

## Northfield Poetry: September Newsletter

*Poet Laureate*  


Open Mic - 6:30 PM, Wednesday, September 10  
 Northfield Public Library Atrium



# Open Mic Poetry

Join local poets and poetry lovers for an open mic event.

**Second Wednesday of the Month**  
**6:30-7:30**

*Future Dates*

|                |                  |
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| <i>April 9</i> | <i>June 11</i>   |
| <i>May 14</i>  | <i>July 9</i>    |
|                | <i>August 13</i> |

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**Northfield Public Library**

### Poet Laureate Announcement:

Greetings, + hail September! All the luck in the world to the kiddos starting a new school year + those supporting + transporting them : )

Thanks to all for supporting poetry + the arts at the Northfield Library and in our community and SE Minnesota. We received a TERRIFIC response last POME-- next one is Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Library Atrium.

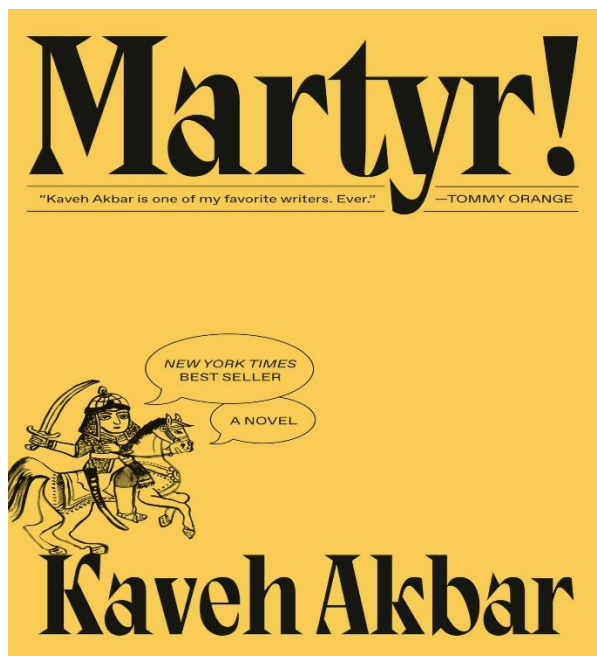
A link to the Northfield Library calendar:

<https://mynpl.libcal.com/calendar?cid=-1&t=m&d=2025-06&cal=-1&inc=0>

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### Glass Half Full Book Club In-Person

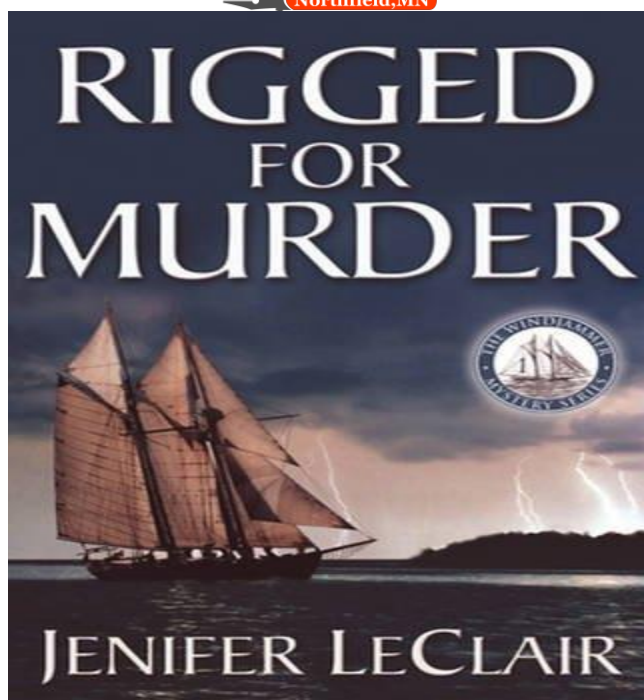
The Glass Half Full Book Club meets at Imminent Brewing, 519 Division St S, #2, Northfield, Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. See you there!

For September, we will be reading *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar. Order the book [here](#).

