Mission Viejo Library
Local Author Showcase and Book Fair

June 30, 2024
Event Program

Author Presentations
in the Jacaranda Room

1:15 PM  Pat Spencer  2:19 PM  Courtney Ellis
1:23 PM  Marlayne Giron  2:27 PM  Tristan & Blaise Miranda
1:31 PM  Herb Williams-Dalgart  2:35 PM  K. S. Gerlt
1:39 PM  Gunner T. Taku  2:43 PM  Maria Jayvee Udarbe Walker
1:47 PM  Nancy Klann  2:51 PM  Laura Evans
1:55 PM  Barbara Legere  2:59 PM  Cat Wiessbrod
2:03 PM  Sheryll Fraze  3:07 PM  Aubrey Hartman
2:11 PM  Joan Renner  3:15 PM  Phoenix Baldwin

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Sheryll Fraze

Sheryll Fraze has been in the fashion business for over 30 years. Her experiences have given her a solid insight into fashion's negative ecological impact, and inspired her to help with this book.

Phoenix Baldwin

Phoenix is an Orange County resident who has written and illustrated five children's books since 2020. Being transgender, he wants to make the kind of books that would have helped him growing up.

Courtney Ellis

Courtney Ellis hosts the podcast "The Thing with Feathers," about birds and hope. She serves as a pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Master. She and her husband Daryl have three children.

Laura Findley Evans

Author of The Dragon and the Girl series. She says whatever she writes must be true, whether it is real or not. She reads (a lot), cooks (mostly) healthy meals, and spends time with people she loves.

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K. S. Gerlt

K.S. Gerlt is an award-winning artist and the author of The Werewolf's Mask series. An avid reader herself, she has always loved diving into the magical worlds within books, and now creates them.

Marlayne Giron

Wife and mother. Author of 4 inspirational fiction books (The Victor, Make a Wish, In Plain Sight, and Second Chance Inn. Finalist in American Legacy and Reader's Choice awards.

Aubrey Hartman

Aubrey Hartman is the critically acclaimed children’s book author responsible for The Lion of Lark-Hayes Manor and The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest.

Nancy Klann

Nancy Klann-Moren, award winning author, lives in Southern California with her husband, a retired architect who now creates ceramic art. She has two grown sons, both rock stars in their fields.
Barbara Legere

M.V. Resident since 1969. Author of 2 books, has appeared in Prevention Mag, Huff Post, Salon and Authority Mag. Been on many podcasts, public speaking. Volunteer for TIP Traumatic Intervention Prog.

Tristan & Blaise Miranda

Tristan and Blaise Miranda are an award winning father and son writing team. Both are engineers by profession and authors by craft. They live in Mission Viejo. Drowned Sea is their first novel.

Joan Renner

Joan Renner is a true crime author, blogger, & TV commentator. She has appeared on over 60 TV shows and podcasts. She volunteers as an archivist at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Museum.

Pat Spencer

Newspaper & magazine columnist, Dr. Pat Spencer has a lifetime of experience publishing fiction & nonfiction books & articles. Golden Boxy in the Frypan was recently published by Pen It Publications.
Gunner T. Taku

Turned 21 at McMurdo Station, Antarctica
U.S.A.F Navigator 1971 to 1991
Attorney, Social Security Disability 1998 to 2007
Administrative Law Judge, 2007 to Present

Maria Jayvee Udarbe Walker

Jayvee Walker obtained a Ph.D. in Coastal Oceanography at State University of New York at Stony Brook. She has recently channeled her creativity in writing books that highlight nature's beauty.

Cat Wiessbrod

Cat is a local children's book author and illustrator who currently has six books released. She draws inspiration from her own life experiences and incorporates this in her stories and illustrations.

Herb Williams-Dalgert

Herb Williams-Dalgart is an award-winning author of historical fiction novels including, The French Girl's War and Jingle Boys. He's formerly of Mission Viejo and now lives in Rancho Santa Margarita.
Jennifer Branin lives in SoCal where she worked as a public financial advisor and teacher prior to becoming an author. This is her debut novel.

