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Booktoberfest

Author Fair

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Fishers Library





Featured Keynoters

10 AM Susan Crandall

Flying Circus (new release)
Whistling Past the Graveyard
Seeing Red
Magnolia Sky
Back Roads
On Blue Falls Pond
The Road Home
Sleep No More
A Kiss in Winter
Promises to Keep
Pitch Black

11 AM Dan Wakefield

Going all the Way
New York in the 50s
Under the Apple Tree
Creating from the Spirit
Expect a Miracle
Returning
How Do We Know When it's God?
The Hijacking of Jesus
Kurt Vonnegut: Letters (editor)

2 PM Mike Mullin

Ashfall Trilogy for young adult readers, including
Sunrise
Ashfall
Ashen Winter



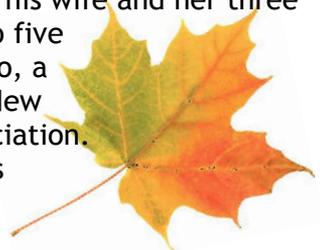
Indiana native **Susan Crandall**'s breakout novel, *Whistling Past the Graveyard* was released July 2, 2013. Since then it has been featured in national book clubs, been an Indie Next pick and won the SIBA Award for Fiction. Her previous works have garnered national awards, including the coveted RITA(c). Her latest novel, *The Flying Circus*, was released in July. With the exception of seven years in Chicago, she's spent her entire life in her Indiana hometown. When not reading, writing or watching movies, Susan spends time with her husband, children and plethora of pets.



Dan Wakefield is a novelist, journalist and screenwriter whose best-selling novels *Going All The Way* and *Starting Over* were produced as feature films, and he created the NBC prime time TV series *James at 15*. A documentary film has been produced of his memoir *New York in the Fifties*. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Wakefield was an Eagle Scout, and began his writing career as a columnist of his high school newspaper, *The Shortridge Daily Echo*, also serving as sports correspondent for *The Indianapolis Star*. After graduating from Columbia College in New York City in 1955, he wrote for many national magazines (including *The New York Times Magazine*, *Harpers*, *The Atlantic Monthly*) and published his first book, *Island in the City: The World of Spanish Harlem*. He has been a staff writer for *The Nation Magazine*, a Contributing Editor of *The Atlantic Monthly*, a Contributing Writer for *GQ*, a Contributing Editor of *The Yoga Journal*, and is on the advisory board of *Image: A Journal of The Arts and Religion*.



Mike Mullin has always been involved with literature. One of his early jobs was shelving books at Central Library in Indianapolis. Later, he paid his way through graduate school in part by serving as a reference assistant for Indiana University's library. Mike has worked in his mother's business, Kids Ink Children's Bookstore, for more than twenty years, serving at various times as a store manager, buyer, school and library salesperson, and marketing consultant. Mike holds a black belt in Songahm Taekwondo and lives in Indianapolis with his wife and her three cats. His debut, *Ashfall*, was named one of the top five young adult novels of 2011 by National Public Radio, a Best Teen Book of 2011 by *Kirkus Reviews*, and a New Voices selection by the American Booksellers Association. *Ashen Winter* and *Sunrise* are the final books in his *Ashfall* trilogy.





Local Author Schedule

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lyn Jones
Nicole Kobrowski
K.B. Laugheed
Tracy Line
Kurt Meyer
Suzanne Purewal
Denise Rezsonya
Kate SeRine
Amy Shankland

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Shannon Lee Alexander
M. Katherine Clark
Jennifer Gabou
Debra Knapp
George Kramer
Kristen Mott
Francesca Quarto
Pamela Woods-Jackson
Morgan K. Wyatt



Local Author Bios

Shannon Lee Alexander - Young Adult

Shannon Lee Alexander is a wife and mother (of two kids and one yellow terrier named Harriet Potter). She is passionate about coffee, books, and cancer research. Math makes her break out in a sweat. *Love and Other Unknown Variables* is her debut novel. She currently lives in Indianapolis with her family. You can follow her at www.shannonleealexander.com or on Twitter @shanlalexander.

M. Katherine Clark - Fiction

M. Katherine Clark is a graduate of Butler University and an Indiana Native. Currently, she has four novels published that range in genres from mystery thriller to Sherlock Holmes to Irish Romance. Also a published poet, her poem *Onward, Onward, Onward He Led* was the inspiration for her latest novel *Once Upon a Midnight Dreary* which showcases her love of Poe.

