



INTRODUCING Local Authors



Mission Viejo Library Local Author Showcase and Book Fair

June 25, 2023



MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

Presenting Authors

David Eugene Andrews



David Eugene loves languages and has studied German, Chinese, Italian, French, and Dutch. He enjoys travel, which has taken him to the Far East, the Middle East, and Europe. "The English Slave" - based on true events, young Captain John Smith is left for dead on the battlefield. Sold into slavery on the lower Danube, he is sent to beautiful Aisha, sister of the Ottoman Sultan, in Stamboul.

Greta Boris



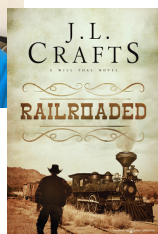
Greta Boris is the USA Today Bestselling author of "The Seven Deadly Sins" Murders, a psychological suspense series, and "The Mortician Murders," a cozy paranormal series. "The Peril of Pride" - a winter wonderland turns into a frozen nightmare in this pulse-pounding conclusion to "The Seven Deadly Sins" series.

Chrysteen Braun



Award-winning Women's Fiction author Chrysteen Braun's first two novels, "The Man in Cabin Number Five" and "The Girls in Cabin Number Three" are out now. She lives in Coto de Caza with husband Larry. "The Man in Cabin Number five" - when Seven 1920s era cabins in Lake Arrowhead, Ca. are restored to their original charm, the new owner has no idea the cabins have their own stories to tell.

J. L. Crafts



J.L. Crafts grew up in the rural outskirts of LA County working summers on horse ranches. 38-year career as a civil trial lawyer now writing stories about the historical west. "Railroaded" - a historical novel in the classic western genre where lead character, Will Toal, must save his Eastern Sierra ranch when pitted against Big San Francisco interests to build the Transcontinental Railroad.

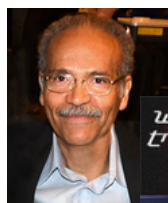
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Barb DeLong



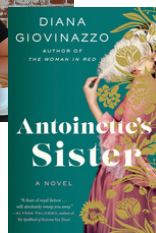
Barb DeLong writes contemporary and paranormal stories of love, laughter, and magic. Her award-winning fantasy romance "The Witch Whisperer" released by The Wild Rose Press in January. "The Witch Whisperer" - finding a cure for Willow's broken magic takes her and the Witch Whisperer on extraordinary journeys to another realm full of friends, foe and danger. What will they sacrifice for life and love?

Peter Dingus



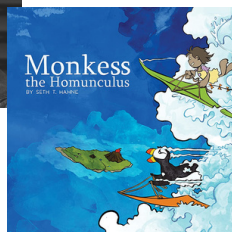
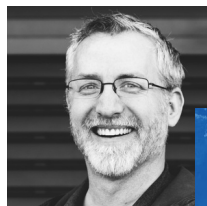
Dr. Dingus is a physicist and received a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in 1988. He has 63 published articles in refereed scientific journals, and several technical patents. "Worlds in Transition" - a set of three stories that explore the limits of reality and perception. In "One Way Ticket," an earth anthropologist travels an impossible distance through space and time...

Diana Giovinazzo



Diana Giovinazzo is the critically acclaimed author of "The Woman in Red" and "Antoinette's Sister." She is the co-creator of the weekly literary podcast "Wine, Women and Words." "Antoinette's Sister" - after disease ravages Austria, Maria Carolina Charlotte, Marie Antoinette's sister, is married to the King of Naples. Due to his inability to rule she takes control before Napoleon invades.

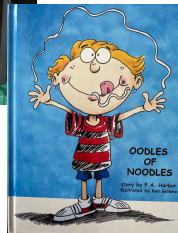
Seth T. Hahne



Seth T. Hahne is an Orange County native, author of children's graphic novel "Monkess the Homunculus," and creator of literary indie comics for grown ups. He lives in Lake Forest with his small family. "Monkess the Homunculus" - Monkess is a homunculus. She was created a century ago in a scientific installation on an island in the South Pacific. And even though she really doesn't mind being alone, that's all about to change.

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F. A. Harbor



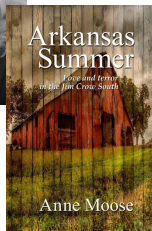
F.A. Harbor is a wife, mom and grandma. She wrote several stories 30+ years ago. She retired from a school district job in 2021, but now works part time doing speech therapy with children. "Oodles of Noodles" - a boy, a plate of noodles and a vivid imagination spark adventures to far off places. He learns to dream about a bigger world through the power of make-believe, and by using his "noodle."

P. Austin Heaton



P. Austin Heaton's fascination with California history and genealogy led to the writing of five books - all self-published and available on Amazon. She didn't get serious about her writing until she turned 74. Now she's obsessed. "Murder in La Jolla" - Sadie Brown's husband was a photographer for the Red Cross during WWI. When he returns, it's clear that although a peace agreement was signed, anger and resentment still simmers, even in peaceful SoCal.

