Printers Row Lit Fest 2022 Schedule

Saturday, September 10

10 a.m.

**Center Stage** - Children's Programming - Theatre-on-the-Hill Presents *Choose Your Own Once Upon A Time*


**Main Stage** - Welcome by Near South Planning Board Chairman Steven Smutny, Chicago Public Library Commissioner Chris Brown, and First Lady Amy Eshleman. Program to follow featuring Natasha Trethewey, Harold Washington Literary Award Winner in conversation with Donna Seaman, *Booklist*. Program introduced by Natalie Moore, Harold Washington Literary Award Selection Committee Chair.

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - The Deep Creativity of Translation: A Reading and Discussion with Izidora Angel, Mary Hawley, and Alta L. Price. Moderated by Irina Ruvinsky. Presented by *Another Chicago Magazine* and the Third Coast Translators Collective.

Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Big Shoulders Press Presents *Virus City: Chicago 2020-2021*. Reading and Discussion featuring Amy Do, Robin Hoecker, Emily Richards, Oscar Sanchez, and Frank Tempone. Moderated by Rebecca Johns Trissler.

Grace Place (1st Floor) - Children's Programming - 10:15am - Doors. 10:30am - Miss Friendship Ambassador 2022 Susan Liu to tell the story of the Moon Cake Festival Presented by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. 10:45am – Moon Cake Festival Parade to depart Grace Place.

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**Center Stage** - Welcome by Alderman King One Book One Chicago - Thomas Dyja, The Third Coast and Eric Charles May, Bedrock Faith with Judy Rivera-Van Schagen


**Main Stage** - (11:30 a.m.) WBEZ Presents Adriana Herrera, A Caribbean Heiress in Paris, and Sarah MacLean, Heartbreaker: A Hell’s Belles Novel in conversation with WBEZ’s Greta Johnsen, host of Nerdette

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Ray Long, *The House That Madigan Built: The Record Run of Illinois' Velvet Hammer* in conversation with Joan Esposito

**Grace Place (1st Floor)** - Patricia Carlos Domínguez Presents *Yo Luchadora* (bilingual children’s book) followed by a workshop

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**12 p.m.**

**Center Stage** - Erika L. Sanchez, *Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir* in conversation with Juan Martinez


**Main Stage** - WBEZ Presents Danyel Smith, *Shine Bright: A Very Personal History of Black Women in Pop* in Conversation with WBEZ's Natalie Moore

**731 S. Plymouth Ct.** - Deborah Cohen, *Last Call at the Hotel Imperial: The Reporters Who Took On a World at War* in conversation with Peter Slevin

**Grace Place (2nd Floor)** - Crises: The All Ages Show - Dan Chaon, *Sleepwalk* and Jean Thompson, *The Poet's House* in conversation with Eileen Favorite – CANCELED


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**1 p.m.**

**Center Stage** - Debut Fiction: Jessamine Chan, *The School for Good Mothers* and Shelby Van Pelt, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* in conversation with Rebecca Makkai

**Main Stage** - Chicago Sun-Times Presents The Environmental Justice Exchange: A tribute to Hazel Johnson, the Mother of Environmental Justice. Host: Brett Chase. Guests: Cheryl Johnson, Hazel’s daughter and executive director of People for Community Recovery; Tarnynon Onumonu, poet and author of “Greetings from the Moon, the Sacrificial Side”; Luis Carranza, poet and author of “Viva la Resistencia”.

**731 S. Plymouth Ct.** - M. Chris Fabricant, *Junk Science and the American Criminal Justice System* in conversation with Rob Warden

**Saturday, September 10**

**2 p.m.**

**Center Stage** - Title IX, 50 years later: Women writers, women’s sports - Corin Adams, *Tiny Setbacks, Major Comebacks*, Julie DiCaro, *Sidelined: Sports, Culture, and Being a Woman in America*, and Melissa Isaacson, *State: A Team, a Triumph, a Transformation* in conversation with Jeanie Chung


**731 S. Plymouth Ct.** - Dr. David Ansell, *The Death Gap: How Inequality Kills* and Dr. Thomas Fisher, *The Emergency: A Year of Healing and Heartbreak in a Chicago ER* with Katherine Davis, *Crain’s*

**Grace Place (2nd Floor)** - Elizabeth Crane, *This Story Will Change: After the Happily Ever After* with Kim Brooks

**Grace Place (1st Floor)** - *The Onion*: America’s Finest News Source In The Post-Apocalypse featuring Skyler Higley and Sammi Skolmosk

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**3 p.m.**

**Center Stage** - PHENOM & EmceeSkool (Open Mic)

**Main Stage** - (3:30 p.m.) Joe Meno, *Book of Extraordinary Tragedies* with Gint Aras

**731 S. Plymouth Ct.** - Beth Macy, *Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America’s Overdose Crisis* with Alex McLevy

**Grace Place (2nd Floor)** - Leslie Bow, *Racist Love: Asian Abstraction and the Pleasures of Fantasy* with Michelle Huang.

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4 p.m.

**Center Stage** - The Chicago Public Library and 16th Street Theatre Present *The Billboard* by Natalie Moore - Staged Reading featuring Ti Nicole Danridge and Felisha McNeal followed by conversation between Natalie Moore, *The Billboard* and Kathy Hey, *Third Coast Review*

**Poetry Foundation** - RHINO Poetry - Readings by April Gibson, Kathleen Rooney, Jessica Walsh, E. Hughes, Faisal Mohyuddin, Kenyatta Rogers, Jacob Saenz, Maja Teref & Steven Teref. Emceed by Naoko Fujimoto and Elizabeth O-Connell Thompson.

