



# September 5–10, 2023

## Schedule of Sessions

### Tuesday, September 5—Online only

7:00 p.m. In Conversation: Paul Tremblay and Grady Hendrix  
Paul Tremblay, *The Beast You Are*  
Grady Hendrix, *How to Sell a Haunted House*

### Wednesday, September 6—In person

7:00 p.m. One Book, One Salem  
@ Salem Academy Charter School, 45 Congress St.  
Keynote: Angie Cruz, *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water*

### Thursday, September 7—In-person

7:00 p.m. Real Life in Vacation Land  
@ Cinema Salem, 1 E. India Square, Witch City Mall  
Julia Glass, *Vigil Harbor*  
Adam White, *The Midcoast*  
Moderator: Meg Mitchell Moore, *Vacationland*  
8:30 p.m. Screening of *The Perfect Storm*  
Suggested donation, \$10

### Friday, September 8—In-person

7:00 p.m. A Telling Story: Familiar Tales Retold  
@ Salem Academy Charter School, 45 Congress St.  
Conversation: Laurie Lico Albanese, *Hester* and Jenna Blum, *Woodrow on the Bench/A Mighty Blaze*  
Presentation: GennaRose Nethercott, *Thistlefoot* with handheld and shadow puppets

### Saturday, September 9—In-person

#### Children's Lit Fest—Starts at 10:00 a.m.

@ Levesque Community Life Center, 401 Bridge St.  
Raúl the Third, *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market*  
Betsy Ellor, *My Dog Is NOT a Scientist*  
Jamie Michalak, *Dakota Crumb: Tiny Treasure Hunter*  
Lorian Tu, *We Are a Song*  
Crafts, snacks, and more!

### Adult & YA Sessions

@ Salem Five Community Room, 208 Essex St.

9:00 – 10:30 Workshop: Writing Five-Minute Memoirs with Lisa Braxton

11:00 Five Live: Micromemoirs from *Five Minutes*  
The journal *Five Minutes* publishes 100-word memoirs focused on five minutes of life. Come hear micromemoirs and get inspiration to write your own.

12:00 In Conversation: Laura Zigman and Adrienne Brodeur  
Laura Zigman, *Small World*  
Adrienne Brodeur, *Little Monsters*

1:00 p.m. Gathering and Connecting: Italian Heritage as a Creative Touchstone  
Linda Dini Jenkins, *Becoming Italian: Chapter and Verse from an Italian American Girl*  
Jennifer Martelli, *The Queen of Queens*  
Elisa M. Speranza, *The Italian Prisoner*  
Moderator: Christine Palamidessi, *Bridge of Love*

2:00 p.m. Romance and Tropes in YA  
Lucy Keating, *Ride with Me*  
Kendall Kulper, *A Starlet's Secret to a Sensational Afterlife*  
Alechia Dow, *A Song of Salvation*

3:00 p.m. Thrills and Chills in YA  
Kayla Cottingham, *This Delicious Death*  
Kelly Andrew, *The Whispering Dark*  
Diana Urban, *Lying in the Deep*  
Moderator: Nicole Lesperance, *The Depths*

4:00 p.m. Crime Time: Secrets of Suspense  
Edwin Hill, *The Secrets We Share*  
D.J. Palmer, *My Wife Is Missing*  
Sarah Stewart Taylor, *A Stolen Child*  
Moderator: Hank Phillippi Ryan, *The House Guest*

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5:00 p.m. *Breaking Bread: Essays from New England on Food, Hunger, and Family*

Debra Spark, editor of *Breaking Bread*, leads a discussion with three writers who contributed to the collection:

Stephanie Cotsirilos, "Nourishment"

Reza Jalali, "Kofta Stories"

Donna Loring, "Red Hot Heaven"

### Sunday, September 10—Online only

11:00 a.m. Authors Who Narrate

Petrea Burchard, *Camelot & Vine*

Matt Phillion, *The Indestructibles*

Stephanie Willing, author of *West of the Sea*, narrator of *The House Guest* by Hank Phillippi Ryan

Moderator: Sara Sheckells, Voice Artist

12:00 p.m. Fantasy: Writing Across the Genre

Piper CJ, *The Gloom Between the Stars*

Joseph S. Samaniego, *Heroes of the Carolingian Age*

Meg Smitherman, *Destroyer*

### Sunday, September 10—In-person

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Enduring Hawthorne**

@ House of Seven Gables, 115 Derby St.

Watch as a curated selection of Hawthorne's most famous short stories come to life. Guests will be treated to four stories, each played out in a different historic setting.

Separate registration required. [www.7gables.org](http://www.7gables.org)



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