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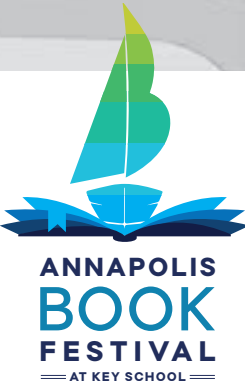
**SATURDAY** **MAY 3**  
**2025**  
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**ANNAPOLIS BOOK FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025



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<b>KATHARINE HALL</b>	Marie Arana & Zeke Hernandez - Breaking Myths: The Diversity and Economic Impact of Immigration in America	Melissa Deckman & Jim Zervanos - Gen Z Rising: A Generation of Hope, Resilience and Influence	Eoin Higgins - Owned: How Tech Billionaires on the Right Bought the Loudest Voices on the Left	Juan Williams - New Prize for These Eyes: The Rise of America's Second Civil Rights Movement	Simon Shuster - The Showman: Inside the Invasion That Shook the World and Made a Leader of Volodymyr Zelensky	Christopher Cox - Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn	Keith Boykin & Nikole Hannah-Jones - History, Race and the Truth: Examining America's Story
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<b>SCIENCE &amp; LIBRARY CENTER (101-102)</b>	David Gendell - The Last Days of the Schooner America: A Lost Icon at the Annapolis Waship Factory	Joanne Leedom-Ackerman, Ena Selimović, Katherine E. Young - The International Political Writer	Wendy Gorton, Jefferson Holland & Alison Humphreys - Adventure Awaits: Exploring Nature in Annapolis and Beyond	Philip Greene - Sour: A History of the World's Most Storied Cocktail Style	Jessie Sheehan - Salty, Cheesy, Herby, Crispy Snackable Bakes	Erika Howsare - The Surprising Wildness of Nearby Nature	Charlotte Taylor Fryar - Potomac Fever: Reflections on the Nation's River
<b>FARMHOUSE</b>	Jenny Adams & Cynthia Pelayo - Thrills and Chills: The Dark Corners of Fiction	Evan Friss - The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore	Jimin Han & Rudy Ruiz - Bridges and Borders: The Ghosts of the Family You Inherit	Jennifer Klapper & Leslie Gray Streeter - Bad Decisions, Big Mistakes and Fresh Starts	Vicki Valosik - Swimming Pretty: The Untold Story of Women in Water	Nicole Chung & Katherine Haas - The Weight of Our Stories: Memoirs of Enduring Family Bonds In the Face of Hardship	Bailey Van Tassel - Kitchen Garden Living: Seasonal Growing and Eating from a Beautiful, Bountiful Food Garden
<b>FIRST SCHOOL</b>		Tea Party	Storytime with Susan Stockdale - Don't Eat the Cleaners!: Tiny Fish with a Big Job	Tea Party			
<b>ARTS BUILDING</b>		Artway Alliance Workshop	How to Storyboard: Visual Storytelling with Brent Peebles and Dan Parent	Artway Alliance Workshop	Kenny Curtis & Jillian Hughes (Greeking Out: Heroes and Olympians) and Craig Kofi Farmer (Kwame Crashes the Underworld)		
<b>AMPHITHEATER</b>	Club SciKids	Louis the Magician	Kloverleaf Dance Academy	School of Rock	Eco Adventures	Larry Tye - The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America	Key School Jazz Band
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# Festival Events



 KATHARINE HALL

10:00AM

**Marie Arana & Zeke Hernandez - Breaking Myths: The Diversity and Economic Impact of Immigration in America**

With immigration policy so much in the news, join Marie Arana and Zeke Hernandez as they discuss the many facets of this front-and-center issue. In *LatinoLand*, columnist and literary director of the Library of Congress Marie Arana explores the rich diversity of Hispanic America, debunking stereotypes and celebrating a fast-growing community shaping the nation's future. Wharton professor Zeke Hernandez dismantles myths with 20 years of research, proving that immigrants fuel jobs, innovation and economic growth in *The Truth About Immigration*. Former senior foreign service officer **John Beed** moderates.