Farnaz Calafi loves all kinds of stories! She previously worked for the Los Angeles Times & her OpEd pieces have been published in USA Today, San Diego Union-Tribune, & The New York Times.

Stacie Cooper is a doctor of clinical psychology and mother of a toddler boy. She also teaches Pilates locally and is excited to share her picture book series, "Hooray Hooray" with her community!

Peter Dingus is a physicist. He has had 65 scientific papers published in scientific journals. Peter has written three books; Proteus Rising, Deep Time, and an anthology Worlds in Transition.
Participating Authors

Deborah Ettinger & Tom Johnson

Ettinger was raised in NYC. Inspired by her mother and uncle’s life she wrote Fiercely Loyal with her brother, Tom. An RN, ballroom dancer & writer she lives in SoCal with her springer spaniel, Oliver.

Michael Goddart

Michael Goddart’s last book, A NEW NOW, won six book awards and seven honors. With over five decades of daily meditation, he writes to empower people to realize their true self.

Roxanne Z. Kind

Roxanne Kind is a professor at Saddleback Community College Emeritus program with an M.S.Ed, (CSUF) and is an alumna from AADA. She is an advocate for all flora and fauna and an amateur ecologist.

Sunshine Lutey

Sunshine Lutey, a writer and a musician, always has a song to sing and play as well as a story to tell. Through her five published autobiographical books which are available on Amazon, she shares stories of love, family, drama, and survival. Many of the poems included in the books are lyrics of songs she has written. Writing, making music, and spending time with family bring her the greatest pleasure in life. Besides continuing with autobiographical musings, a fictional account of a young boy surviving on his own may be published soon.
Anne Moose
Mission Viejo resident Anne Moose has published three novels: Arkansas Summer (2017), House of Fragile Dreams (2021), and, most recently, When You Read This I’ll be Gone (2023).

Diana C. Pardee
Diana C Pardee has been a creative entrepreneur, content writer, and amateur poet for decades. Her first novel took years to come to fruition, she sometimes feels like the 'Grandma Moses' of authors.

Thelma Ribeiro
Thelma, a Brazilian immigrant, MBA, and educator, promotes early financial literacy via her children's books, empowering families for financial success.

Timothy Sohn
Longtime South Orange County resident, and longtime local church volunteer. Passionate for the name of Jesus Christ to be honored above every other name.
Participating Authors

Marie Soleil

Marie writes heart-warming, sweet and clean romantic stories with big life lessons and character growth. She won the Swoony Award in 2022 for Best Debut Author and has written five full-length novels.

Ranee A. Spina

Author and Hamster Whisperer, Ranee A. Spina, has been raising hamsters since she was 7 years old. “Every hamster has a unique personality and I want to bring that joy and comfort to children.”

Matthew Arnold Stern

Matthew Arnold Stern is an award-winning public speaker and author of Amiga, The Remainders, and Mastering Table Topics. He has spoken at Indie Author Day and Loscon.

Nick Taurus

Nick Taurus is a former Congressional Candidate and American nationalist. Nick is a Magna Cum Laude graduate from California State University Fullerton and resides in Orange County, California.
**Participating Authors**

**Tim Twombly**

Tim Twombly is a local author who grew up in Fullerton and now resides in Mission Viejo. His first novel was based in 1960s OC and his newest novel takes you on a wild ride from Laguna to the desert.

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**Terry Weed**

I published The Blind Bystander, a sci-fi novel, and A Gold Rush of Murder, a mystery novel. Both on Amazon. I am also active in a weekly writers workshop and with the Sisters in Crime writing assoc.

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**David Weinberg**

David is a short storyteller, a suspense novelist, a blogger, and a poet. He writes with passion, flair, and wild creativity! He's written much on his laptop -- right at the Mission Viejo Library.

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**Kana Wu**

Kana Wu writes light-hearted romance novels and teaches ESL classes. Her book, 'No Secrets Allowed,' won 1st Place at the 2021 Chanticleer International Book Awards. She enjoys cooking.
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Sunday, June 30, 1 to 4 pm
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Norman P. Murray Community Center
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