

Northfield Poetry: October Newsletter

Poet Laureate


Open Mic – 6:30 PM, Wednesday, October 8
 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

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

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Poet Laureate Announcement:

At last my favorite month arrives. Riding in the reins (thank you Ray Bradbury).

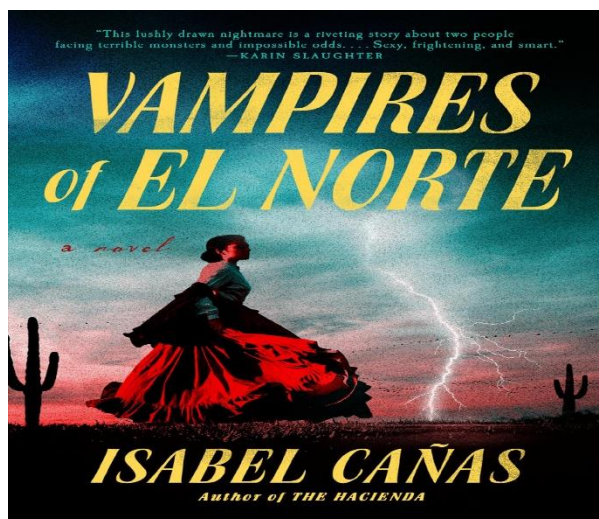
Trusting everyone is well + is able to attend the next POME, Wednesday, 10/8.

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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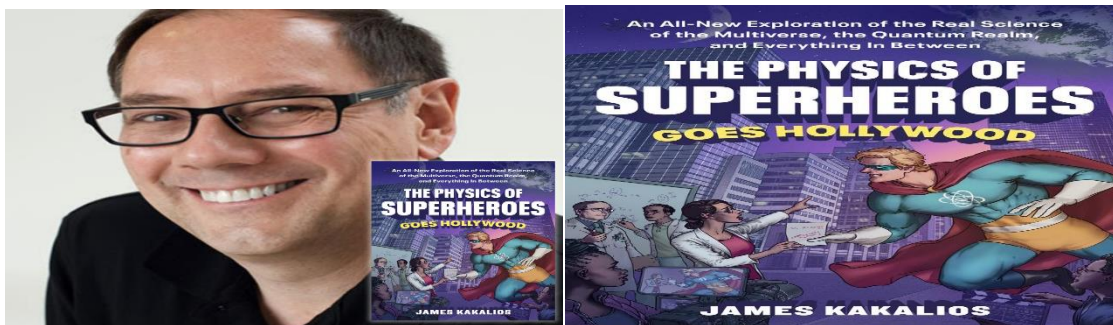
The Glass Half Full Book Club meets October 1, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at Imminent Brewing, 519 Division St S, #2, Northfield. See you there!

For October, we will be reading *Vampires of El Norte* by Isabel Cañas. Order the book [here](#).

For further information, contact Alexis Kreft at alexus.kreft@northfieldmn.gov.

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Author Event

Join us on Thursday, October 2 from 7 - 8:30 PM when Content welcomes James Kakalios for a reading from his new book **THE PHYSICS OF SUPERHEROES GOES HOLLYWOOD: AN ALL-NEW EXPLORATION OF THE REAL SCIENCE OF THE MULTIVERSE, THE QUANTUM REALM, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.**

Discover the surprisingly real physics at work within some of the most popular superhero movies and tv shows.

Prepare to get educated in the nerdiest way possible.

James Kakalios is the Taylor Distinguished Professor in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Minnesota, where he has been teaching since 1988. His research projects in experimental solid state physics range from the nano to the neuro.

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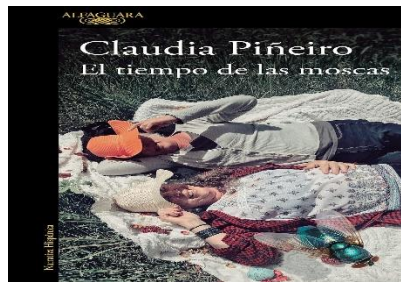
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**Open Mic Poetry in the Atrium In-Person**

Wednesday, October 8, 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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Libro del mes: *El tiempo de las moscas* de Claudia Piñeiro. Pida el libro [aquí](#).

Book of the Month: *El tiempo de las moscas* de Claudia Piñeiro.. Order the book [here](#).

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.