11:00AM

**Melissa Deckman & Jim Zervanos - Gen Z Rising: A Generation of Hope, Resilience and Influence**

Gen Z is the most diverse generation in American history, with a strong emphasis on individuality and self-expression as well as a dedication to social and political issues. In *The Politics of Gen Z*, Melissa Deckman, chief executive officer of the Public Religion Research Institute, examines how young activists—especially women and LGBTQ+ youth—are driving progressive change, from reproductive rights to climate action. High school teacher Jim Zervanos captures a year in the lives of Gen Z students in *Your Story Starts Here*, which chronicles their struggles and resilience and offers an intimate look at a generation navigating uncertainty—and inspiring hope. Maryland Delegate **Dana Jones** moderates.

12:00PM

**Eoin Higgins - Owned: How Tech Billionaires on the Right Bought the Loudest Voices on the Left**

*Owned* by writer and historian Eoin Higgins exposes the growing collusion between billionaire investors and right-wing media, revealing how figures like Elon Musk, Peter Thiel and Marc Andreessen use journalism to silence critics and push their agendas. Many, once-independent voices now serve this alliance, exploiting journalism's decline to undermine a free press. A chilling exposé of money, power and media manipulation, *Owned* tracks the rise of a billionaire-driven media takeover and its threat to democracy. **Nicol Turner Lee**, Director of the Center for Technology Innovation and Senior Fellow of Governance Studies at the Brookings Institute, moderates.

1:00PM

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

Barack Obama's election marked a civil rights milestone, but hopes for a post-racial America faded amid fierce opposition and a rising right-wing backlash. In *New Prize for These Eyes*, prize-winning journalist and historian, Juan Williams, explores this new civil rights movement—its leaders, challenges and the forces driving it forward. Tracing events from Obama to Charlottesville to January 6, he examines how today's activists, fueled by social media and demographic shifts, are reshaping the fight for racial justice. More than history, this book is a call to action for those committed to America's future. Former Maryland delegate and founder of Men Aiming Higher, **Darryl Barnes**, moderates.

2:00PM

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

In this very timely discussion, *Time* correspondent Simon Shuster traces Volodymyr Zelensky's transformation from comedian to wartime leader. Based on four years of reporting, the book details Zelensky's life in a nuclear bunker during the invasion and his emergence to lead Ukraine to key victories. With a clear-eyed view of his early failures and leadership challenges, *The Showman* provides vital insight into his strategy, vision and efforts to counter Russia while maintaining Western support. Simon Shuster has reported from Russia and Ukraine for seventeen years, primarily as a staff writer for *Time Magazine* and during the 2022 invasion, spent months embedded with Zelensky's team, securing unprecedented access to their Kyiv compound. Naval Academy professor **Stephen Wrage** moderates.

3:00PM

**Christopher Cox - Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn**

Senior scholar in residence at the University of California, Irvine and former chair of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Christopher Cox, explores the enduring influence of Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Cox balances Wilson's international achievements—including the Nobel Peace Prize and the founding of the League of Nations—with his opposition to racial equality and women's suffrage. As the first southern Democrat in the White House since the Civil War, Wilson's presidency saw federal segregation and brutal repression of suffragists. Only late in his second term

did he shift on the 19th Amendment, yet still sought to protect Jim Crow restrictions. This fascinating history provides an intimate look at a critical moment in American democracy. Key School Humanities teacher **Brian Boyd** moderates.

#### 4:00PM

##### **Keith Boykin & Nikole Hannah-Jones - History, Race and the Truth: Examining America's Story**

Join an increasingly important discussion about race in America. In *Why Does Everything Have to Be About Race?*, TV and film producer, national political commentator, and former White House aide to President Bill Clinton, Keith Boykin debunks 25 of the most common claims used to refute America's racist past and present. Nikole Hannah-Jones, the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the 1619 Project and a staff writer at the *New York Times Magazine* will be talking about her book as well as the six-part 1619 Project docuseries which won the Emmy for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series. **Candace Dodson-Reed**, Chief of Staff and Executive Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion at UMBC, moderates.

evolving comradeship with an American correspondent. Betrayals and secrets ensue within the whirlwind of panic as Saigon falls. Key School Humanities teacher **Bob McCarthy** moderates.