Anne Moose



Mission Viejo resident Anne Moose is the author of three novels: "Arkansas Summer," "House of Fragile Dreams," and "When You Read This I'll Be Gone" (to be released summer of 2023). "Arkansas Summer" - a powerful novel about love and racial terror in the Jim Crow South.

Bernadette Richards



Bernadette Richards is a young author who published her first novel in her teens, and loves to encourage creativity in other young aspiring writers. Her "Stonewall" series is currently in the works. "The Coming of the Stonewalls" - a young daydreaming girl, forever longing for a life of greater adventure, is cast into a magical land with her gang of friends, where she finds herself to be the long awaited villain.

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Steve Richards



Steve Richards lived in Mission Viejo from 1986-1999. Since 2006, he's written "Abigail Mails A Snail," and "11 Strategies To Mastering the College Recruiting Process." He's hosted a podcast, sailed, and acted. "Abigail Mails a Snail" - Abigail is playing and discovers a cute sparkling snail. She decides to mail her snail to her Grandparents. She only has a short time. She encounters several obstacles. Will she make it in time!

Kathleen J. Robison



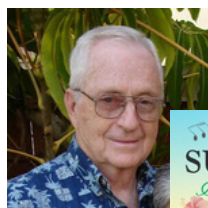
Kathleen J. Robison writes stories of faith in real-life challenges. She was born in Okinawa, raised in California, Florida, Mississippi, and Singapore. Her travels are great sources of inspiration. "Restored Grace" - free-spirited thrift shop owner, Carol grieves after her boyfriend's murder. But with newfound faith, she's finding out what it means to die to herself and put others first. Even if it costs her life.

Alysha Scarlett



At 9, Aly wrote about Ben Solo, so pay up, Disney! Aly has also written for Screen Rant, Bleacher Report, USA TODAY, Patch, and was a screenwriter for the theatrical feature "Before Your Time." "'Star Wars' is Still Intact: Re-Finding Yourself in the Age of Trump" - what if there is a certain day when you lose faith? There was for Rhett Wilkinson: July 12, 2015. The fallout was serious. But she had to get out of a cult. It came during an unusual cultural time.

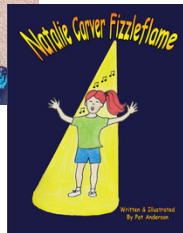
Richard Vaughn



Born 1933 in Peoria, Illinois, Richard Vaughn met and married his college sweetheart, 'Soo' Park in 1955. A veteran of the Korean War, he retired to Mission Viejo to pursue his passion for writing. "Suya's Song" - the story of Suya - born in Manchuria and living through several wars - she comes to America in 1954. This chronicles her life and her journey and end of life care with Parkinson's.

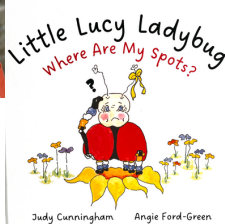
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Pat Anderson



Pat Anderson loves creating, whether it is writing children's books, poetry, composing, or drawing. She has been published in the magazine, Pure in Heart, and has written four children's books. "Natalie Carver Fizzleflame" - Natalie has a beautiful voice and a dream to be a famous singer. Follow her as she works hard to achieve her dream.

Judy Cunningham



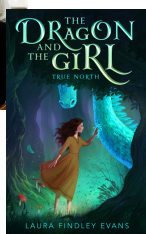
Judy is a professional educator & artist. Former teacher and principal, her life's work is to inspire a child's love of learning. She is focused on original watercolor illustrations and children's books. "Little Lucy Lady Bug: Where Are My Spots?" - a little ladybug has a BIG problem, she has no spots - her friends have lots. Feeling different, Lucy is worried there may be something wrong with her.

Dorothy Deene



After years of working in the entertainment world with her daughter, Deene was inspired to write her debut novel, "The Gravity of Lies." "The Gravity of Lies" - Skye juggles a struggling acting career and a dysfunctional mother while searching for her father. A reality show and road trip with friends reveal shocking truths that will change her life forever.

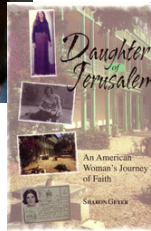
Laura Findley Evans



Ms. Evans is a retired educator who hopes you'll discover the truth in whatever she writes. When not writing, she reads (a lot), cooks (mostly) healthy dinners, and spends time with people she loves. "True North: The Dragon and the Girl" - when 12-year-old Eliana meets a young dragon, the two must discover courage, sprinkled with magic, to find what's lost before the kingdom falls into the wrong hands, and people and dragons perish forever.