For further information, contact Alexis Kreft at [alexus.kreft@northfieldmn.gov](mailto:alexus.kreft@northfieldmn.gov).

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**Mystery Book Group In-Person**

Monday, September 8, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Join the mystery book group! For September we will discuss *Rigged for Murder* by MN author Jenifer LeClair.

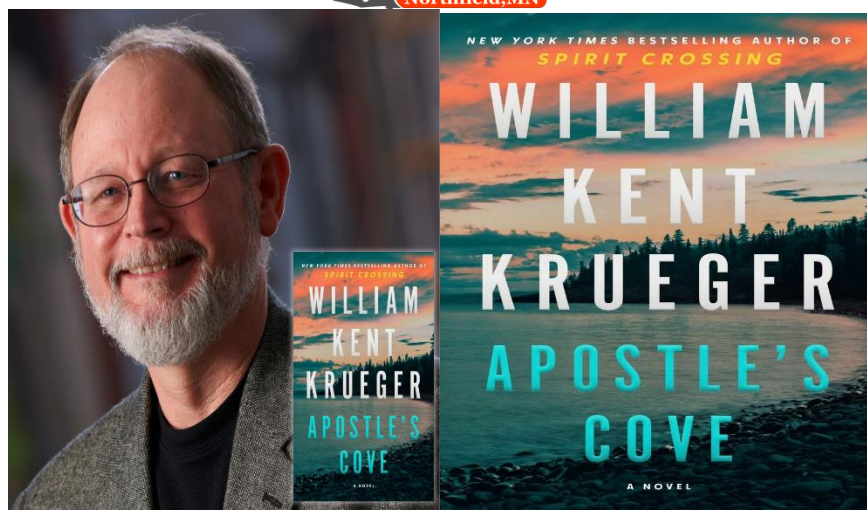
The group likes to read popular mystery fiction (often the first of a series), true crime nonfiction, or popular thrillers. Discussions are led by group members or library staff. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at the Northfield Public Library.

All are welcome! For further information contact: Karin Bartlett, Northfield Public Library (507-645-1807) or [karin.bartlett@northfieldmn.gov](mailto:karin.bartlett@northfieldmn.gov).

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William Kent Krueger's **APOSTLE'S COVE**

Tuesday Sep 9, 7 PM-8:30 PM

Author Event-- The Grand Event Center

Content welcomes bestselling author William Kent Krueger back to Northfield for a reading and book signing from his newest novel APOSTLE'S COVE. Seating is first come, first served.

The *New York Times* bestselling Cork O'Connor Mystery series – a “master class in suspense and atmospheric storytelling” (*The Real Book Spy*)

William Kent Krueger is the *New York Times* bestselling author of THE RIVER WE REMEMBER, THIS TENDER LAND, ORDINARY GRACE (winner of the Edgar Award for best novel), and the original audio novella THE LEVEE, as well as twenty acclaimed books in the Cork O'Connor mystery series, including SPIRIT CROSSING, FOX CREEK, and LIGHTNING STRIKE. He lives in the Twin Cities with his family. Learn more at [WilliamKentKrueger.com](http://WilliamKentKrueger.com).

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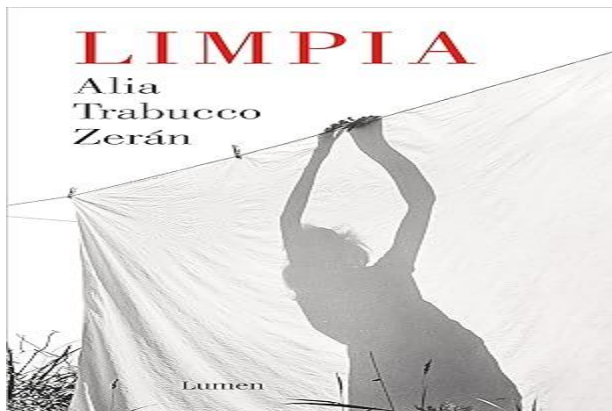
**Open Mic Poetry in the Atrium In-Person**

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Read your own work or share a favorite poem and meet other poets. Hosted by Northfield's Poet Laureate, Russ Paladin. Recurring on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Library Atrium.