#### 12:00PM

##### **Vanda Krefft & Grace L. Williams - Expecting More: Breaking Barriers in a Man's World**

Join this galvanizing discussion of women taking charge and taking what they deem as their just due. Author Vanda Krefft in *Expect Great Things!: How the Katharine Gibbs School Revolutionized the American Workplace for Women* writes of how the school instilled the self-confidence and strategic know-how necessary for them to claim equality, power, and authority in the wider world. Financial reporter Grace L. Williams's book *Give Her Credit: The Untold Account of a Women's Bank That Empowered a Generation* tells the true story of a group of women in the 1970s male-run world of business, banking and finance who changed the rules and made history. **Dana Cooksey**, partner and director of corporate communications at Brown Advisory, moderates.

### BARN COMMONS

#### 10:00AM

##### **Anna Bright & Brigid Kemmerer - Romantasy Realms: Weaving Tales of Love and Magic**

Romantasy is having a well-earned moment. Join up-and-coming writer Anna Bright (*The Hedgewitch of Foxhall*) and bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer (*Carving Shadows into Gold & Forging Silver into Stars*) as they discuss the romance, magic, darkness, and fantasy worlds of the fast-growing genre of romantasy. Moderated by **Maggie Nespole**.

#### 11:00AM

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

Join **David K. Shipler**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and former *New York Times* correspondent in Saigon, Moscow, Jerusalem, and Washington, as he discusses his novel *The Interpreter*. Based on the true story of a Vietnamese translator who struggles to find his place within the neat categories of allegiance imposed by Vietnam's lifetime of warfare and foreign occupation. As he realizes he fits into none of the available boxes—not Communist, not Government, not pro-American—he tries to interpret Vietnam through an

#### 1:00PM

##### **Atossa Araxia Abrahamian & Anne Kim - How the Rich Get Richer: Forces Behind Economic Inequality**

Join Atossa Araxia Abrahamian and Anne Kim for a compelling discussion on the systems and policies that perpetuate wealth disparities. Journalist Atossa Araxia Abrahamian's *The Hidden Globe* reveals a hidden world beyond national borders—thousands of extraterritorial zones designed to serve the wealthiest individuals and corporations. *The Hidden Globe* was named a top ten book of 2024 by the *Washington Post*. *Poverty for Profit* by public policy expert Anne Kim exposes how a vast network of private industries thrives on the bureaucracies meant to aid low-income Americans. Vice president of market risk at Morgan Stanley, **Julius Clark**, moderates.

#### 2:00PM

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

John W. Miller, writer, baseball coach and co-director of the PBS documentary *Moundsville* tells the fascinating tale of Earl Weaver, the irascible, legendary manager of the Baltimore Orioles. This is the first major biography of Weaver, who reigned over baseball as one of the sport's greatest minds, collecting and

analyzing data in visionary and ground-breaking ways. **Gary Gallant**, a high school baseball coach who worked for the Philadelphia Phillies, moderates.

### 3:00PM

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

Maxwell L. Stearns teaches constitutional law and economic analysis of law at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law. In *Parliamentary America*, Professor Stearns argues that the United States' eighteenth-century political system is ill-equipped for the challenges of the twenty-first century. The rise of information-age technology and gerrymandering has turned democracy upside down, undermining our ability to address common problems. He suggests that a parliamentary democracy is the solution to this crisis. Maryland District Court Judge **Danielle M. Mosley** moderates.