**Main Stage** - (4:30 p.m.) - Literary Death Match - Presented by StoryStudio Chicago and Near South Planning Board. All-star judges: David Cerda, Julia Morales, and Luis Urrea. Readers: Shannon Cason, Elizabeth Gomez, Mikki Kendall, and Diana Slickman. Emceed by Adrian Todd Zuniga.

**731 S. Plymouth Ct.** - Resistance, Resilience and Surviving the Sex Trade: - Brenda Myers-Powell, *Leaving Breezy Street: A Memoir* and Hannah Sward, *Strip* in conversation with Anne Ream, The Voices and Faces Project

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5 p.m.

**Center Stage** - The Guild Complex Presents Exhibit B - Reading by CM Burroughs, Ruth Margraff, and Nami Mun. Emceed by James Stewart III

**731 S. Plymouth Ct.** - Ramzi Fawaz, *Queer Forms* in conversation with Chicago LGBT Hall of Famer Owen Keehnen

**Sunday, September 11**

10 a.m.

**Center Stage** - Representation in Children’s Books: Reading and Conversation featuring Sam Kirk, *The Meaning of Pride*; Mrs. Yuka, Co-Producer of *Drag Queen Story Hour*; Katie Schenkel, *Cardboard Kingdom* with Barbara Egel

**Poetry Foundation** - A Poetry Reading featuring Jennifer Steele, 826 Chi and Chris Aldana, Luya Poetry

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Kori Rumore and Marianne Mather (authors of), and Rick Kogan (prelude to) *He Had It Coming: Four Murderous Women and the Reporter Who Immortalized Their Stories* with Mary Wisniewski

**Sunday, September 11**

**11 a.m.**

Center Stage - Chicago Graphic Novelists - Markisan Naso, *By the Horns* and Michael Moreci, *Wasted Space* in conversation with Terry Gant, Third Coast Comics

Poetry Foundation - Chris Abani, *Smoking the Bible* - Reading followed by conversation with Parneshia Jones

Main Stage - Jamie Ford, *The Many Daughters of Afong Moy* in conversation with Carey Cranston, President of the American Writers Museum


Grace Place (2nd Floor) - Rev. Amity Carrubba in conversation with Tom Montgomery Fate, *The Long Way Home: Detours and Discoveries*

**Sunday, September 11**

**12 p.m.**


Poetry Foundation - Roger Reeves, *Best Barbarian* - Reading followed by conversation with Simone Muench. Musical accompaniment, Mai Sugimoto.


731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Dana Suskind, *Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child’s Potential, Fulfilling Society’s Promise* in conversation with Heidi Stevens

**Sunday, September 11**
1 p.m.

**Center Stage** - City in a Garden of Books: Literary Fellowship Among Independent Publishers and Booksellers - Parneshia Jones, NU Press; Dr. Haki Madhubuti, Third World Press Foundation; Doug Seibold, Agate Publishing with Jeff Deutsch, *In Praise of Good Bookstore*

**Main Stage** - Secrets - Bradeigh Godfrey, *Imposter* and Marie Myung-Ok Lee, *The Evening Hero* with Kate Wisel

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Kevin Boyle, *The Shattering: America in the 1960s* in conversation with Elizabeth Taylor

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**Sunday, September 11**

2 p.m.

**Center Stage** - Adam Levin, *Mount Chicago* in conversation with Jarrett Neal

**Poetry Foundation** - Young Chicago Authors - Reading featuring The Roots Crew, hosted by E’mon Lauren

**Main Stage** - The Moth: 25 Years of Live Storytelling featuring Grace Topinka, Melissa Earley, Archy Jamjun, and Jacoby Cochran

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Neil Steinberg, *Every Goddamn Day: A Highly Selective, Definitely Opinionated, and Alternatingly Humorous and Heartbreaking Historical Tour of Chicago* in conversation with Shermann Dilla Thomas (“6figga_dilla”)

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3 p.m.

**Center Stage** - Reading and Conversation featuring Ana Castillo, *My Book of the Dead: New Poems* with Yolanda Nieves

**Main Stage** - Romance Panel: Legacy and Love - Ali Brady, *The Beach Trap* and Natalie Caña, *A Proposal They Can’t Refuse* with Tanya Lane

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - The Insidiousness of Hatred - Adam Langer, *Cyclorama* and Jerry Stahl, *Nein, Nein, Nein!: One Man’s Tale of Depression, Psychic Torment, and a Bus Tour of the Holocaust* in conversation with Ben Tanzer

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Center Stage - The Crisis in American Democracy - Dick Simpson, Democracy’s Rebirth: The View from Chicago and Michael Dorf, Clear It with Sid!: Sidney R. Yates and Fifty Years of Presidents, Pragmatism, and Public Service with Gerry Plecki, President of The Society of Midland Authors

Poetry Foundation - Reading and Conversation featuring Tara Betts, Refuse to Disappear and Keli Stewart, Small Altars. Moderated by Rachel Jamison Webster

Main Stage - Chloé Cooper Jones, Easy Beauty: A Memoir with Gina Frangello

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - Sarah Kendzior, They Knew: How a Culture of Conspiracy Keeps America Complacent - with Rick Perlstein, Crain's

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5 p.m.

Center Stage - Blue Heron Press, Open Heart Chicago: An Anthology of Chicago Writing - Readings by Dorothy Frey, Lorena Ornelas, Joe Peterson, and Sandi Wisenberg. Emceed by Editor Vincent Francone.

Main Stage - Debut YA Fiction - Giano Cromley, The Prince of Infinite Space and Skyler Schrempp, Three Strike Summer with Michelle Falkof

731 S. Plymouth Ct. - A Visual Read of the City - Lee Bey, Chicago Sun-Times architecture critic; Blair Kamin, former Chicago Tribune architect critic; Dennis Rodkin, Crain's with Gerald Butters