

SATURDAY
May 6

Book signings immediately follow each session on-site, thanks to our participating booksellers

Free Programs!

All daytime programs are free of charge, general admission, space permitting. Walkups admitted 20 min prior to program start time.

Priority Admission

Purchase a Friend of the Festival membership and help us keep the festival free!

Among other perks, it enables priority admission to all daytime programs. Available festival weekend at our BART Plaza Welcome Center or:



Ticketed Events

Only our two evening events will be ticketed:

SAT May 6 - Joan Baez

SUN May 7 - W. Kamau Bell and Kate Schatz

\$15 general admission, while tickets last.

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BAY AREA BOOK FESTIVAL

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Books Inc.

Residence Inn Ballroom 1

Sausalito Books by the Bay

Residence Inn Ballroom 2

Sausalito Books by the Bay

11 am

11 am-12 pm
The Eyes and the Impossible
Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris

12 pm

12:30-1:30 pm
Awe: The Science of Everyday Wonder
Dacher Keltner, interviewed by Shawn Taylor

1 pm

2-3 pm
Science Fiction: Space Exploration
Mary Robinette Kowal, Annalee Newitz, and Megan O'Keefe, moderated by Evette Davis

2 pm

3:30-4:30 pm
Tasting History: A Delicious Journey Through the Past
Max Miller, interviewed by Brian Watt

3 pm

3:30-4:30 pm
True Stories: Northern California
Andrew Alden, Clare Frank, hosted by John King

4 pm

4-5 pm
Hidden Histories
Dorothee Elmiger and Jori Lewis, moderated by Ariana Proehl

5 pm

Credit: Dana Tynan



11 am-12 pm
Journalists Investigating Child Welfare
Roxanna Asgarian and Garrett Therolf, moderated by David Barstow

12:30-1:30 pm
Adam Hochschild on American Midnight and Democracy's Crises
Adam Hochschild, introduced by Monika Bauerlein

2-3 pm
Words and Pictures
Gabriela Hasbun, George McCalman, and Joshua Teal, hosted by Mark Murrmann

3:30-4:30 pm
True Stories: Northern California
Andrew Alden, Clare Frank, hosted by John King

11:30 am-12:30 pm
Fiction and Technology: What Hath AI Wrought?
Akil Kumarasamy, Josh Riedel, Allie Rowbottom, Nina Schuyler, and Colin Winnette, moderated by Noah Stern

1-2 pm
Craft Chats: A Child's Perspective
Keenan Norris, Pilar Quintana, and Margaret Verble, moderated by Ethel Rohan



4-5 pm
Hidden Histories
Dorothee Elmiger and Jori Lewis, moderated by Ariana Proehl

11 am-12 pm
The Beauty and Urgency of Nature Writing
Erica Berry, Tom Comitta, and Talia Lakshmi Kolluri, moderated by Carlos Cabrera-Lomeli

12:30-1:30 pm
25 Years of Berkeley Slam
Jason Bayani, Reggie Edmonds, Betsy Gomez, Doug Mungin, and Sam Sax, hosted by Ekabhumi Charles Ellick

2-3 pm
Historical Fiction: The American West
Rina Ayuyang, Kali Fajardo-Anstine, and Jane Smiley, moderated by Blaise Zerega

3:30-4:30 pm
Indigenous Perspectives in Genre Fiction
Jessica Johns, Nick Medina, Marcie R. Rendon, and Margaret Verble, moderated by Melissa Stoner



11 am-12 pm
Fiction: You're a Fraud
Kirstin Chen, Brendan Slocumb, and Kyla Zhao, moderated by Cheryl Popp

12:30-1:30 pm
Maurene Goo: Throwback
Maurene Goo, interviewed by members of Cinnamongirl

2-3 pm
Romantic Roadblocks
Lily Chu, Claire Kann, Amy Spalding, and Taleen Voskuni, moderated by Jasmine Guillory

3:30-4:30 pm
YA: Haunts and Horrors
Sara Farizan, and Andrea L. Rogers, interviewed by members of Cinnamongirl

5-6 PM
YA: Falling for Love
Elise Bryant, Lio Min, Alisha Rai, and Amy Spalding, moderated by Tiffany Golden and Nafi of Chapter 510

11:30 am-12:30 pm
The Art of Life: Writing Autobiography Across the Genres
Ingrid Rojas Contreras, K.M. Soehnlein, and Preeti Vangani, moderated by Dave Madden

1-2 pm
What Makes a Critic?
Yohanca Delgado, Jonathan Leal, Antonio López, Ricardo Jaramillo and Maisie Wiltshire-Gordon, moderated by Heather Partington

2:30-3:30 pm
Flash Fiction America
Patricia Quintana Bidar, K-Ming Chang, Grant Faulkner, Molly Giles, Nicole Simonsen, Kara Vernor, hosted by Kirstin Chen and Jane Ciabattari

4-5 pm
Crossing the Finish Line: New Books from SJSU
Rita Cameron, Carmen Kennedy, Amanda Mei Kim, J. Michael Martinez, and Keenan Norris, moderated by Alan Soldofsky