### 4:00PM

#### **Windows & Mirrors: The Power of Representation in Literature**

Books have the power to be both windows—offering glimpses into experiences different from our own—and mirrors—reflecting our identities, cultures and lived realities. In this thought-provoking discussion, authors **Jimin Han**, **Craig Kofi Farmer** and **Maurice Carlos Ruffin** explore how literature shapes our understanding of the world, fosters empathy and affirms identity. They will discuss why diverse stories matter and how they create a more just and connected literary landscape. Key School DEIB Director **Vanessa Gutierrez** and Key educator **Laurel Lennon** moderate.

## SCIENCE & LIBRARY CENTER (Library)

### 10:00AM

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

Barbara Walters was a trailblazer from network TV's rise in the 1960s to its decline in the streaming era. She didn't just break barriers for women—she redefined the television interview and dominated the genre. In *The Rulebreaker*, Susan Page draws from 150 interviews and extensive research to reveal Walters's relentless drive. Fueled by fear of instability, Walters demanded what no woman had before, defied misogynistic norms, outcompeted fierce rivals, and fiercely guarded her

private life. Susan Page is the Washington Bureau chief of USA TODAY and an award-winning reporter and best-selling author. **Page Ellerson**, a NYC-based producer and filmmaker, moderates.

### 11:00AM

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

Charlie Chaplin's beloved "Little Tramp" persona was overshadowed by scandal when he faced a sensational 1944 trial involving his former mistress, Joan Barry. Though he won the federal case, he lost a paternity suit despite evidence proving he wasn't the father. A decade later, Cold War tensions led the U.S. to exile Chaplin, using the Barry trials as a pretext. *When Charlie Met Joan* revisits these cases, exploring their impact on law, celebrity power, Cold War politics, and Chaplin's controversial personal life. Author Diane Kiesel is a retired judge on the New York Supreme Court and an award-winning journalist. **Lynn Battaglia**, senior judge with the Maryland Judiciary, moderates.

### 12:00PM

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

Join Maurice Carlos Ruffin for a lively discussion about his novel that introduces us to Ady, a sharp-witted girl enslaved in New Orleans, who is devastated when separated from her fierce mother, Sanite. She later joins a clandestine society of spies called the Daughters. *The New York Times* says, "In telling this important, neglected history with imagination-fueled research, *The American Daughters* offers an inspiring story of people who show a way forward with their perseverance, bravery and love." Festival favorite **Bethanne Patrick**, author of the memoir *Life B* and critic, moderates.

### 1:00PM

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

In a time of collective and personal grief, award-winning author Michele Weldon explores the upheaval of the COVID pandemic era through love, connection and resilience. In this essay collection, she navigates joy, despair and triumph with empathy, humor and wisdom, weaving personal narratives with history, media and culture. Weldon examines themes of safety, remote relationships, feminism, and truth, offering readers a cathartic and insightful path toward understanding and peace in a changed world. Weldon

is an award-winning author, journalist, TEDx speaker, and emerita faculty at Northwestern University. **Lisa Lunt**, federal public defender, co-director the Federal Defender Leadership Center, and certified life & engagement coach, moderates.

**2:00PM**

**Ryan Hampton & Patricia Roos - When Policy Fails: The Toll of the Overdose Epidemic**

This policy discussion will cover how the U.S. deals with the overdose epidemic from the country-wide level to the family level. In *Surviving Alex: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss, and Addiction*, Patricia Roos, professor emerita of sociology at Rutgers University, explores how a punitive system failed her son and calls for a community of action that would improve care for substance users and reduce addiction, realigning public health policy to address the overdose crisis. Recovery advocate Ryan Hampton, in *Fentanyl Nation*, argues that instead of more police, more incarceration and harsher penalties for those caught in the addiction cycle, the U.S. should invest in education, harm reduction and effective treatment. Moderated by **Jessie Dunleavy**, author and champion of policies combating stigma and other impediments to reducing the harms of drug use.

