

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 You Tube Video	Virtual	<p>The Importance of Reading to Children Children learn so much about language before they learn to read, so reading aloud to young children is one of the best gifts you can give them. Join Stephanie Schott from Best Beginnings to learn some reasons reading to young children is so important.</p>
Recorded Zoom event now available You Tube video	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>

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Recorded Zoom event now available on You Tube.	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 (In the <i>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>
Recorded Zoom event available to view on You Tube.	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>
Recorded Zoom event available to view on You Tube.	Virtual	<p>Writing True Crime and Travel Mystery Murder – The Research Process In this video authors James T. Bartlett and Wendall Thomas talk about the research they conducted to write their books. James Bartlett focuses on his true crime book, <i>The Alaskan Blonde: Sex, Secrets, and the Hollywood Story That Shocked America</i> and Thomas focuses on <i>Cheap Thrills</i>, her latest book in the travel mystery murder series featuring travel agent Cyd Redondo.</p>

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<p>Thurs., Sept. 28, 4:00 pm UAA/APU Library, Room 307</p>	<p>Live</p>	<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</p> <p>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>
<p>Thurs., Sept. 28, 4:00 pm, Anchorage Museum Auditorium</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the UAA/APU Consortium Library</p> <p>Event #2 Jane Hirshfield Reading and Book Signing</p>
<p>Fri., Sept. 29 and Sat., Sept. 30 UAA Rasmuson Hall</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>2023 Writers & Illustrators Conference</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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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<p>Sun., Oct. 1 2:30 pm Writer's Block Bookstore</p>	Live	<p>Works in Progress 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>
<p>Sun., Oct 1, 2:30 pm, Writer's Block Bookstore</p>	Live	<p>CLIA Awards Presentation 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>
<p>Sun., Oct. 1, 6:00 pm, Live Zoom</p>	Live Zoom event	<p>Alaska Poets: Playing for Keeps A statewide reading featuring more than 20 poets. Organized by Sandra Kleven and Vivian Faith Prescott.</p>
<p>Mon., Oct. 2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	Live Zoom event	<p>Informal Chat with Alaska Romance Writers Romance writers C.G. Williams and Lynn Lovegreen discuss their craft and careers.</p>
<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 Events are free and open to the public. No pre-registration needed. Copies of Heather's books will be available for purchase.</p>

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<p>Wed., Oct. 4 7:00 pm Carr-Gottstein Lecture Hall, APU Campus</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>APU Low-Residency MFA Program Presents <i>An Evening with Lily Tuzroyluke and Sarah Birdsall</i></p>
<p>Thur., Oct. 5 Noon to 1:00 pm Tongass Historical Museum, Ketchikan</p>	<p>Hybrid event. In-person and accessible by Zoom</p>	<p>Museum Midday: Our Way a Parallel History Ketchikan Museums will start its Museum Midday season on October 5th, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Tongass Historical Museum, with a program featuring presenters Julie Cajune and Norma Shorty. They will be sharing insights from their book, <i>Our Way – A Parallel History: Native History, Reflection, and Story</i>. <i>Our Way: A Parallel History</i> dispels the myths, stereotypes, and absence of information about American Indian, Native Alaskan, and Native Hawaiian people in the master narrative of US history. For most of American history, stories of the country’s Indigenous Peoples were either ignored or told by outsiders. This book corrects these errors, exploring the ways in which Indigenous cultures from every corner of the nation have influenced American society from the past into the present, reminding the reader that they have both shaped the US and continue to play a vital role in its story.</p>
<p>Thurs., Oct. 5 5:30-7:00 pm Carr Gottstein Bldg., Room 102 APU Campus</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Author reading and conversation with behavioral ecologist David Scheel 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>

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Thur., Oct. 5 6:00 pm Writer's Block Bookstore	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>
Fri., Oct. 6 3:00 - 5:00 pm Bagels and Brew, Fairbanks	Live	<p>Book Signing with Four Fairbanks Indie Authors</p> <p>Join indie authors Elva Birch, Jaclyn Wilmoth, Craig Martelle, and Alex Bates, for snacks, chats, and books. Authors will be signing books and appetizers will be provided.</p>
Fri., Oct. 6 5:00 - 7:00 pm Black Birch Books 2901 E Bogard Rd Ste 104, Wasilla	Live	<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>
Fri., Oct. 6 6:00 - 7:00 pm Homer Public Library	Live & Zoom	<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>

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<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>Sat., Oct. 7 1:00 - 4:00 pm Barnes and Noble, Fairbanks</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Elva Birch is an author of the impossible and irresistible. She is a fire dragon Gemini who belly dances outside to twenty below and lives in a house that she built with her true love in a birch forest in Alaska.</p>
<p>Sat., Oct. 7 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Bear Gallery, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Join us for Alaska Book Week's Fairbanks Literary Sampler, a tasting menu of some of Fairbanks' finest writers. Fantasy, memoir, history, science fiction, poetry, literary nonfiction, and romance will all be on the menu. Ten local authors give you a taste of their work with appetizers and a meet-and-greet to follow.</p>
<p>Thur., Oct. 12 6:00 - 8:00 Georgia Blue Gallery</p>	<p>Live</p>	<p>Lucian Childs Reception, Reading, and Book Signing. Celebrate the publication of <i>Dreaming Home</i>, the debut novel of long-time Alaska resident Lucian Childs.</p>