All are welcome!



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Northfield, MN**Club de Lectura / Spanish Book Club In-Person****Libro del mes: *Limpia* de Alia Trabucco Zerán. Pida el libro [aquí](#).****Book of the Month: *Limpia* de Alia Trabucco Zerán. Order the book [here](#).**

Thursday, September 11, 7 - 8 PM.

Libro y Discusión todo en español. Segundo jueves del mes a las 7:00 p.m. Todos son bienvenidos, desde hablantes nativos del español a participantes interesados en la lectura y practica avanzada de conversación.

*Book and Discussions held in Spanish. Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*

*Everybody is welcome to attend, from native Spanish-speakers to learners interested in advanced reading and conversation practice*

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**MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

Northfield Public Library presents

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**CELEBRACIÓN 2025**

**Saturday  
September 13  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Central Park**

**Special guests**

- Baila Venezuela MN
- Ina-Yukka Duet
- Mi Peru MN
- Northfield Danza Maya
- Baile Folklórico de México
- St. Olaf Musiking

**KEY PRIZES**

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**Northfield Public Library**

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HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2025****Hispanic Heritage Celebration****Saturday, September 13, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Park**

Join us for a vibrant celebration honoring the richness and diversity of Hispanic heritage. Experience cultural performances, traditional foods, arts and crafts, and family-friendly activities that highlight the contributions and traditions of Hispanic communities. The bookmobile will also be onsite with resources for all ages.

This event is in-person, and free and open to the public.

*Venga a vivir la riqueza, la vitalidad y la diversidad de la herencia hispana.*

**9:30 am:** [Zumba](#) by Victoria Nolasco

**11:00 am:** Latin American Flag Parade

**12:00 pm:** [Baila Venezuela](#)

**12:30 pm:** Northfield Danza Maya

**12:45 pm:** [Ina-Yukka Duet](#)

**1:45 pm:** [Mi Peru-Minnesota](#)

**2:00 pm:** Concurso de disfraces mascotas/Festive Pet Costume Contest--

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**2:20 pm:** [Mi Peru-Minnesota](#)

**2:30 pm:** [Rey de Rancho](#)--first set

**3:15 pm:** [Rey de Rancho](#)--second set

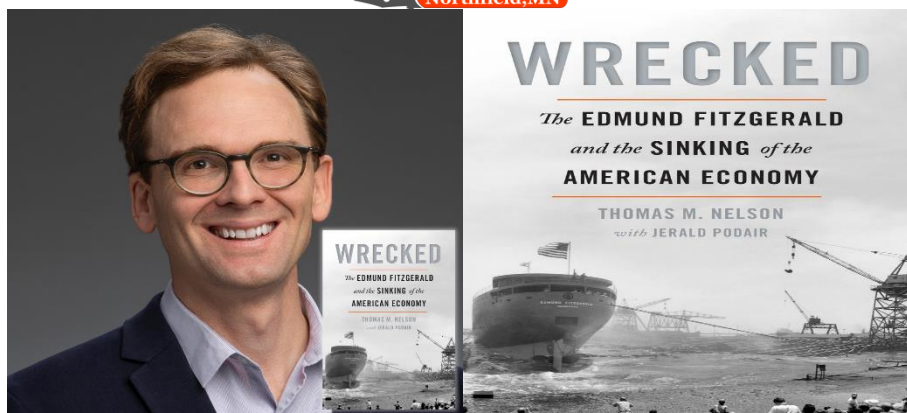
This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.