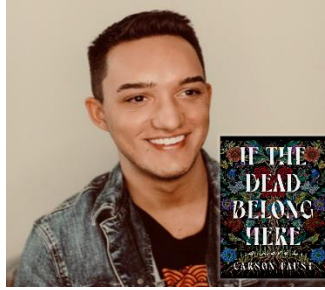
Book and Discussions held in Spanish. Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Author Event-- Carson Faust's IF THE DEAD BELONG HERE

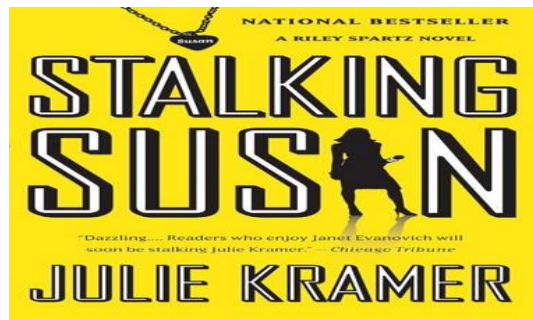
Join us on Thursday, October 9 at 7 pm, when Carson Faust will be in conversation with Minnesota author Lindsay Starck.

Steeped in Indigenous folklore and drawing from the author's own family history, *IF THE DEAD BELONG HERE* examines what it means to be haunted – both by the supernatural and by terrors of our own making.

Carson Faust is two-spirit and an enrolled member of the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina. He is the recipient of artist fellowships from the McKnight Foundation and the Jerome Foundation. His fiction has appeared in *TriQuarterly*, *ANMLY*, and *Waxwing*, and has been anthologized in *NEVER WHISTLE AT NIGHT: AN INDIGENOUS DARK FICTION ANTHOLOGY*. He lives in Minnesota, where he works in philanthropy.



Lindsay Starck was born in Wisconsin and raised in the Milwaukee Public Library. She is the author of the novels *NOAH'S WIFE* (2016) and *MONSTERS WE HAVE MADE* (2023), a finalist for the Minnesota Book Awards. Her short prose has appeared in *Ploughshares*, the *New England Review*, *AGNI*, and the *Southern Review*, among other places, and has been awarded a Pushcart Prize. She currently writes and teaches in Minneapolis.

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Mystery Book Group In-Person

Join the mystery book group! Meetings are 6:30 PM the second Monday of the month at the Northfield Public Library. All are welcome! For October we will be discussing *Stalking Susan* by Julie Kramer.

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. For further information contact: Karin Bartlett, Northfield Public Library (507-645-1807) or karin.bartlett@northfieldmn.gov.

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The New Romantics Book Club

Wednesday, October 15, 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 October pick is LADIES IN HATING by Alexandra Vasti.

alking Susan by MN author Julie Kramer.

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Bookmobile at Older Adult Outreach

Thursday, October 16-- all day event

Stop by the bookmobile at

9:30 a.m. Benedictine Living Community

10:30 a.m. 1000 Cannon Valley Dr.

