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# ANNAPOLIS BOOK FESTIVAL

— AT KEY SCHOOL —  
MAY 3, 2025

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## Key School to Host 22nd Annual Annapolis Book Festival

**Annapolis, MD** — Key School announces the 22nd annual Annapolis Book Festival line-up. The many distinguished speakers slated to join the premiere community event on **Saturday, May 3** include:

- Former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman, Member of the U.S House of Representatives, and White House Counsel **Christopher Cox**
- Prize-winning author and historian **Juan Williams**
- Washington Bureau chief of USA TODAY and award-winning reporter **Susan Page**
- Pulitzer Prize and Emmy award-winning creator of the 1619 Project **Nikole Hannah-Jones**
- Pulitzer Prize-winning **David K. Shipler**
- New York Times bestselling “romantasy” novelist **Brigid Kemmerer**
- TV and film producer, national political commentator, and author **Keith Boykin**
- Inaugural literary director of the Library of Congress and author **Marie Arana**

Now in its 22nd year, the Annapolis Book Festival is one of the premier community events in the region. The Festival brings together nationally renowned authors and thousands of book fans for author talks, panel discussions, book signings, and other activities. Interactive, multi-generational and free of charge, the Festival has something for book lovers of all ages. Combining entertainment, children’s activities, ComicKey! (a family-friendly comic con) and food trucks with compelling author panels, the Festival attracts more than 4,000 attendees each year.

The Annapolis Book Festival will be held on the campus of **Key School** at 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD, 21403 on **Saturday, May 3, 2025** from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



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## 2025 Annapolis Book Festival Authors

We are pleased to announce the following authors are presenting at the 2025 Festival:

**Atossa Araxia Abrahamian** - *The Hidden Globe: How Wealth Hacks the World*  
**Jenny Adams** - *A Poisonous Silence (A Deadly Twenties Mystery Book2)*  
**Marie Arana** - *LatinoLand: A Portrait of America's Largest and Least Understood Minority*  
**Keith Boykin** - *Why Does Everything Have to Be About Race?: 25 Arguments That Won't Go Away*  
**Anna Bright** - *The Hedgewitch of Foxhall*  
**Nicole Chung** - *A Living Remedy*  
**Christopher Cox** - *Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn*  
**Kenny Curtis & Jillian Hughes** - *Greeking Out: Heroes and Olympians*  
**Melissa Deckman** - *The Politics of Gen Z: How the Youngest Voters Will Shape Our Democracy*  
**Craig Kofi Farmer** - *Kwame Crashes the Underworld*  
**Evan Friss** - *The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore*  
**Charlotte Taylor Fryar** - *Potomac Fever: Reflections on the Nation's River*  
**David Gendell** - *The Last Days of the Schooner America: A Lost Icon at the Annapolis Warship Factory*  
**Philip Greene** - *Sours: A History of the World's Most Storied Cocktail*  
**Katherine Haas** - *Little Jade: Memoir of a Young Eurasian Immigrant*  
**Ryan Hampton** - *Fentanyl Nation: Toxic Politics and America's Failed War on Drugs*  
**Jimin Han** - *The Apology*  
**Nikole Hannah-Jones** - *The 1619 Project: A Visual Experience*  
**Zeke Hernandez** - *The Truth About Immigration: Why Successful Societies Welcome Newcomers*  
**Eoin Higgins** - *Owned: How Tech Billionaires on the Right Bought the Loudest Voices on the Left*  
**Jefferson Holland** - *A Walk Around Arundel: 52 Places to Hike with Your Dog (and Other Best Friends)*  
**Erika Howsare** - *The Age of Deer: Trouble and Kinship with our Wild Neighbors*

**Alison Humphreys** - *50 Hikes with Kids Virginia and Maryland: With Delaware, West Virginia, and Washington DC*

**Brigid Kemmerer** - *Carving Shadows into Gold*

**Diane Kiesel** - *When Charlie Met Joan: The Tragedy of the Chaplin Trials and the Failings of American Law*

**Anne Kim** - *Poverty for Profit: How Corporations Get Rich off America's Poor*

**Jennifer Klepper** - *The Last Road Trip*

**Vanda Krefft** - *Expect Great Things!: How the Katharine Gibbs School Revolutionized the American Workplace for Women*

**Heath Hardage Lee** - *The Mysterious Mrs. Nixon: The Life and Times of Washington's Most Private First Lady*

**Joanne Leedom-Ackerman** - *The Far Side of the Desert*

**John W. Miller** - *The Last Manager: How Earl Weaver Tricked, Tormented, and Reinvented Baseball*

**Susan Page** - *The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara Walters*

**Cynthia Pelayo** - *Vanishing Daughters*

**Patricia A. Roos** - *Surviving Alex: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss, and Addiction*

**Maurice Carlos Ruffin** - *The American Daughters*

**Rudy Ruiz** - *The Border Between Us*

**Ena Selimović** - *Underground Barbie* by Maša Kolanović' (translator)

**Jessie Sheehan** - *Salty, Cheesy, Herby, Crispy Snackable Bakes: 100 Easy-Peasy, Savory Recipes for 24/7 Deliciousness*

**David K. Shipler** - *The Interpreter*

**Simon Shuster** - *The Showman: Inside the Invasion That Shook the World and Made a Leader of Volodymyr Zelensky*

**Maxwell L. Stearns** - *Parliamentary America: The Least Radical Means of Radically Repairing Our Broken Democracy*

**Susan Stockdale** - *Don't Eat the Cleaners!: Tiny Fish with a Big Job*

**Leslie Gray Streeter** - *Family & Other Calamities*

**Larry Tye** - *The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America*

**Vicki Valosik** - *Swimming Pretty: The Untold Story of Women in Water*

**Bailey Van Tassel** - *Kitchen Garden Living: Seasonal Growing and Eating from a Beautiful, Bountiful Food Garden*

**Michele Weldon** - *The Time We Have: Essays on Pandemic Living*

**Debra Whitman** - *The Second Fifty: Answers to the 7 Big Questions of Midlife and Beyond*

**Grace L. Williams** - *Give Her Credit: The Untold Account of a Women's Bank That Empowered a Generation*

**Juan Williams** - *New Prize for These Eyes: The Rise of America's Second Civil Rights Movement*

**Katherine E. Young** - *People & Trees* by Akram Aylisli (translator)

**Jim Zervanos** - *Your Story Starts Here: A Year on the Brink with Generation Z*

## Local Annapolis & Baltimore Area Authors

If you are interested in interviewing these authors (or any of the above authors), please contact Mary MacLeod at [mmacleod@keyschool.org](mailto:mmacleod@keyschool.org) and she will check on the author's interest and availability.

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