Freight & Salvage • 7:30-9pm • \$15 tickets while supplies last

An Evening with Joan Baez

Joan Baez, interviewed by Greg Sarris

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FREE Author Talks, Discussions, and Workshops

The Marsh Theater

Marcus Books

11 am

11 am-12 pm
A Life in Books
Joan Frank, Dorothy Lazard, and Jane Smiley, moderated by John Freeman

12 pm

12:30-1:30 pm
Fiction: Dazzling Debuts
Jonathan Escoffery, Tsering Yangzom Lama, and Jens Liljestrand, moderated by Leslie Carol Roberts

1 pm

1-2 pm
Poetry and the Archives of History
Anthony Cody and Paisley Rekdal, moderated by Tess Taylor

2 pm

2-3 pm
Fiction: Across Cultures
Jamil Jan Kochai, Marie Myung-Ok Lee, and Susanne Pari, moderated by Lance Knobel

3 pm

3:30-4:30 pm
Red Team Blues
Cory Doctorow, interviewed by Glynn Washington

4 pm



5 pm



FREE Programs for Kids and Families

Berkeley Public Library Children's Room

Folio Books

11-11:30 am
Story Time: You Will Do Great Things
Amerie

11-11:45 am
New Glimpses of Japanese Incarceration
Elizabeth Partridge in conversation with Maggie Tokuda-Hall

11-11:45 am
Flash Fiction Workshop
Kim Culbertson and Grant Faulkner

11:45 am-12:30 pm
Story Time: Imagine That!
Tiffany Golden, Mary Robinette Kowal, Nina LaCour, and Monica Wesolowska

12:15-1:15 pm
Workshop: One Story, Unlimited Possibilities
Lily Simonson

12:15-1:00 pm
Middle Grade: Cast a Spell
Marti Dumas, Claire Kann, Claribel A. Ortega, and Angela Overy, moderated by Cinnamongirl members

1:30-2:15 pm
Middle Grade: The Magic of Story
Brandon Hobson, Misa Sugiura, and Brian Young, moderated by Cinnamongirl members

1:45-2:30 pm
Picturing Lives: Picture Book Biographies
Angela Dalton, Marni Fogelson, Susan B. Katz, and Emma Bland Smith, moderated by Amy Midanik-Blum

2:30-3:30 pm
Pursuing the Impossible: Poetry and the Art of Translation
Forrest Gander and Olivia E. Sears, moderated by CJ Evans

2:45-3:30 pm
Story Time: Family and Heritage
Liza Ferneyhough, Laurel Goodluck, Minnie Phan, Sandhya Prabhat, and Meera Sriram

3:30-4:15 pm
Musical Story Time
Story Time Band

4:15-5 pm
Bay Area Children's Theatre Playtime
Bay Area Children's Theatre





Cornerstone Berkeley • 5:30-7 pm

Noir at the Bar

Rina Ayuyang, Margot Douaihy, Mary Robinette Kowal, T. Jefferson Parker, Kwei Quartey, Marcie R. Rendon, emceed by Randal Brandt

SPECIAL ALL-DAY EVENT:

Find Waldo at the Berkeley Public Library!

BART Plaza Stage • Shattuck & Allston • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Poetry Slam Showcase