Jennifer Gabou - Fiction

A Kansas native and former standout student-athlete, Jennifer Gabou (pronounced Ga-boo) is a proud IMG Sports Academy Alumni and University of Florida graduate. While at UF, she was the #1 Ranked NCAA Division I Singles player in the country, Four-time All-American, First Team ESPN The Magazine, Finalist for the Honda Award and recipient of the Arthur Ashe Jr., Sports Scholar, and SEC Good Works awards. As a member of TEAM USA, Gabou represented the United States in over 14 countries. Post-graduation, she competed professionally on the WTA Tour before being named Associate Head Coach at Wichita State University. At 23, she was the youngest Division I head coach in the nation taking the helm at Florida Gulf Coast University. Last February, Gabou's debut novel *Division I* was released spotlighting issues that affect female collegiate athletes. *Division I* was featured on ESPN The Radio, reviewed by The Kansas City Star, and is recommended Syllabi reading at various institutions across the country. Currently, Gabou is co-owner of OPEN GYM, the fastest growing fitness concierge in the nation based out of Fishers, IN.

Dr. Darolyn "Lyn" Jones - Non-Fiction

Dr. Darolyn "Lyn" Jones is an assistant professor in the Department of English at Ball State University, the Education Outreach Director of the Memoir Project for the Indiana Writers Center, and a longtime resident of Fishers. Lyn is passionate about literacy, memoir, and disability studies and has committed her twenty-four years of teaching and writing professional life to those topics. She is the bestselling educational author of *Painless Reading Comprehension*, the editor for the literary magazine, *Rethinking Children's Literature*, the children's book series, the *Neon Tiki Tribe*, and for the independent press, INwords Publications.





Local Author Bios

Dr. Darolyn “Lyn” Jones (continued)

She has published or edited over 30 academic articles, literary essays, and literary collections including *I Remember: Indianapolis Youth Write about Their Lives*, *Monday Coffee and Other Stories of Mothering Children with Special Needs*, and “Sitting at the Feet of my Flanner House Elders: A Lesson After Dying,” an essay featured in the *IndyWrites Books: A Book Lover’s Anthology* with John Green’s work. She writes about her life on her blog titled, Hope Takes Practice at <http://www.darolynlynjones.com/blog-hope-takes-practice.html>.

Debra Knapp - Health Non-Fiction

Debra Knapp, a native of Cicero, Indiana, grew up on a farm with a love for writing, teaching and a fascination of muscular anatomy. Debra attended Anderson College, majoring in Education and Physical Education. She has been a teacher, coach and personal trainer for over thirty-eight years. Deb’s love of muscular anatomy was applied firsthand as she trained and rose to the top of the bodybuilding circuit, winning the Ms. USA Masters Bodybuilding title in 1998 at the age of 43. She competed as a member of the USA Olympic Bodybuilding team in 2001. She has been certified by the American Council on Exercise, the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, and Egoscue University. In addition to her training expertise, Debra utilizes her gift as an Egoscue Posture, Alignment and Pain Management Specialist. She has authored articles on health, wellness and nutrition for various publications. She has given numerous presentations at coaches and leadership conferences. Her love of teaching is most evident as a mentor for individuals of all ages, for those of all functional levels and in collaboration with healthcare professionals. Currently, Debra is a consultant, trainer and Program Director for the Indiana Parkinson Foundation.

Nicole Kobrowski - Paranormal Non-Fiction

Nicole Kobrowski is the author of 16 books including paranormal, history and textbooks. Her most recent book, *Fractured Intentions: A History of Central State Hospital for the Insane* covers the history of the first mental institution in Indiana. Nicole is also the co-owner of Unseenpress.com, Inc., which was founded in 2001. She and her husband Michael started the business because of their interest in the paranormal and their love of history. Being a paranormal enthusiast for over 30 years, she has done investigation work in many areas including spirit photography, electronic voice phenomenon, and automatic writing. In addition to her work in the paranormal field, Nicole is an Adult Educator. Currently, she lives in her “über haunted home” with her husband, Michael.

George Kramer - Science Fiction

George Kramer started writing early in his life. In fifth grade, he started dabbling with his pen and paper. It was instrumental since his writing would serve as a crucial outlet later in life. The venting allowed him to get a handle on his trials and tribulations in growing up with eight other siblings. George spread his wings and embraced writing in all genres. As it stands, he has over one hundred and fifty articles published online for various websites. He has written two books of unconventional poetry, countless short stories, a medical thriller, and has entered the science fantasy arena with his second book of the Arcadis series. George was born and raised in New York and moved to Indiana in 1989. Currently he resides in McCordsville, Indiana with his wife and precocious daughter.