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## Thomas Nelson's WRECKED

Sunday, Sep 14, 4-5:30 PM

### Author Event

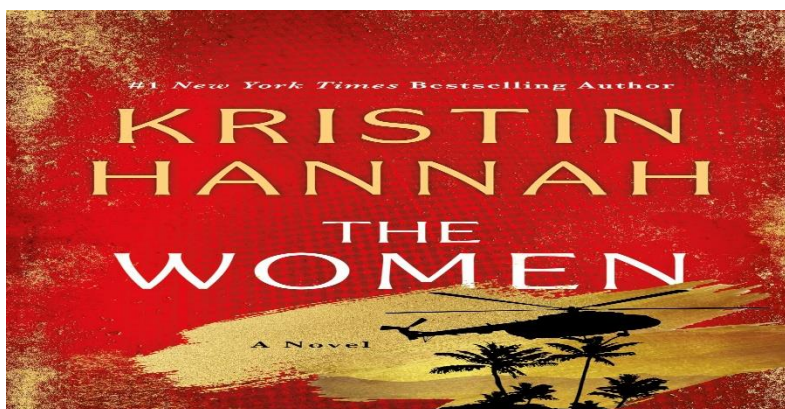
Content welcomes Thomas Nelson for a discussion and signing of his new book **WRECKED: THE EDMUND FITZGERALD AND THE SINKING OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY**.

**WRECKED** links the story of America's most infamous shipwreck to the story of an even larger disaster — the wreck of the American industrial economy.

Thomas Nelson is the Outagamie County Executive (Appleton-Fox Valley, Wisconsin) and a former majority leader of the Wisconsin State Assembly. He has written for or has been covered by numerous national publications including, Washington Post, New York Times, The Nation, Politico, NBC News, Chronicle of Higher Education, NPR, The Progressive and American Prospect.

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**Northfield Library Contemporary Women Writers Book Group In-Person**

Tuesday, September 16, 7 - 8 PM.

The Northfield Library Contemporary Women Writers Book Group meets eleven times a year, January through November. We meet at the Northfield Public Library in the Bunday Meeting Room.

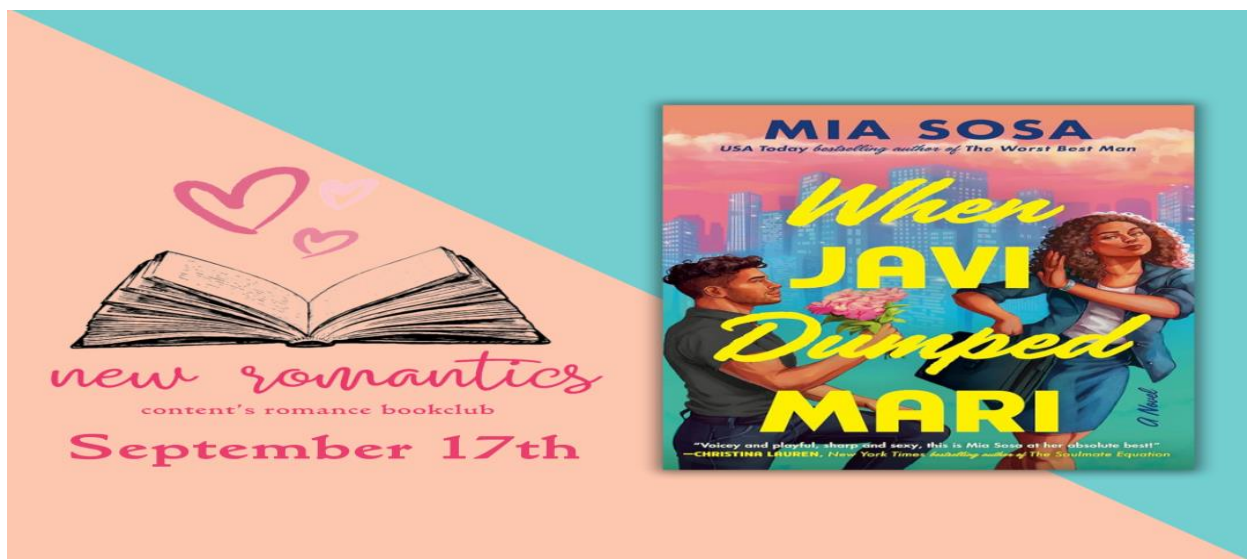
For September we will be reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Order book here ---> [The Women](#)

For further information please contact Joan Ennis at [jcennisbooks@gmail.com](mailto:jcennisbooks@gmail.com)