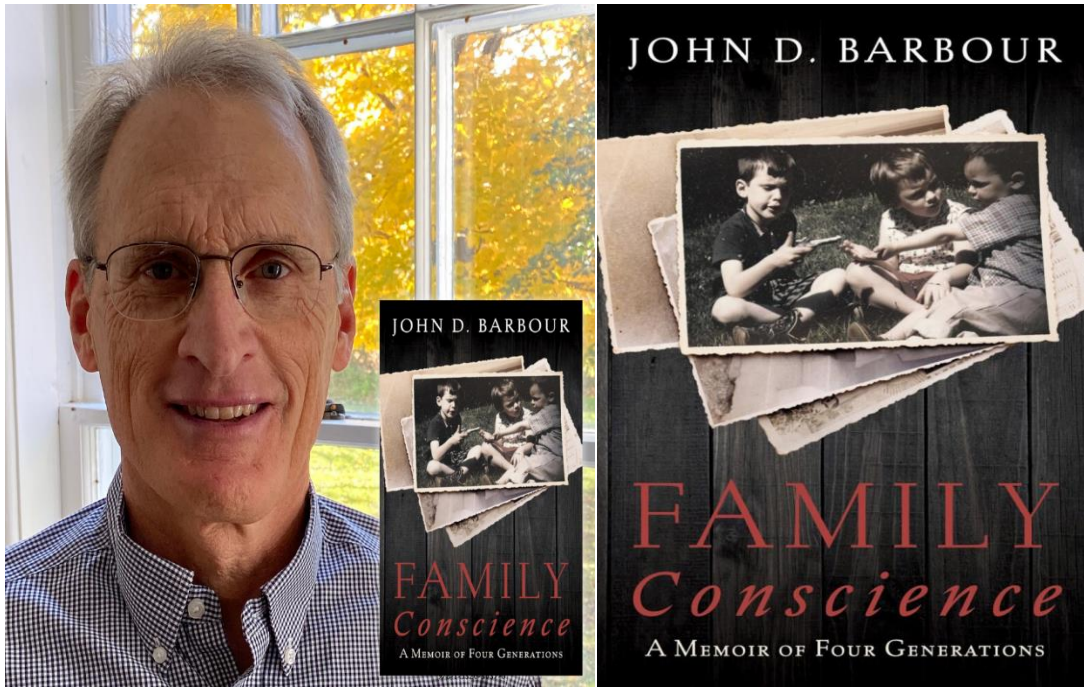
1:30 p.m. Three Links Apartments

2:45 p.m. NRC Parkview Ivy Dining Room

3:20 p.m. NRC Manor Dining Room

Join bookmobile staff to check out library materials, create a library account, sign up for home delivery and find out how your library can connect with you!

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Author Event

Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 PM.

Content welcomes John Barbour for a reading from his new book **FAMILY CONSCIENCE: A MEMOIR OF FOUR GENERATIONS**. Join us on

John D. Barbour is professor of religion emeritus at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he taught from 1982 to 2018 and served as Martin Marty Chair of Religion and the Academy and Boldt Chair in the Humanities. He wrote five scholarly books, most recently *Journeys of Transformation* (2022), as well as *Renunciation: A Novel* (Resource Publications, 2013).

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Tuesday, October 21, 7 - 8 PM.

For October we will be reading *James* by Percival Everett.

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.

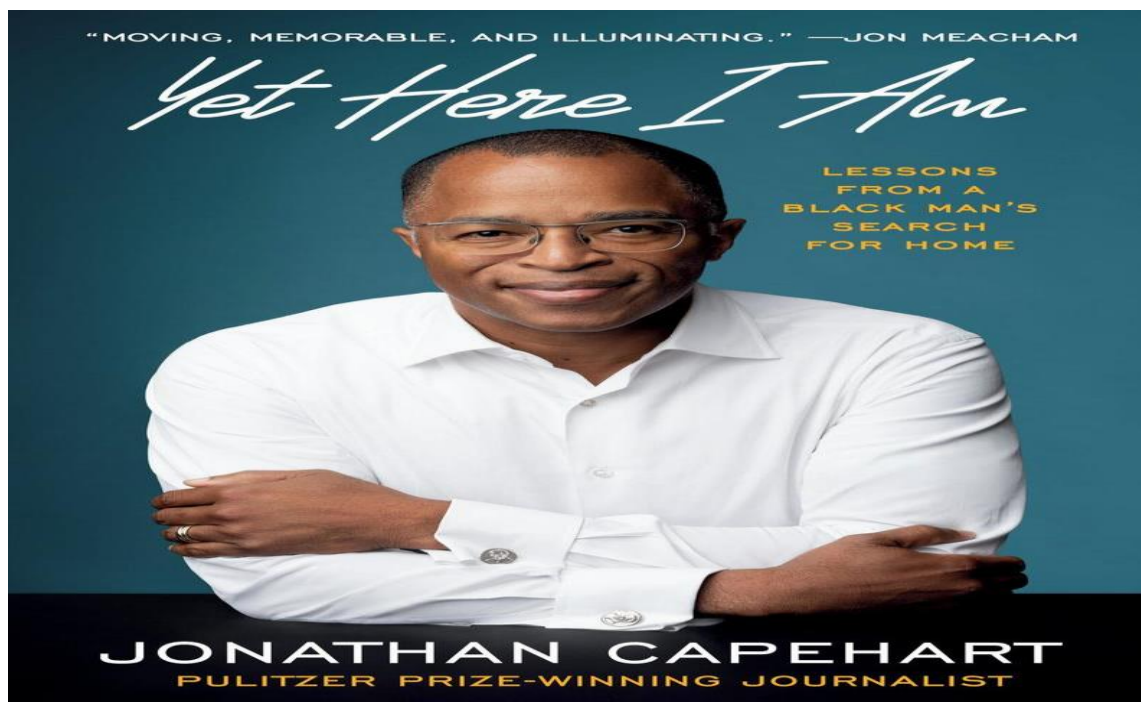
For September we will be reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Order book here ---> [The Women](#)