K. B. Laugheed - Fiction

K.B. Laugheed grew up a few miles from the site of the 1811 Battle of Tippecanoe and so has always been keenly aware of the debt we owe all our ancestors. She is an organic gardener and master naturalist who has spent a lifetime feeding the earth, and her efforts have culminated in *The Spirit Keeper*, her first novel and largest contribution to the potluck so far. The French Trading Post at Fort Ouiatenon plays a small part in her book. For more info, visit her website: www.kblaugheed.com.

Tracy Line - Spiritual Memoir

Tracy Line has been a creative and freelance writer for over 18 years. She has written feature articles for numerous publications including *After40*, *Atlanta Parent*, *Babyzone.com*, *Current Publishing*, *Indy's Child*, Internet Café Devotions, *Kit* magazine, *M-Plan* newsletter, *Nashville Parent*, *Proverbs31* magazine, and *Toastmasters*. In addition, she's been a columnist for both *Indy's Child* and *Current in Noblesville*. Her articles have appeared in numerous books, including *The Must Have Mom Manual*, *101 Secrets to a Happy Marriage* and *The Ultimate Mom*. She specializes in writing about faith, family life, and travel. Tracy also writes about life and faith on her blog at www.tracyline.com. *Chasing God, Finding Faith from the Outside Looking In*, a spiritual memoir, is her first book. Tracy is a graduate of Hanover College and Noblesville resident. She enjoys reading, writing, travel and volunteering with the Indiana Writers Center. She is married to Steve and has three daughters.

Kurt Meyer - Fiction

Kurt Meyer is a life-long Hoosier. Over the past 15 years he's published nearly 400 newspaper columns and feature stories in the Noblesville Daily Ledger, the Noblesville Daily Times and NUVO Newsweekly. Kurt's novel, *Noblesville* was published August 1st 2014 by River's Edge Media. His 2nd novel, *The Salvage Man* is set to be published in August, 2015. He is also co-creator, editor and publisher of an annual literary journal for Noblesville-area writers called Polk Street Review.





Local Author Bios

Kristen Mott - Children's

Kristen Mott has loved animals since she was a child. She graduated in 2008 from the Indiana University School of Journalism. She now lives on a small farm in Indiana with her family where she cares for Odie, Bandit, horses, and a growing feline family. Kristen is the author of *Odie the Stray Kitten* which is the first book in her series for children.

Suzanne Purewal - Romance and Poetry

Author, poet and motivational speaker, Suzanne Purewal, continues to serve as an inspiration to others as she pursues her passion - writing. Battling cancer, being downsized and enduring an unexpected divorce provide ample fuel for her work. Her romance novel, *Embracing Destiny*, follows Sara Taylor - a woman standing at a crossroad. An unexpected event sets her on a journey. Outside forces intervene, and danger lurks in every shadow. Although written as a stand-alone novel, feedback compelled her to write a sequel. *Challenging Destiny* will be released this autumn. Purewal's poetry book, *From 14 to 41*, contains soulful poems that capture the essence of life. A blend of love, loss, whimsical and inspirational pieces, readers are drawn in as the raw emotions leap from the pages. Her blog, *Pursuing My Passion*, features her humorous online dating adventures and observations on life. Her work has appeared in *The Polk Street Review* and *An Evening with the Writing Muse*. For the past twenty-two years, she has resided in Noblesville, IN. For more information, to book her for speaking engagements, or to be considered as a guest blogger, send an email to: purewalpublishing@gmail.com. Visit <http://suzannepurewal.wordpress.com/> or www.suzannepurewal.com for news/events, or find her page on Facebook.

Francesca Quarto - Young Adult

FRANCESCA QUARTO is part of a large Italian family where she discovered early on, that a love of reading was as much a part of her DNA as her mother's skill at baking. Growing up in a house filled with laughter, screaming, banging pots, fighting and loving family bonds, shaped her life and heart. Having moved from the east coast where she was raised between New York and New Jersey, Francesca left for the mid-west where she spent several years outside the Chicago area raising a family of three children, completing her college degrees and writing introspective poetry like other young mothers. Francesca has worked in local television, a small town zoo, founded a non-profit tutoring agency for an inner-city neighborhood which eventually served local school districts, worked for an International Evangelical Television and Radio Station and for a non-profit organization serving challenged adults. Francesca Quarto resides in a small town outside of Indianapolis, Indiana with her husband, Patrick. She still has a great love of the written word and while she enjoys her E-Reader immensely, she treasures the excitement of turning the next page. Francesca is

the author of *Wolf Master of Iron Mountain* which is Book 1 in The Witch of Appalachia series published by Tell-Tale Publishing Group (www.tell-talepublishing.com).

