

Printers Row Lit Fest – SUNDAY, 9/13/2026					
Time	Center Stage (On S. Dearborn St. in Printers Row Park between Polk and Harrison Streets, West Side of Dearborn.)	North Stage (On S. Dearborn St., just south of Ida B. Wells Dr.)	Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation Stage (On W. Polk St., just east of Clark St.)	Digital Realty Stage (On W. Polk St., at Plymouth Ct.) CSPAN IS FILMING ALL PROGRAMS ON THIS STAGE SUNDAY	Grace Place, 2nd Floor (637 S. Dearborn St.)
10 a.m.	10 a.m. <i>Choose Your Own Fairytale</i> , an interactive production presented by Broadway Dropouts featuring Kerry Daimid, Gavin Harper, Abby Hofmeister, Anna-Marie Kontos, Gregory Kontos, Marianna Kontos, Juan Sedonio, Rich Swierzewski, and Kate Yun	10 a.m. Bouncing Back from Mistakes featuring Brian Bouldrey, <i>The Good Pornographer</i> and Rachel León, <i>How We See the Gray</i> in conversation with Carrie Muehle	10 a.m. Scott Simon, <i>Ulysses S. Cat and Other Animals I Have Known</i> in conversation with Wen Huang	10 a.m. Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner John West, <i>The Internet Will Die, and So Will You: On Learning to Live in Our Digital Age</i> in conversation with Elizabeth Taylor	
11 a.m.	11 a.m. Children's Program (Ages 3-8) Storytime and Draw-Along Event featuring children's authors Elizabeth McChesney and Daniel Hatcher, <i>One Day Came a Rumble / Un día se oyó un estruendo</i> and the book's illustrator Steve Musgrave	11 a.m. The Fight Against Banning Books featuring Veronica Arreola, <i>J is for Justice</i> and Jarrett Dapier, <i>Wake Now in the Fire: A Graphic Novel</i> in conversation with Gabrielle H. Lyon, Illinois Humanities	11 a.m. Pulitzer Prize-winner Viet Thanh Nguyen, <i>To Save and to Destroy: Writing as an Other</i> in conversation with Donna Seaman	11 a.m. Examining the Architecture of Education, Citizenship, and Power featuring Eve L. Ewing, <i>Original Sins: The (Mis)education of Black and Native Children and the Construction of American Racism</i> and Daisy Hernández, <i>Citizenship: Notes on an American Myth</i> in conversation with Melissa Bell, CEO of WBEZ	11:30 a.m. Alejandra Oliva, <i>Rivermouth: A Chronicle of Language, Faith, and Migration</i> in conversation with The Rev. Amity Carrubba
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12 p.m.	12 p.m. Exhibit B Presents: New Fiction in Transformation featuring Rowan Beaird, <i>Tenderness</i> , Maggie Su, <i>Blob: A Love Story</i> , Brian Trapp, <i>Range of Motion</i> , Nikesha Elise Williams, <i>The Seven Daughters of Dupree</i> Emceed by James Stewart III	12 p.m. Printers Row Lit Fest Poetry Hour featuring Noa Micaela Fields, E. Rocio Franco, <i>Where The Monarchs Never Die</i> , E. Hughes, <i>Ankle-Deep in Pacific Water</i> , Keith S. Wilson, <i>Games for Children</i> , and Ed Roberson Co-emceed by Mary Hawley and Mike Puican	12 p.m. Rethinking Success, Embracing Enough featuring Courtney Maum, <i>Alan Opt's Out</i> and Amran Gowani, <i>Leverage</i> in conversation with Ben Tanzer	12 p.m. Peabody Award-winner Geoff Bennett, <i>Black Out Loud: The Revolutionary History of Black Comedy</i> from Vaudeville to '90s Sitcoms in conversation with Natalie Y. Moore	
12:30 p.m.					
1 p.m.	1 p.m. Chicago Jazz Legends featuring Howard Reich, <i>The Majesty of Chicago Jazz: Twenty-Five Visionaries Who Define the City's Sound</i> and Heather Ireland Robinson, <i>Jazz Institute of Chicago</i> in conversation with Rick Kogan, <i>Chicago Tribune</i>	1 p.m. Complicated Bonds featuring memoirists Timothy J. Hillegonds, <i>And You Will Call It Fate</i> and Maggie Anderson, <i>No Stars in Jefferson Park</i> in conversation with Michele Morano	1 p.m. Cozy Culinary Mysteries featuring Mia P. Manansala, <i>Death and Dinuguan</i> and Sandra Jackson-Opoku, <i>Savvy Summers and the Po'boy Perils</i> in conversation with Tim Chapman	1 p.m. Scott Turow, <i>Presumed Guilty</i> in conversation with Jane Hamilton	
1:30 p.m.					