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### The New Romantics Book Club

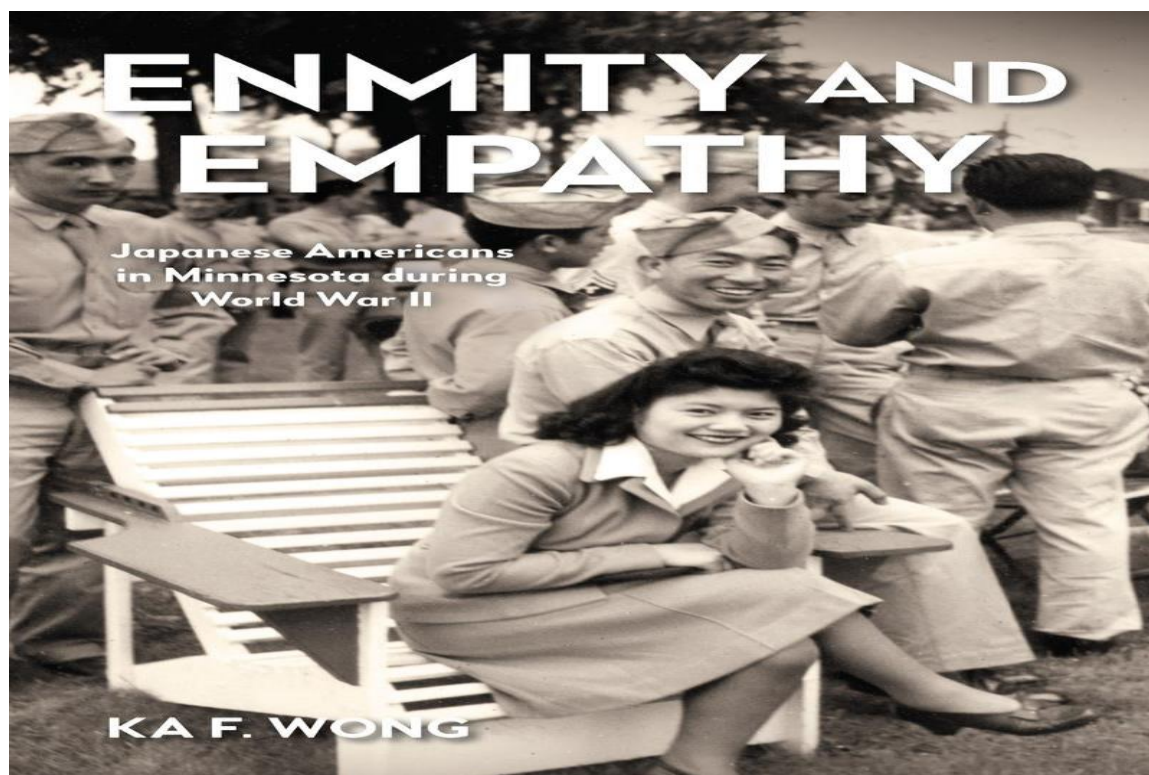
Wednesday Sep 17, 7-8:30 PM

Join us for a fabulous meeting of the New Romantics, Content's romance book club! We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Our September pick is WHEN JAVI DUMPED MARI by Mia Sosa.

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**Ka F. Wong's ENMITY AND EMPATHY****Thursday Sep 18th, 7-8:30 PM****Author Event**

Content welcomes Ka F. Wong for a reading from his new book ENMITY AND EMPATHY: JAPANESE AMERICANS IN MINNESOTA DURING WORLD WAR II.

**The history of Japanese Americans and their allies fighting discrimination in wartime Minnesota foregrounds the lesser-known narrative of resettlement that followed the internment camps, and highlights how diverse groups stood together amid turmoil.**

**Ka F. Wong** is professor of Asian Studies at St. Olaf College. He is producer, director, and writer of the film *Beyond the Barbed Wire: Japanese Americans in Minnesota*. Wong lives near Northfield, Minnesota.

