poet Jane Hirshfield, Stephanie Holthaus (Climate Action Advisor for The Nature Conservancy Alaska and founder of the Women on Climate Initiative of TNC North America), Nancy Lord (Former Alaska Writer Laureate, Homer), and Marie Tozier (Alaska Native poet, Nome).</p>
Thurs., Sept. 28, 4:00 pm, Anchorage Museum Auditorium	Live	<p>Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the UAA/APU Consortium Library</p> <p>Event #2 Jane Hirshfield Reading and Book Signing</p>
Fri., Sept. 29 and Sat., Sept. 30 UAA Rasmuson Hall	Live	<p>2023 Writers & Illustrators Conference Workshops and sessions with agents, editors, and authors from across the country to service writers and illustrators at every stage of their careers and creative processes. Presented by Alaska Writers Guild, Alaska chapters of Romance Writers of America, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and UAA Department of Writing</p>

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Sun., Oct. 1 2:30 pm Writer’s Block Bookstore	Live	<p>Works in Progress</p> <p>Five Alaska authors discuss their works in progress—the books they are working on at present. Each author will briefly explain what their book is about followed by a reading from the book. This discussion features Alaska writers Stan Jones, Keenan Powell, Rich Chiappone, Anne Coray, and Chris Lundgren.</p>
Sun., Oct 1, 2:30 pm, Writer’s Block Bookstore	Live	<p>CLIA Awards Presentation</p> <p>The 2023 CLIA Awards will be presented at the beginning of the Works in Progress event described above. This year’s honorees are Anchorage author, editor, and writing mentor Tricia Brown; Erin Hollowell, poet, writer, and director of Storyknife Writers Retreat and the Kachemak Bay Writers’ Conference of Homer; and the community of Moose Pass, creators of <i>a People, Paths, and Places: The Frontier History of Moose Pass Alaska</i>, a multigenerational book project honoring their local history.</p>
Sun., Oct. 1, 6:00 pm, Live Zoom	Live Zoom event	<p>Alaska Poets: Playing for Keeps</p> <p>A statewide reading featuring more than 20 poets. Organized by Sandra Kleven and Vivian Faith Prescott.</p>
Mon., Oct. 2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Live Zoom event	<p>Informal Chat with Alaska Romance Writers</p> <p>Romance writers C.G. Williams and Lynn Lovegreen discuss their craft and careers.</p>

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<p>Tues., Oct. 3 5:30 pm Wasilla Public Library</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 4 6:30 Reception 7:00 Reading and Q&Q 8:00 Book Signing Denali Arts Council, Sheldon Community Arts Hangar</p>	Live	<p>Join us for an evening with Heather Lende, Alaska State Writer Laureate</p> <p>Events are free and open to the public. No pre-registration needed.</p> <p>Copies of Heather’s books will be available for purchase.</p>
<p>Thurs., Oct. 5 5:30-7:00 pm Carr Gottstein Bldg., Room 102 APU Campus</p>	Live	<p>Author reading and conversation with behavioral ecologist David Scheel</p> <p>Internationally ranked scientist David Scheel has devoted decades to understanding octopus, a boneless creature that thrives as a predator, escapes tight places and finds friends despite living a solitary life. Join Scheel for moderated conversation and a reading from his new book, <i>Many Things Under a Rock: The Mysteries of Octopuses</i> with illustrations by the author’s daughter. With a blend of Western science and Indigenous science and stories, <i>Many Things Under a Rock</i> is “page-turning” natural history (Kirkus Reviews). Parking is free.</p>
<p>Thur., Oct. 5 6:00 pm Writer’s Block Bookstore</p>	Live	<p>Exploring Our Collective Histories Through the Lens of Fiction</p> <p>Lori Townsend, Lily Tuzroyluke, Sarah Birdsall, and David G. Brown discuss writing Alaskan fiction, focusing on our collective histories, perspectives, and events. Moderated by Sharon Emmerichs.</p>

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<p>Fri., Oct. 6 5:00 - 7:00 pm Black Birch Books 2901 E Bogard Rd Ste 104, Wasilla</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Frontier Women Authors Panel</p> <p>Authors Judy Patrick, Rain Wade, and Denise Saigh discuss their experiences living and writing in the wilds of Alaska. They will delve into the themes of resilience, adventure, and the unique spirit of Alaska that has inspired their work. Q&A session and book signing to follow the discussion.</p>
<p>Fri., Oct. 6 6:00 - 7:00 pm Homer Public Library</p>	<p>Live & Zoom</p>	<p>Author Talk & Book Signing with John Messick</p> <p>Messick is the author of <i>Compass Lines</i>. From Antarctica to the Arctic, the Florida swamps to a Cambodia tattoo parlor, a Middle East bicycle route to a Yukon River canoe trip, <i>Compass Lines</i> brings readers on adventures that traverse latitudes and continents in pursuit of that most elusive place: home.</p>
<p>Sat., Oct., 7 Title Wave Books</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Kids' Book Event Storytimes, Crafts, Giveaways</p> <p>11:15 am, Tricia Brown, <i>The Itchy Little Musk Ox</i></p> <p>11:45 am, Brooke Hartman, <i>The Littlest Airplane</i></p> <p>12:15 pm, Matt Lasley, <i>Pedro's Pan</i></p> <p>12:45 pm, Ethan Atwater <i>Chia and the Fox Man</i></p>
<p>Thur., Oct. 12 6:00 - 8:00 Georgia Blue Gallery</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Lucian Childs Reception, Reading, and Book Signing.</p> <p>Celebrate the publication of <i>Dreaming Home</i>, the debut novel of long-time Alaska resident Lucian Childs.</p>

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