



2018 Cleveland BOOK WEEK

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Great Lakes Black Authors Expo & Writers Conference

Cleveland Book Week: Sept. 22-29, 2018

Presented by the Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland Book Week celebrates present and past Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards winners, highlights nationally recognized literary talent and offers free literary and literacy-themed events for the community. The third annual Cleveland Book Week is highlighted by the 83rd annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards ceremony, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27 in the KeyBank State Theatre at Playhouse Square.



Saturday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

Cleveland Public Library Downtown Cleveland, Louis Stokes Auditorium

Paul Beatty: Writers & Readers **FREE EVENT**

With *The Sellout*, Paul Beatty became the first American in 2015 to win Britain's Man Booker Prize in Fiction. The novelist, in his own words, set out to see if he could make himself flinch, writing a scathing satire about reinstating slavery on a present-day farm in southern California. He is also the author of *The White Boy Shuffle*, *Tuff*, *Slumberland* and two works of poetry.



Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Karamu House

Shane McCrae: *In the Language of My Captor* **FREE EVENT**

2018 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award winner for poetry Shane McCrae interrogates history and perspective with his fifth book, *In the Language of My Captor*, including the connections between racism and love. He uses historical persona poems and prose memoir to address the illusory freedom of both black and white Americans. Join us at Karamu for an evening of poetry, music, and art.



Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m.

Clark Hall, campus of CWRU, room 309

A. Van Jordan at Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities **FREE EVENT**

Join Poet A. Van Jordan, 2005 Anisfield-Wolf winner for *M*A*C*N*O*L*/A*, and Ohio Poet Laureate Dave Lucas for conversation and recitation. Jordan uses multiple voices and approaches to portray MacNolia Cox, an Akron girl who became the first black finalist in the National Spelling Bee Competition. His poems draw on blues, jazz and prose stylings to depict the Depression and mid-century racism, two elements that framed life in 1936.



Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Cleveland Museum of Art

AW Salon: Steven Pinker and Henry Louis Gates Jr. on *Enlightenment Now* **FREE EVENT**

Anisfield-Wolf jurist Steven Pinker set out, first in his acclaimed *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, and this year in the follow-up bestseller *Enlightenment Now*, to illustrate that there has never been a better time to be a human being. Join us for a unique, intimate, and intriguing conversation around this and other topics between Pinker and Anisfield-Wolf Jury Chair Henry Louis Gates, Jr. – friends and Harvard University professors.



Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m.
The Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center

Writers Center Stage – Judy Blume

The William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage Series kicks off this year with Judy Blume, one of the world’s most beloved authors. Her books have sold more than 85 million copies in 32 languages, becoming a touchstone for generations of young readers. Each program includes a Q&A and book signing. Writers Center Stage subscriptions are available now; individual tickets will be available on Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. for \$35 per ticket via www.case.edu/maltzcenter.



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Thursday, Sept. 27 at KeyBank State Theatre

Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards Presented by the Cleveland Foundation

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The Anisfield-Wolf Awards recognize books that have made important contributions to our understanding of racism and human diversity. It remains the only American book prize focusing on works that address racism and equity. For more than 80 years, the distinguished books earning the Anisfield-Wolf prizes have opened and challenged our minds.



**ANISFIELD-WOLF
BOOK AWARDS**



The Founder

From the time she was a young girl, Anisfield-Wolf Book Award founder Edith Anisfield Wolf was passionately committed to social justice. She was a published poet and civic activist, and she used literature as a means to explore racial prejudice and celebrate human diversity. A woman ahead of her time, she established the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards in 1935, some 20 years before the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

Friday, Sept. 28 at noon at The City Club of Cleveland

The City Club of Cleveland Forum: N. Scott Momaday

TICKETS: \$22 MEMBER/\$37 NONMEMBER VIA WWW.CITYCLUB.ORG

2018 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award Lifetime Achievement winner N. Scott Momaday remade American literature in 1968 with his first novel, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *House Made of Dawn*. Anisfield-Wolf Jury Chair Henry Louis Gates, Jr. says Momaday “is at root a storyteller who both preserves and expands Native American culture in his critically praised, transformative writing.” He will discuss his life, his work, and take questions in the traditional City Club of Cleveland style.



**THE CITY CLUB OF
CLEVELAND**

Friday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. at Worthington Yards

Bunk and a Beer with Kevin Young FREE EVENT

2018 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award winner for nonfiction Kevin Young is a public intellectual, the editor of eight books and the author of 13, including the 2018 Anisfield-Wolf winning *Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phonies, Post-Facts, and Fake News*. He spent six years researching and writing this cultural history of the covert American love of the con, and its entanglement with racial history.



Saturday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.

Cleveland Public Library Downtown Cleveland, Louis Stokes Auditorium

AW Family: Derrick Barnes and Gordon James on *CROWN: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* FREE EVENT

FREE EVENT! FAMILIES WELCOME!

Joy, imagination, swagger and style animate *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*, as a young black boy prepares to take on the world with a fresh cut. The author and illustrator share the story of their picture book, which earned Newbery and Caldecott Honors, Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Honors, the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Honor, and a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

East Cleveland Public Library

Great Lakes Black Authors Expo & Writers Conference FREE EVENT

NOVELIST TAYARI JONES KEYNOTE, 10:30 A.M.

Organized by Melanated Literary Heritage, Ltd., the Great Lakes Black Authors Expo and Writers Conference fosters literary education and publishing industry networking. Notable authors from all over the Great Lakes region, along with Keynote Speaker Tayari Jones, author of *An American Marriage* will convene and work towards developing a platform to recognize up-and-coming writers.

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