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### Storytime with Molly Beth Griffin

Sunday Sep 21, 2-3:00 PM

Content welcomes Molly Beth Griffin for a delightful story hour around her recent picture book FAR, FAR AWAY. Join us for a reading, an origami boat folding activity, and more!

**A picture book celebrating the beauty of nature, new experiences, and gaining perspective. Sometimes you have to go far, far away to appreciate the world around you.**

**Molly Beth Griffin** is the author of many picture books including JUST US, TEN BEAUTIFUL THINGS, and RHODA'S ROCK HUNT. She's also published YA, beginning readers, and poetry for grownups. Her newest books are FAR, FAR AWAY and RINGS OF HEARTWOOD: POEMS ON GROWING. She lives in South Minneapolis with her family where she enjoys hiking around lakes, taking pictures of birds, eating pastries, and waiting for the mail.

Find more info at: [www.mollybethgriffin.com](http://www.mollybethgriffin.com)



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Wednesday, September 24, 6 - 8 PM.

Are you interested in joining a writer's group? All genres and all levels of experience are welcome! We meet one Wednesday a month from 6 - 8 pm in the Northfield Public Library meeting room.

Contact: Joan Ennis at <[jcennisbooks@gmail.com](mailto:jcennisbooks@gmail.com)> or Torild Homstad at <[homstad@gmail.com](mailto:homstad@gmail.com)>

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### Christopher Tradowsky's MIDNIGHT AT THE CINEMA PALACE

Thursday Sep 25, 7-8:30 PM

#### Author Event

Content welcomes Christopher Tradowsky for a reading from his new novel *MIDNIGHT AT THE CINEMA PALACE*, and in conversation with fellow author Greg Hewett.

**This tender, exuberant novel about a young man navigating coming of age in '90s San Francisco is for readers of Garth Greenwell and André Aciman.**

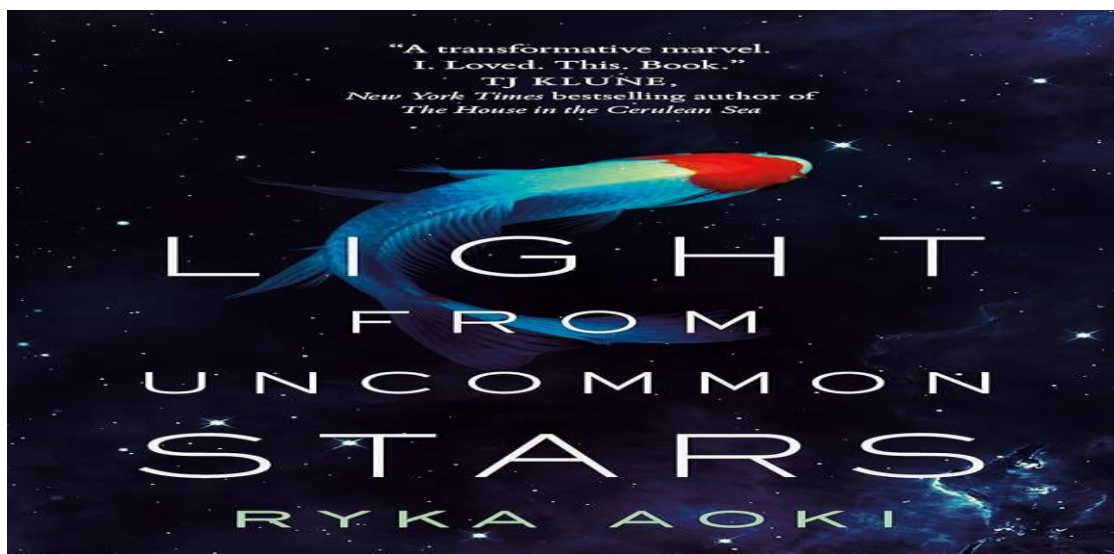
**Christopher Tradowsky** is a writer, artist, and art historian. He was awarded the 2023 J. Michael Samuel Prize from the Lambda Literary Foundation. He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. *MIDNIGHT AT THE CINEMA PALACE* is his debut novel.



