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SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER STATEWIDE VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON EVENTS

The 2021 festival will offer both virtual and in-person events, and feature scores of authors, events, and virtual conversations. This year's festival will feature excellent authors such as Terry Tempest Williams, Tara Westover, Safia Elhillo, Darren Parry, Ross Gay, Joshua Jennifer Espinoza, Oriel Maria Su, April Jones Prince, Kate Moore...so stay tuned!



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Scary Stories for Young Foxes with Christian McKay Heidicker
The King's English
September 10 at 6 PM
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world full of monsters. In order to find a den to call home, they must venture through field and forest, facing unspeakable things that dwell in the darkness: a zombie who hungers for their flesh, a witch who tries to steal their skins, a ghost who hunts them through the snow . . . and other things too scary to mention.

As Strong as the River
Book Bungalow
September 11 at 10:30 AM
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Join us in the Book Bungalow with Sarah Noble. Little cub wants to be big and strong like all the other bears because there's nothing bigger or stronger than a bear... or is there? Join this curious bear cub as it learns from its mother how to hunt, fish, scratch and be patient in this beautiful debut picture book from Sarah Noble.

Home is Not a Country with Safia Elhillo
Zoom Link
Emerald Project
September 18 at 6 PM
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Emerald Project is excited to host Safia Elhillo, acclaimed poet and author of *Home Is Not A Country*, a novel-in-verse for teens. Nima wishes she were someone else. She doesn't feel understood by her mother, who grew up in a different land. She doesn't feel accepted in her suburban town; yet somehow, she isn't different enough to belong elsewhere. Her best friend, Haitham, is the only person with whom she can truly be herself. Until she can't, and suddenly her only refuge is gone.

April Jones Prince
Children's Treehouse Museum
September 18 at TBA
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Join acclaimed children's author April Jones Prince in the Zoom room and learn more about her exciting books about dinosaurs, pirates, historical figures, and more.



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**A Girl From Nowhere with Tiffany Rosenham
Book Bungalow**

September 20 at 7 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Sophia Hepworth has spent her life all over the world—moving quickly, never staying in one place for too long. She knows to always look over her shoulder, to be able to fight to survive at a moment's notice. She has trained to be ready for anything. Except this. Cinematic and breathtaking, Tiffany Rosenham's debut stars a fierce heroine who will risk everything to save the life she has built for herself.

**Scary Stories for Young Foxes
Park City Library**

September 21 at 7 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Christian McKay Heidicker reads and writes and drinks tea. His demon-hunting cat, Lucifer Morningstar, keeps him protected from evil spirits. Christian is the author of the Newbery Honor-winning *Scary Stories for Young Foxes*, *Thieves of Weirdwood*, *Cure for the Common Universe*, and *Attack of the 50 Foot Wallflower*.

**Tips for Magicians with Celesta Rimington
The King's English**

September 21 at 6 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Harrison Boone used to sing. His mom was a famous soprano who performed in all the great theaters. But when she died unexpectedly last year, the music stopped for Harrison, too. He finds comfort in practicing magic tricks to become a master magician. Can Harrison connect with his inner artist, find the missing muse, and win the wish that will give him back a normal life?

**What Beauty There Is with Corey Anderson
Zoom Link**

Book Bungalow

September 22 at 7 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Book Bungalow is excited to feature Utah writer Corey Anderson. *What Beauty There Is* is a stunning YA novel about brutality and beauty, and about broken people trying to survive—perfect for fans of Patrick Ness, Laura Ruby, and Meg Rosoff.



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Nita's Day with Kathy MacMillan

[Zoom Link](#)

Book Bungalow

September 25 at 11 AM

[Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar](#)

Join the Book Bungalow for an awesome session with Kathy MacMillan, author of *Nita's Day*. Sign language makes it easy to communicate with your child, and Nita makes it fun! The second book in the *Little Hands Signing* series (which introduced the bestselling *Nita's First Signs*), *Nita's Day* teaches ten new and essential ASL signs for every parent and child to know: wake up, change, clothes, eat, potty, go, play, bath, book, and bed.

Christian McKay Heidicker

Weber County Library, North Branch

September 25 at 12 PM

[Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar](#)

Christian McKay Heidicker is the author of the Newbery Honor-winning *Scary Stories for Young Foxes*, *Thieves of Weirdwood*, *Cure for the Common Universe*, and *Attack of the 50 Foot Wallflower*.

Big Book of Family Games

[Zoom Link](#)

Book Bungalow

September 27 at 7 PM

[Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar](#)

The Big Book of Family Games: 101 Original Group Games That Don't Need Charging brings people together for hours of hilarious, interactive, technology-free fun that requires virtually nothing more than pens and paper. This travel-friendly book guarantees hours of engaging entertainment with 101 original, rigorously tested games that challenge each player's ability to strategize, bluff, read minds, memorize, think quickly, solve puzzles, and more. No texting, tweeting, or web surfing allowed!

When We Make It with Elisabet Velasquez

Westminster College

September 28 at 7 PM

[Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar](#)

Westminster College is excited to feature Nuyorican author Elisabet Velasquez, author of *When We Make It*. An unforgettable young adult debut novel-inverse that redefines what it means to "make it," touching on themes of mental illness, sexual assault, food insecurity and gentrification, in the Nuyorican literary tradition of Nicholasa Mohr and the work of contemporary writer Elizabeth Acevedo.