Participating Authors

Sharon Geyer



Sharon Geyer grew up in Los Angeles, married a foreign student in college, then lived for six years in Iran and twelve years in Israel. This is her story. "Daughter of Jerusalem" - this moving memoir reads like a tale of adventure and romance. A timely look at three faiths by a woman who lived and worked in Iran and Israel.

Megan Haskell



Megan Haskell pens tales of myth, magic, and mayhem featuring strong female protagonists, snarky sidekicks, and monsters of every shape and size. "Aether Bound" - as a bartender in Laguna Beach, I mix the drinks to go with your vacation vibe. Or I did until things went sideways. Demons are climbing from the ocean depths and I'm the only one who can stop them.

Bella Ho



Bella Ho is a teen author, avid reader, and philanthropist. She is fascinated by the world and its people and their cultures. She loves animals and strives to improve their welfare through fundraising. "Project X" - Book 1 in Project X Series. Project X's young hero journeys through an eerie fantasy world. She finds friends like herself, whose strange powers have been awoken and augmented.

Diana Huang with Lorraine Gow



Diana Huang was born and raised in Southern California. Having an interest in art and art making since kindergarten, she has made a career of storytelling in visual and written forms including books. Lorraine Gow is a native of Honduras. Her short stories and poems focus on the journey of AfroLatina women in America and have appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies.

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Jan Kolodny



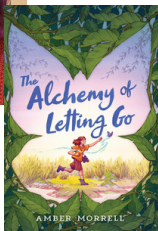
Jan Kolodny has championed cancer survivors in her work with nonprofit organizations. As an author, she shares her experience of caring for her daughter and husband during their battle with cancer. "Love & Hugs, Leslie" - the heartwarming, breath-catching and astonishing tale of one young woman's bold life with a menacing disease. A daughter's and mother's parallel memoir.

Marjorie McCown



Marjorie McCown spent 27 years working as a key member of costume design teams for movies like "Forrest Gump," "Apollo 12," "The Firm," and "Angels & Demon." Her mystery, "Final Cut" is set in the movie industry. "Final Cut" - every day on the set of a Hollywood movie is full of surprises, but the last thing key costumer expected to find on the first day of principal photography was the body of a fellow crew member.

Amber Morrell



Amber Morrell is an author and librarian in Aliso Viejo. She writes whimsical fantasy and science fiction for children. "The Alchemy of Letting Go" is her first novel. "The Alchemy of Letting Go" - after her sister's death, Juniper obsessively chases an endangered butterfly. Her search leads to newfound abilities that blur the lines between science and magic.

D. M. Roberts



D.M. Roberts is a full-time copy editor and weekend writer, and has self-published two novels. A Massachusetts native, she moved to SoCal nine years ago. She writes about whatever pops into her head, no matter the genre. "Running with Hounds...and an English Degree" - college grad struggling to find work moves back home and starts dog-sitting for a wealthy couple. Chaos ensues not only with the dogs, but also the two guys she starts dating at the same time.

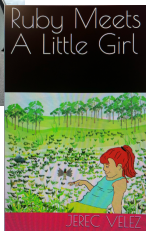
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Moro Rogers



Moro Rogers is a writer, illustrator and creator of acclaimed graphic novels "City in the Desert" and "Raptor vs Rex." She lives in Dana Point with her husband Jason, son Danny and Gozer the Cat. "City in the Desert" - the story of Irro, a monster hunter, his tailed assistant Hari, and the mystical cult that threatens to shut down the monster-hunting trade once and for all.

Jerec Velez



Meet Jerec, a Horticulturist & children's book author who is passionate about gardens, nature, and our planet. His books for young readers and adults alike will inspire and delight gardeners of all ages. "Ruby Meets a Little Girl" - when a talking hummingbird befriends a troubled little girl, a life long friendships ensues. Ruby and Kimmy spend hours together in the gardens and fields learning about nature, life and happiness.

Karen Sue Walker



Karen Sue Walker is the creative mind behind the "Bridal Shop" Cozy Mystery Series and the "Haunted Tearoom" Cozy Mystery Series. She spends her free time baking, crafting, and dreaming up new adventures. "Tea is for Trouble" - following her dream of opening a tearoom, April May buys a huge Victorian home that's haunted by the ghost of a French chef. On her to-do list? Solving a murder!

Mary Vensel White



Mary Vensel White is an author, professor, editor, publisher, and VP of the California Writers Club, OC branch. Her first YA novel, "Things to See in Arizona," will be published in July. "Starling" - Gina S. lives an orderly life, commuting to her secretarial job in Chicago, watching movies, or visiting her elderly neighbor, until a rainy weekend when unexpected events disrupt her routine.

Event Program

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Sunday, June 25, 1 to 4 pm

Sycamore Room at the
Norman P. Murray Community Center
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