**Greg Hewett** is the author of five volumes of poetry, including *BLINDSIGHT* (Coffee House Press, 2016). The recipient of Fulbright fellowships to Denmark and Norway, he has also been a fellow at the Camargo Foundation in France, and is Professor of English at Carleton College. *NO NAMES* is his first novel. He lives with his husband in Minneapolis.

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**Sci-fi Book Club In-Person**

Monday, September 29, 6 - 8 PM.

For September, we will be reading *Light From Uncommon Stars* by Ryka Aoki. The meeting takes place at Oddfellows Park in the Northfield. We look forward to seeing you there! Email [steve.maus@northfieldmn.gov](mailto:steve.maus@northfieldmn.gov) if you have any questions.

Order the book ---> [Light From Uncommon Stars by Ryka Aoki](#)

Our Sci-fi Book Club page ---> [mynpl.org/bookgroups/scifi](http://mynpl.org/bookgroups/scifi)

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**Teen Tuesday: Book club and TAB meeting**

Drop in any Tuesday for a casual afternoon of teen activities! Each week we'll have a different activity.

This week we'll chat about what books you've been reading and choose books to read for the upcoming year. After book club, we'll have the monthly Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting.

If you'd like to help plan events, suggest YA titles for our collection, and promote library awareness, joining TAB may be for you!

Registration not required: register below if you would like a reminder email the day before the event.

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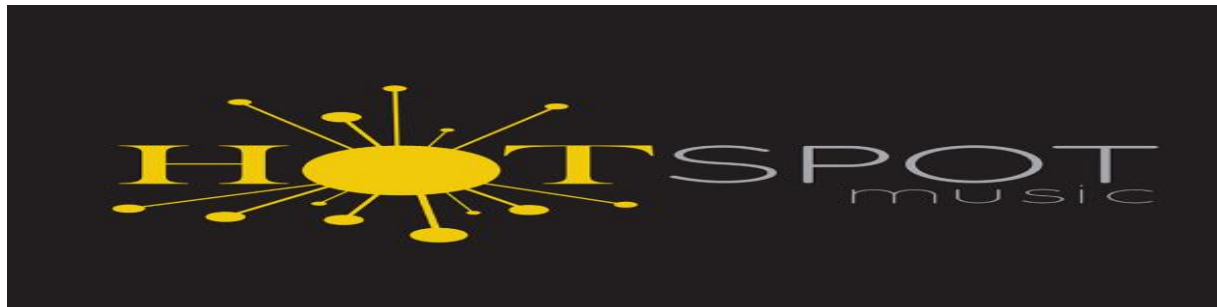
**Content Storytime! Friday mornings 11 - 11:30 AM at Content Bookstore.**

On Friday mornings, bring your little ones to Kids'Content for a delightful half hour of reading and singing, brought to you by our very own bookseller Rachel. We can't wait to see you there!



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Jazz Jam on Sundays 4:00 PM 5:30 PM/Second Saturdays Open Mic 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Ukulele Jam Session Tuesdays 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM



Folk Jam Session third Tuesday of every month! 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Open to all instruments and abilities. Stop on by!

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### LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS

The League of Minnesota Poets (LOMP) was established in 1934 “to make Minnesota poetry conscious, and conscious to its own poets” through four objectives: 1.) to encourage the study of Minnesota poetry in the state’s schools; 2.) to create newspaper and magazine outlets for the best work of Minnesota poets; 3.) to publish periodic collections of verse by members, to publish a League magazine called *The Moccasin*, and to assist in providing a permanent record of accomplishments; and 4.) to accumulate historical material for a scrapbook, thereby preserving pertinent information about the organization.

LOMP achieves these goals through sponsorship of various poetry contests and sponsorship and participation in readings, collaborations, retreats, and other events throughout the state. Through publication of *The Moccasin* and other works, both digital and print, LOMP is committed to the highlighting our members’ work. LOMP diligently documents our events, creating a lasting body of historical data. We hold biannual state meetings for our members in the spring and fall and annually send delegates to the National Federation of State Poetry Societies’ June convention. (For more information see *League of Minnesota Poets’ History*.)