**3:00PM**

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

Americans are living decades longer than previous generations, offering exciting possibilities but also raising important questions. In her groundbreaking book, Debra Whitman provides a roadmap for navigating and celebrating the second half of life. Her findings are often surprising: Americans over fifty are an economic asset, not a drain; dementia rates are declining as education and healthier lifestyles rise; and social connections are not only vital for mental health but also linked to a stronger immune system and longer life. Whitman is chief public policy officer for AARP, an economist and an expert on aging issues. Festival favorite **Bethanne Patrick**, author of the memoir *Life B* and critic, moderates.

**4:00PM**

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

Pat Nixon, often perceived as enigmatic, was a remarkably empathetic and adventurous First Lady.

While the media portrayed her as elusive and "plastic," the real Pat was a self-made woman who defied expectations throughout her life. Married to Richard Nixon in 1940, she traveled the world, meeting with tragedy victims, and playing a key role in US diplomacy. She championed women's rights, supported the Equal Rights Amendment, and backed women's advancement in government. A progressive figure on many fronts, Pat's true legacy is her deep connection with people, making them her primary focus throughout her life. Heath Hardage Lee is an award-winning historian, biographer and curator and currently serves on the boards of the First Ladies Association for Research and Education (FLARE) and Biographers International Organization (BIO). **Nancy Kegan Smith**, author and founder of FLARE, moderates.

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 **SCIENCE & LIBRARY CENTER (Rm 101-102)**

**10:00AM**

**David Gendell - The Last Days of the Schooner America: A Lost Icon at the Annapolis Warship Factory**

Join sailor and author David Gendell for a fascinating discussion about the schooner *America*. In 1851, just weeks after launching, she won a shocking victory that sparked the world's most coveted sailing competition. Over the decades, she saw adventure, neglect and wartime service, carrying spies and enforcing blockades. By 1940, the once-great vessel lay rotting at the U.S. Naval Academy, awaiting a restoration rumored to have been championed by Franklin Roosevelt. But as the Annapolis Yacht Yard shifted to warship production for WWII, *America's* revival never came. **Gary Jobson**, America's Cup Hall of Fame sailor, moderates.

**11:00AM**

**Joanne Leedom-Ackerman, Ena Selimović & Katherine E. Young - The International Political Writer**

Exploring themes of artistic freedom, book banning, war, and exile, three local writer-activists read from their latest books and discuss bringing international writers to audiences in America. Moderator **Leeya Mehta** is a prize-winning poet, fiction writer and essayist.

**12:00PM**

**Jefferson Holland & Alison Humphreys - Adventure Awaits: Exploring Nature in Annapolis and Beyond**

Join Jefferson Holland (*A Walk Around Arundel*)

and Alison Humphreys (*50 Hikes with Kids Virginia and Maryland*) for an inspiring conversation about the natural beauty that surrounds us and the deep connections between people and place. Through their vivid storytelling and passion for the outdoors, these two authors invite you to discover the hidden trails, waterways and wild wonders of the region—while exploring how nature shapes our sense of home, adventure and stewardship. Award-winning author and photographer **Mark Hendricks** moderates.

### 1:00PM

#### **Philip Greene - Sours: A History of the World's Most Storied Cocktail**

Whether you're a seasoned cocktail enthusiast or just starting out, this presentation by Philip Greene will be of interest to all lovers of spirits. His book *Sours* offers 100 expertly crafted recipes for classic and contemporary cocktails, showcasing the irresistible appeal of citrus and sour flavors in combination with spirits. With fascinating histories and stories behind iconic drinks like the daiquiri, sidecar, margarita, whiskey sour, and cosmopolitan, this collection provides the perfect guide to making each cocktail as it delves into special ingredients and creative variations.