2 p.m.	2 p.m. Writers Who Run featuring Brian Hieggelke, Samantha Hoffman, Robert Scoop Jackson, Ugochi Nwaogwugwu, and Heidi Stevens in conversation with Malissa Rodenburg, <i>Writers Who Run</i> columnist	2 p.m. Survival and Reconstructing the Self featuring Janet Burroway, <i>Simone in Pieces</i> and Leah Eskin, <i>Like Wafers in Honey</i> in conversation with Christine Maul Rice	2 p.m. Breaking the Pattern, Becoming Ourselves featuring Jennifer Acker, <i>Surrender</i> and Izidora Angel, <i>She Who Remains</i> in conversation with Barbara Egel	2 p.m. Surviving Sexual Abuse in the Public Eye featuring Reshona Landfair, <i>Who's Watching Shorty?: Reclaiming Myself from the Shame of R. Kelly's Abuse</i> and Brooke Nevils, <i>Unspeakable Things: Silence, Shame, and the Stories We Choose to Believe</i> in conversation with Cianna Greaves, Senior Producer, WBEZ	
2:30 p.m.					
3 p.m.	3 p.m. Exploring the Politics of Popular Music featuring Frances R. Aparicio, <i>Replaying Marc Anthony: Sonic, Political, and Cultural Resonances</i> and Erin Osmon, <i>Won't Back Down: Heartland Rock and the Fight for America</i> in conversation with Francesca Royster	3 p.m. Writing for the Stage featuring Rachel DeWoskin, <i>Ban the Bans</i> , Joe Meno, <i>The Boy Detective Fails</i> (musical), and avery r. young, <i>safronia</i> (opera) in conversation with Mark Larson	3 p.m. Ghosts, Demons, and What Refuses To Stay in the Shadows featuring Kim Fu, <i>The Valley of Vengeful Ghosts</i> and Vaishnavi Patel, <i>We Dance Upon Demons</i> in conversation with Nina Sudhakar	3 p.m. Where Life's Currents Meet featuring Morgan Campbell, <i>My Fighting Family</i> and Ed Taylor, <i>The Power of the River</i> in conversation with Evan F. Moore	
3:30 p.m.					
4 p.m.	4 p.m. Trygve Thoreson, <i>Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan: Personal Histories of Two Icons of American Architecture</i> in conversation with Lee Bey, <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i>	4 p.m. New YA Novels (Ages 8-12): Finding Solid Ground featuring Julian Randall, <i>Shook</i> and National Book Award-winning Shifa Saltagi Safadi, <i>Sisters Alone</i> in conversation with Skyler Schrempf	4 p.m. Trouble in Suburbia featuring Dawn Turner, <i>Majestic Hills</i> and Andrea Uptmor, <i>The New People</i> in conversation with Eileen Favorite	4 p.m. Omar El Akkad, <i>One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This</i> in conversation with Bill Ayers	
4:30 p.m.					
5 p.m.	5 p.m. First Loves, Nemeses, and Second Chances featuring Layne Fargo, <i>The Favorites</i> , Ana Holguin, <i>Second Chance Duet</i> , Mario Elias, <i>Beloved Disciples</i> , and Ashley Jordan, <i>Once Upon a Time in Dollywood</i> in conversation with Alicia Ross	5 p.m. The Places We Call Home featuring Fatimah Asghar, <i>Daughter of the Mountains: poems of heartbreak & homecoming</i> , Naeem Murr, <i>Every Exit Brings You Home</i> and Sahar Mustafah, <i>The Slightest Green</i> in conversation with Rachel Swearingen	5 p.m. Don Wycliff, <i>Before the Byline: A Journalist's Roots</i> in conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mary Schmich	5 p.m. How Politics Broke Our Brains and Media Polarized Us featuring David Ost, <i>Red Pill Politics: Demystifying Today's Far Right</i> and Heather Hendershot, <i>When the News Broke: Chicago 1968 and the Polarizing of America</i> in conversation with Danny Postel, <i>New Lines Magazine</i>	
5:30 p.m.					
6 p.m.					