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When We Make It with Elisabet Velasquez
Park City Library
September 29 at 7 PM
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Park City Library is excited to feature Nuyorican author Elisabet Velasquez, author of *When We Make It*. An unforgettable young adult debut novel-in-verse that redefines what it means to “make it,” touching on themes of mental illness, sexual assault, food insecurity and gentrification, in the Nuyorican literary tradition of Nicholasa Mohr and the work of contemporary writer Elizabeth Acevedo.

One Bronze Knuckle with Kenneth Gordon
Book Bungalow
October 1 at 7:30 PM
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Runaway grandchildren, a pitchfork-armed local militia, rival churches, a home for wayward boys, goat caves converted to a makeshift prison: the adventures of the Bergers are seemingly endless. But as they explore the world beyond the confines of their little town, circling ever nearer to the great island City, they also discover the connections that hold steadfast between them, no matter what the distance.

Land and Sea with Moana 'Ulu'ave-Hafoka
The Lost Eden Gallery
The Gateway
October 2 at 12 PM
Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Moana 'Ulu'ave-Hafoka was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to 'Alama and Losaline 'Ulu'ave, both of Niuafu'ou, Tongatapu. Her children's book *Land and Sea* tackles environmental issues from an indigenous perspective. In May 2014, she graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. After graduate school, Moana pursued a career in public service in her hometown. First, working in her local community center and most recently, as a Policy Advisor for Diversity & Human Rights in the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office. Today, you can find Moana, and her husband, Maika, living in Salt Lake City with their children and working as the Bridge Program Director of the Pacific Islands Studies Initiative at the University of Utah.



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Cemetery Secrets and Spine-Tingling Tales
Ashton Auditorium, Library Hall
Orem Public Library
October 4 at 7PM

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Do you hold your breath when you pass a cemetery or shudder when you see a black cat in the daytime? Celebrate the spooky superstitions and folk tales of Appalachia with an evening of ghost stories with two of our favorite award-winning storytellers, Liz Sargent and Stephen Gashler.

Land of Cranes with Aida Salazar
Glendale Branch, Salt Lake City Public Library
October 5 at 4 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Nine-year-old Betita knows she is a crane. Papi has told her the story, even before her family fled to Los Angeles to seek refuge from cartel violence in Mexico. He says that Betita and her family are cranes that have returned to their promised land, Aztlán, land of the cranes. But one day, Papi is arrested by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and deported to Mexico. Betita and her pregnant mother are left behind on their own, but soon they too are detained and must learn to survive in a family detention camp. Even in cruel and inhumane conditions, Betita finds heart in her own poetry and in the community she and her mother find in the camp. Their voices fly above the hatred keeping them caged, but each day threatens to tear them down lower than they ever thought they could be. Will Betita and her family ever be whole again?

Brian Floca
Zoom Link TBA
The Treehouse Museum
October 9 at 7pm

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Brian Floca is the author and illustrator of *Keeping the City Going*, a tribute to healthcare and other essential workers who stayed on the streets and on the job during the Covid-19 pandemic, was published in April 2021.

The Mystery of Luci's Missing Lantern
Park City Library
October 9 at 10 AM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Reading and interpretation in Spanish will be available. Join Luci, a western firefly as she emerges from her pupa/chrysalis and becomes an adult in search of her missing lantern. Have you ever wondered about the life cycle of fireflies and why they glow? *The Mystery of Luci's Missing Lantern* is filled with creative and joyful illustrations to spark your interest in this unique insect and Cache County.



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Teen Writing Workshop with Tiffany Rosenhan
Park City Library
October 12 at 7 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Tiffany Rosenhan is the debut author of young adult spy thriller *Girl From Nowhere*. Her spy skill is being two places at once. Quite easy when you have an identical twin! She is a mother to four young daughters and has a degree in political science from the University of Utah.

The Champion's Journey with Frank Cole
Brigham City Library
October 18 at 7 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Lucas Silver's life is about to change. He thinks it's because he's made plans to escape from his foster home and make his way to New York, but then he and his friend Miles and two girls they're acquainted with—Jasmine and Vanessa—find Hob and Bogie's Curiosity Shoppe and agree to play a game of Champion's Quest. When the four kids walk out the front door of the Curiosity Shoppe, they immediately discover they're no longer in West Virginia, but transported into the game and a wild fantasy world of dangerous goblins, brutish ogres, and a powerful witch. *Champion's Quest: Die of Destiny* is a middle-grade fantasy with themes of friendship, cooperation, perseverance, overcoming anxiety, and the emotional need to feel accepted.

Rebeldita, the Fearless with Dr. Oriel Maria Su
Zoom Link
Treehouse Museum
October 19 at 7 PM

Event on Utah Humanities Book Festival Calendar

Rebeldita is a child born out of long-enduring Indigenous and Black resistances in the Americas. She knows her history and uses it to change her present in OGRELAND, where Ogres steal children's parents away at night, put them in cages and send them far, far away. Through joy, intelligence, and love for her community, however, being the empowered, justice-seeker, border-smasher girl that she is, Rebeldita fights back.



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Jesse Booth and Joanna Reeder
Weber County Library - Main Branch
October 21 at 7 PM

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USA Today bestselling authors Jesse B. Booth and Joanna Reeder will discuss the *Shifter Academy* series for young adults. Booth and Reeder collaborate with multiple authors on the expansive series and co-wrote the *Reclaim* trilogy. They will discuss the process of team-writing and how it compares to writing their solo titles. Books will be available for purchase at a book signing following the event.