**Michael Glass** moderates.

### 2:00PM

#### **Jessie Sheehan - Salty, Cheesy, Herby, Crispy Snackable Bakes**

Savory baking just got an upgrade! Meet Jessie Sheehan who will bring her signature quick-and-easy approach to the world of salty, cheesy, crispy, and herby treats. Her newest book gives you bold, snackable recipes perfect for brunch, game night or the ultimate "girl dinner." Sheehan is a celebrated cookbook author, recipe developer, baker, and host of *Cherry Bombe's* baking podcast, "She's My Cherry Pie." **Seton Rossini**, designer, baker and author of *Sweet Envy: Deceptively Easy Desserts*, *Designed to Steal the Show*, moderates.

### 3:00PM

#### **Erika Howsare - The Surprising Wildness of Nearby Nature**

Join Erica Howsare, the author of *The Age of Deer*, as she discusses the complex and contradictory relationship humans have with deer, who have coexisted with us for millennia. Her book, through stories of scientists collaring fawns, hunters displaying trophies and animal-control officers managing deer populations, delves into the historical and cultural

attitudes toward these animals, offering a unique perspective on how our connection to deer reflects broader human involvement in the natural world.

**Brian Michaels**, Key School Upper School Head and outdoorsman, moderates.

### 4:00PM

#### **Charlotte Taylor Fryar - Potomac Fever: Reflections on the Nation's River**

Writer, historian and educator Charlotte Taylor Fryar joins the Festival to talk about the Potomac River. Using its geography and ecology to explore Washington, DC's troubled history and through its flora and fauna, she delves into America's past, uncovering the origins of a racially divided nation and capital. Blending historical, environmental and personal narratives, *Potomac Fever* maps the hidden histories of the U.S. capital, offering a critique of national myths and concludes with a hopeful vision for a future shaped by the values and ethics of the places we inhabit.

Retired economist and presenter of talks on movies, music and film, **Dan Sherman**, moderates.

## FARMHOUSE

### 10:00AM

#### **Jenny Adams & Cynthia Pelayo - Thrills and Chills: The Dark Corners of Fiction**

Join Jenny Adams (*A Poisonous Silence - A Deadly Twenties Mystery*) and Cynthia Pelayo (*Vanishing Daughters*) for a gripping discussion of the shadowy worlds, twisted characters and spine-tingling suspense that define their work. Explore how they craft tension, blur the lines between reality and nightmare, and keep readers on the edge of their seats. Valerie Constantine, who writes best-selling thrillers like *The Last Mrs. Parrish*, under the pen name **Liv Constantine**, moderates.

### 11:00AM

#### **Evan Friss - The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore**

Best-selling author and history professor Evan Friss explores the rich history of bookstores, from Benjamin Franklin's first store to legendary shops like the Strand, Gotham Book Mart and Parnassus. This discussion is for anyone who loves bookstores and wants to preserve their future. Avid reader and former executive director of Maryland Federation of Art, **Joann Vaughan**, moderates.



**12:00PM**

**Jimin Han & Rudy Ruiz - Bridges & Borders: The Ghosts of the Family You Inherit**

Join authors Jimin Han and Rudy Ruiz for a powerful discussion on family, identity and the past's enduring grip. In Jimin Han's *The Apology*, 105 year old Hak Jeonga enters the afterlife, confronting a family curse triggered by a buried secret. *The Apology* was chosen as best book of the year by Booklist. In *The Border Between Us*, award-winning author Rudy Ruiz explores ambition, sacrifice and the cost of the American dream. Moderator **Heather Webb** is the *USA Today* and international bestselling author of eleven historical novels, including her most recent *Queens of London*.

**1:00PM**

**Jennifer Klepper & Leslie Gray Streeter - Bad Decisions, Big Mistakes and Fresh Starts**

In journalist, lifestyle columnist and podcaster Leslie Gray Streeter's *Family and Other Calamities*, journalist Dawn Roberts returns to Baltimore with her husband's ashes and is forced to confront past betrayals, a scandalous exposé casting her as the villain, and the mentor who sold her out. But in the end, she seizes the chance to set the record straight, heal old wounds, and maybe even rekindle a lost love. In best-selling author Jennifer Klepper's *The Last Road Trip*, four sorority sisters reunite 20 years after a tragedy to finish a road trip interrupted by betrayal and secrets. As they confront painful truths, they learn the consequences of silence. Author of the best-selling *Excavations*, **Kate Myers**, moderates.