For further information please contact Joan Ennis at jcennisbooks@gmail.com

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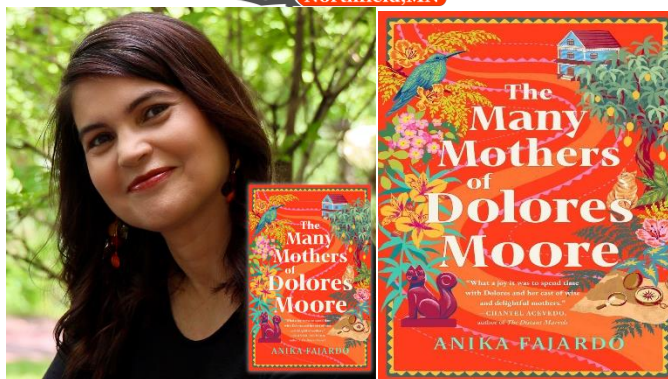
Content welcomes Jonathan Capehart back to Northfield for a reading from his memoir, *YET HERE I AM: LESSONS FROM A BLACK MAN'S SEARCH FOR HOME*. Join us at the Grand Event Center on Thursday, October 23 at 7 PM for an engaging reading and discussion.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jonathan Capehart is a co-host of the morning edition of *The Weekend* on MSNBC. From 2020 until 2025, he was anchor of *The Saturday Show* and *The Sunday Show* on MSNBC. Capehart is Associate Editor at the Washington Post, where he is also an opinion writer. He is also an analyst on *The PBS News Hour*. Capehart was deputy editorial page editor of the *New York Daily News* (2002-2004) and served on its editorial board (1993-2000). His editorial campaign in 1999 to save the Apollo Theater earned the board the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing.

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Author Event

Content welcomes Anika Fajardo for a reading from her new novel THE MANY MOTHERS OF DOLORES MOORE. Join us on Thursday, October 30 at 7 PM for a delightful evening.

For fans of Rebecca Serle and Elizabeth Acevedo, a magically insightful novel about a woman's journey to discover her roots and what it means to carry our ancestors with us.

Anika Fajardo was born in Colombia and raised in Minnesota. Her debut novel, THE MANY MOTHERS OF DOLORES MOORE, releases in September 2025. She is also the award-winning author of MAGICAL REALISM FOR NON-BELIEVERS, WHAT IF A FISH, and MEET ME HALFWAY. She lives with her family in Minneapolis.

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Sci-fi Book Club In-Person

For October, we will be reading *Ancillary Justice* by Ann Leckie. The meeting will take place Monday, October 27, 7 - 8:00 PM in the Bunday Room at the Northfield Public Library.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Email steve.maus@ci.northfield.mn.us if you have any questions.

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Wednesday, October 22, 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> or Torild Homstad at <homstad@gmail.com>

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Teen Tuesday: Book club and TAB meeting

Drop in any Tuesday at 4 PM 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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Baby Storytime In-Person

Tuesdays, 10:00 - 10:45 AM in the Northfield Library Bunday Room.

Books, songs, bounces, and social time with other babies! Birth-24 months. Siblings always welcome.

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Evening Storytime In-Person

in the Children's Area of the library on Mondays, 5:30pm - 6:00 PM.

Let's talk, sing, read, write, and play as we have fun building early literacy skills. Ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Siblings always welcome.

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Family Storytime In-Person

in the Bunday Room at the Northfield Library, Thursdays, 10:00am - 10:30 AM.

Let's talk, sing, read, write, and play as we have fun building early literacy skills. For ages 2-5 yrs and their caregivers. Siblings always welcome.

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Oasis Storytime In-Person

Mondays, 11:00 - 11:30 AM at the Library Oasis, located in the Northfield Community Resource Center (NCRC), 1651 Jefferson Parkway.

Let's talk, sing, read, write, and play as we have fun building early literacy skills at the Library Oasis! Ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Siblings always welcome.

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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*.)