Open mic + slam competitions + music

Grammy-winners Alphabet Rockers SAT@ 2 pm

In association with The Berkeley Poetry Slam

Credit: Brecht von Maele



Dave Eggers

Credit: Sarah Enni



Maurene Goo

Credit: Jamil Kochai



Jamil Jan Kochai

Credit: Andrea Scher



Jasmine Guillory

SUNDAY May 7		FREE Author Talks, Discussions, and Workshops for Adults and Teens						FREE Programs for Kids and Families									
		SF Chronicle Stage	Freight & Salvage	Brower Center Goldman Theater	Brower Center Tamalpais Room	Magnes Museum	Residence Inn Ballroom 1			Residence Inn Ballroom 2	The Marsh Theater	The Marsh Theater	Word Power Stage	Young Readers Stage	Story Time Circle	Creativity (on) Center	
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	12 pm	12:30–1:30 pm A(lexandra) P(etri's) US History <i>Alexandra Petri, interviewed by Joe Garofoli</i>	12:30–1:30 pm Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Reckoning <i>V (formerly Eve Ensler)</i>	12:30–1:30 pm How to Create Real Change <i>David Fenton, interviewed by Monika Bauerlein</i>	1–2 pm Fiction: At Play on the Page <i>Mark Ciabattari, Katie Hafner, and Peter Hoyer, moderated by Heather Scott Partington</i>	12:30–1:30 pm Fiction: Encounters with Myths and Spirits <i>K-Ming Chang, Kali Fajardo-Anstine, and Brandon Hobson, moderated by Rita Chang-Eppig</i>	12:30–1:30 pm Memoir: In Search of Our Fathers <i>Leslie Absher, Eric Newton, and Leta Seletzky, moderated by Sylvia Brownrigg</i>	12 pm	1–2 pm YA: Thriller Superstars <i>Angeline Bouley, Nick Brooks, Melissa de la Cruz, and Marie Lu, moderated by members of Cinnamongirl</i>	12:30–1:30 pm Fiction: Mothers/ Daughters <i>Ramona Ausubel, Mary Otis, and Margaret Wilkerson Sexton, moderated by Jasmin Darznik</i>	1–2 pm Even If Everything Ends <i>Jens Liljestrand, interviewed by John Freeman</i>	1–2 pm Native Voices <i>Essayists from the 2023 Graton Student Writing Program, emceed by Greg Sarris</i>	12–12:45 pm Stories that Let You Choose! <i>Amy Seto Forrester, Andy Musser, Lily Simonson, and Rana Tahir, moderated by Jessica Lee</i>	12:15–12:45 pm Copycat: Nature-Inspired Design (Story Time) <i>Christy Hale</i>	12–12:30 pm A New Thanksgiving Story (Activity) <i>Alexis Buntun</i>	12:45–1:30 pm Copycat: Nature-Inspired Design (Activity) <i>Christy Hale</i>	
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	2 pm	2–3 pm Bay Curious <i>Olivia Allen-Price, interviewed by Peter Hartlaub and Heather Knight</i>	2–3 pm Rest Is Resistance <i>Tricia Hersey, interviewed by Ashara Ekundayo</i>	2–3 pm Poetry and Fiction: The Artist's Influence <i>Selby Wynn Schwartz and Brenda Shaughnessy, moderated by Susan Griffin</i>		2–3 pm Echoes of Exclusion <i>Ava Chin, Fae Myenne Ng, and Paisley Rekdal, moderated by Kathryn Ma</i>	2–3 pm An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom: Master Slave Husband Wife <i>Ilyon Woo</i>	2 pm	2:30–3:30 pm YA: What's Your Inspiration? <i>Jennieke Cohen, Francesca Flores, Marie Myung-Ok Lee, moderated by members of Cinnamongirl</i>	2:30–3:30 pm Horror: History That Goes Bump in the Night <i>Jessica Johns, Nick Medina, and Francesca Maria, moderated by Ben Monroe</i>	2–3 pm Bridging the Distance <i>Nicole Chung, interviewed by Brooke Warner</i>	2:30–3:30 pm Horror: History That Goes Bump in the Night <i>Jessica Johns, Nick Medina, and Francesca Maria, moderated by Ben Monroe</i>	2:30–3:15 pm Big Inspiration for Little Activists <i>Taimani Emerald, Aida Salazar, John Stith, and Shaunna Stith</i>	2–2:45 pm Grounded: <i>S.K. Ali, Huda Al-Marashi, Jamilah Tompkins Bigelow, and Aisha Saeed, moderated by members of Cinnamongirl</i>	1–1:45 pm A First Time for Everything <i>Dan Santat, interviewed by Sharon McKellar</i>	1–1:30 pm In the Neighborhood (Story Time) <i>Rocio Bonilla</i>	1:45–2:30 pm In the Neighborhood (Activity) <i>Rocio Bonilla</i>
	3 pm	3:30–4:30 pm Lit Camp Presents: Unreliable Narrator <i>Hosted by Keli Dailey and Janis Cooke Newman</i>	3:30–4:30 pm Poetry at the End of the World <i>Anthony Cody, CJ Evans, John Freeman, Saeed Jones, and Tess Taylor, moderated by Sam Sax</i>		4–5 pm An Activist's Life <i>Alice Wong, interviewed by Yomi Sachiko Wrong</i>	3:30–4:30 pm Unraveling: Peggy Orenstein Spins a Yarn about Yarn... and Life <i>Peggy Orenstein, moderated by Sylvia Brownrigg</i>	3:30–4:30 pm Mysteries & Thrillers: Dangerous Destinations <i>Margot Douaihy, Catriona McPherson, T. Jefferson Parker, and Kwei Quartey, moderated by Jim L'Etoile</i>	3 pm	4–5 pm Coming of Age in Words and Pictures <i>Jarrett Krosoczka, Patrick Ness, and Victoria Ying, moderated by Elaine Tai</i>			3:30–4:15 pm What's New in Native American Literature for Kids <i>Angeline Bouley, Alexis Buntun, Laurel Goodluck, Brandon Hobson, Andrea L. Rogers, and Brian Young, moderated by Melissa Stoner</i>	3–3:45 pm You Are Here <i>Traci Chee, Mike Chen, Ellen Oh, and Randy Ribay</i>	2:45–3:30 pm Search for a Giant Squid Workshop <i>Amy Seto Forrester, Andy Musser</i>	3–3:30 pm Some of These Are Snails (Story Time) <i>Carter Higgins</i>	3:45–4:30 pm Some of These Are Snails (Activity) <i>Carter Higgins</i>	
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Do the Work! How You Can Take Action Against Racism							Poetry Slam Showcase										
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