**2:00PM**

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

Meet author and master synchronized swimmer Vicki Valosik for a discussion of her book about how female swimmers have balanced strength and beauty, athleticism and artistry. In *Swimming Pretty*, Valosik traces the sport's evolution from vaudeville spectacles to the Olympic stage, spotlighting the fearless women who defied expectations in and out of the water. Collegiate synchronized swimmer and coach, **Michele Perry-Boucher**, moderates.

**3:00PM**

**Nicole Chung & Katherine Haas - The Weight of Our Stories: Memoirs of Enduring Family Bonds in the Face of Hardship**

Join Katherine Haas (*Little Jade*) and Nicole Chung (*A Living Remedy*) for a heartfelt discussion on the power of memory, resilience and love in the face of adversity. Through their deeply personal and moving works, they explore how family histories shape us, the struggles of identity and belonging, and the enduring strength found in the ties that bind us together. **Ernie Tucker** moderates.

**4:00PM**

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

Kitchen gardening is more than just growing food—it's a lifestyle choice that shows your commitment to health, sustainability and family. Author Bailey Van Tassel of the Kitchen Garden Society will discuss creating your own kitchen garden and involving the whole family in this rewarding, peaceful escape. Whether you have a small space or a large plot, this discussion will inspire you to bring freshness and joy to your life and community. Restaurateur **Hilarey Leonard** moderates.

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 **FIRST SCHOOL**

**11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

**Children's "Tea Time Tales: Celebrating Colonial Maryland & Indigenous Roots" Tea Parties**

Party-goers will gather around to share the Indigenous culture's story *How the Spirit Dog Made the Milky Way* then hear the story of *The Baker's Dozen*, a popular story throughout the original thirteen colonies. After that, decaf tea and treats will be served and children will enjoy making crafts.

**For children ages 4-8. Ticket required.**

**12:00PM**

**Storytelling with Susan Stockdale - Don't Eat the Cleaners!: Tiny Fish with a Big Job (Children's Book)**

Children will enjoy an hour of storytelling with Susan Stockdale, the award-winning author and illustrator of many picture books that illuminate fascinating themes in nature. Children will delight in *Don't Eat the Cleaners!*, a colorful exploration of the remarkable teamwork among coral reef residents to keep themselves and their environment clean.

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**11:00 AM**

**Pokemon Go & Draw with Mikaela Columba  
(Art Way Alliance Workshop)**

**12:00 PM**

**How to Storyboard: Visual Storytelling with Dan Parent  
and Brent Peeples**

**1:00 PM**

**Read Along & Drawing of My Cousin is a Magical Girl  
with Middnite Designs (Art Way Alliance Workshop)**

**2:00 PM**

**Kenny Curtis & Jillian Hughes - *Greeking Out: Heroes  
and Olympians* and Craig Kofi Farmer - *Kwame Breaks  
the Underworld***

 AMPHITHEATER**10:00 AM • Club Scikidz**

Join Club Scikidz for an engaging science show. Learn about the environment and the effect Styrofoam has in landfills. Explore chemical reactions by launching some rockets. See the effects of acids and bases and experiment with some neat color changes.

**11:00 AM • Louis the Magician**

Louis the Magician delivers a high-energy, interactive magic show filled with laughter, surprises and unforgettable moments. His engaging performance keeps kids on the edge of their seats with mind-blowing tricks, silly comedy and plenty of audience participation. With years of experience entertaining children, Louis creates a magical experience that leaves everyone amazed and wanting more!

**12:00 PM • Kloverleaf Dance Academy**

Experience the artistry and excitement of the Kloverleaf Dance Academy! Known for their dynamic performances and dedication to excellence, Kloverleaf dancers blend precision, passion and creativity in every routine. From ballet to hip-hop and beyond, their showcase will captivate audiences of all ages. Don't miss this inspiring performance that celebrates movement, music and the joy dance!