Denise Rezsonya - Young Adult Christian Non-Fiction

Denise Rezsonya is a local Christian author who resides in Noblesville with her husband and two beautiful children. She spends her days writing, working, working out, and volunteering. Denise has published two teen devotionals, *Be The Light*, Volumes 1 and 2. She is also working on *Keeping It Real*, which is a conversational style Christian devotional for adults, due out in the fall of 2015. Denise writes from her deep faith and from experiences of how God has worked in her life, and tries to convey this in a way that is applicable and comprehensible to all ages.

Kate SeRine - Romance

Kate SeRine (pronounced “serene”) is a hopeless romantic who firmly believes in true love that lasts forever. So when she began writing her own stories, Kate vowed that her characters would always have a happily ever after. Kate is the author of the award-winning Transplanted Tales paranormal romance series and soon will be releasing two new romantic suspense series: *Protect and Serve* (November 2015) and *Dark Alliance* (July 2016). You can also find her novella *Torn*, a prequel to her *Protect and Serve* series, in *Way of the Warrior*, a military romance anthology that benefits the Wounded Warrior Project. Kate lives in a smallish, quintessentially Midwestern town with her husband and two sons, who share her love of storytelling. She never tires of creating new worlds to share and is even now working on her next project—probably while consuming way too much coffee. Please visit her at www.kateserine.com, [Facebook.com/kateserine](https://www.facebook.com/kateserine), or on Twitter @KateSeRine.

Amy Shankland - Fiction

Amy Shankland has been a hoop dancer for over four years and is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the City of Noblesville. She is a graduate of Indiana University and has taught Dale Carnegie courses and written columns for the Noblesville Times. Shankland is the author of *Hoop Mama* and *G. Angels*. She also has a new blog, <http://enthusiasticmama.com>, to help people live life with enthusiasm.

Pamela Woods-Jackson

Pamela Woods-Jackson is a former high school English teacher, so writing for and about teens comes naturally to her. Inspired by her students at Broad Ripple High School, she wrote and published *Confessions of a Teenage Psychic* (The Wild Rose Press, 2010), which was a 2011 Epic Ebook Contest finalist. Her YA novel *Genius Summer* was released by Vinspire Publishing in November, 2014, and garnered good reviews. It was a finalist in the 2013 San Francisco Writers Contest and received high marks in the 2013 Pacific Northwest Writers Contest. She also has a contemporary romance, *Certainly Sensible* currently in production with The Wild Rose Press and due to be released later this year.





Local Author Bios

Pamela Woods-Jackson (continued)

Pamela is toiling away on a New Adult novel and a contemporary romance. In the meantime, she works part time at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park in Fishers, Indiana, as a Guest Services Representative. She enjoys spending time with her grown children, working out or walking on The Monon, and playing with her rescue cats Molly and Phoebe.

Morgan K. Wyatt - Romance

Morgan K. Wyatt has penned twenty novels. Her most recent romantic suspense, *Love or Deception*, is 2015 RONE Suspense Finalist & Reader's Favorite 5-Star pick. Her articles and stories have appeared in several anthologies and magazines including Guideposts, Ladies Home Journal, Greensboro Magazine, and The Dollar Stretcher. Her most recent publications include a sweet romance, *The Inheritance*, and an anthology, *Sunkissed: Summer Effusions*. She also writes paranormal YA under the name Rayna Noire. She and her husband write cozy mysteries under the name of M. K. Scott. She and her husband are Hamilton County residents who enjoy the parks systems, libraries, and farmers' markets.



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Upcoming Events

Grass Roots Music Open Jam

October 13 • 6:30 PM • Noblesville Library

Rubik's Cube Competition

October 17 • 9:00 AM • Fishers Library

Celebrate Your Inner Chef

October 22 • 7:00 PM • Noblesville Library

Octobrew - Home Brewing Program

October 24 • 2:00 PM • Fishers Library

Octoboo (for children)

October 27 • 6:30 PM • Noblesville Library

October 28 • 6:00 PM • Fishers Library

Hamilton County Ghosts and How We Found Them

October 27 • 7:00 PM • Fishers Library

From Tree to Treat: Transformation and Tasting of Chocolate

October 29 • 7:00 PM • Fishers Library

White River Sound Chorus

November 14 • 2:00 PM • Fishers Library

Belle Musique

December 5 • 2:00 PM • Fishers Library

Star Wars: Jedi Academy (for children)

December 10 • 6:00 PM • Noblesville Library