**1:00 PM • School of Rock**

Get ready to rock! School of Rock Annapolis is bringing their talented young musicians to the Annapolis Book Festival for an electrifying performance. Known for their dynamic live shows and commitment to music education, School of Rock empowers students of all ages to develop their skills and confidence through performance-based learning. Whether you're a fan of classic rock, pop, or alternative hits, their set is sure to get the crowd moving. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to see the next generation of rock stars in action!

**2:00 PM • Eco Adventures**

Eco Adventures brings its Animal Adaptations and Habitats program to the Festival. Survival of the fittest is what this world is all about! What better way to learn about survival than to see the coolest adaptations animals have to offer—from glow-in-the-dark animals to quills and spines, poison and venom, and even slime. What are the best adaptations for each habitat—desert, rainforests, aquatic, wetlands? The world is ever-changing and only the animals that can adapt can survive.

**3:00 PM • Larry Tye - *The Jazzmen***

Larry Tye, author of *The Jazzmen* will be in the Amphitheater discussing his fascinating book about jazz legends, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie. The hour will open with musician, **Cornelius Young**, playing some jazz favorites. Moderated by Key's Music Department Head **Garnet Mowatt**. Grab a seat and enjoy!

**4:00 PM • Key School Jazz Band** ACTIVITY BUILDING**Used Book Sales • New Book Sales • Book Festival Raffle**

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Grade Liaisons for dedicating their time, treasure and talent to the amazing raffle baskets. The baskets are on display in the Activity Building. Raffle winners will be announced at 4:45 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

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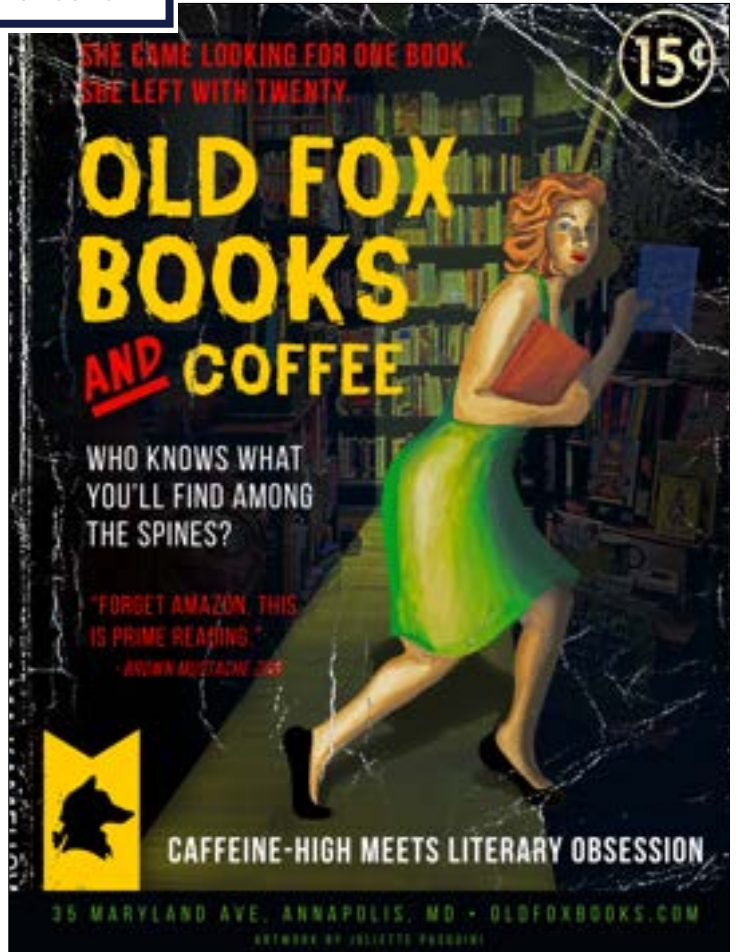


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