

Northfield Poetry: November Newsletter*Poet Laureate*

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Open Mic – 6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 12
Northfield Public Library Atrium

**Poet Laureate Announcement:**

Greetings to all! A special tip of the hat to those able to attend OCTOBER CHILLS-- both shows went very well. The girls were proud of their work, as they were right to be.

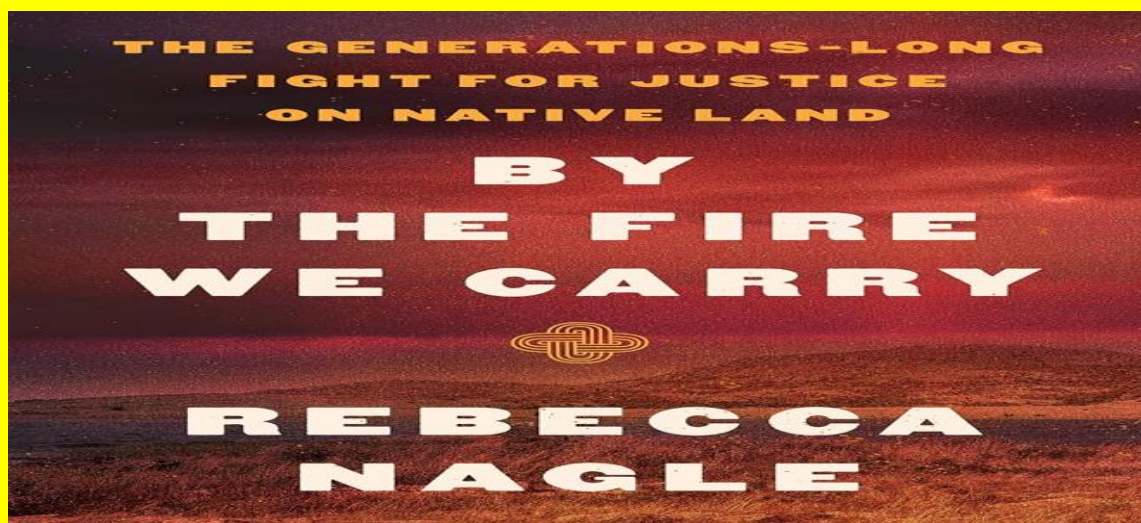
Trusting everyone is well + is able to attend the next POME, Wednesday, November 12.

A link to the Northfield Library calendar:

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**Glass Half Full Book Club In-Person**

The Glass Half Full Book Club meets November 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at Imminent Brewing, 519 Division St S, #2, Northfield. See you there!

For November, we will be reading *By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Land* by Rebecca Nagle. Order the book [here](#).

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

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1:00-4:00 PM at the Northfield Public Library on Saturday, November 8.

This event will bring Faribault and Northfield communities together through interactive dance workshops led by the Somali Museum of Minnesota Dance Troupe, a performance by the Faribault Middle School Choir, and a participatory sing-along of Somali songs. Interactive activities for all ages will include henna art and face painting, bilingual Somali storytelling, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and more.

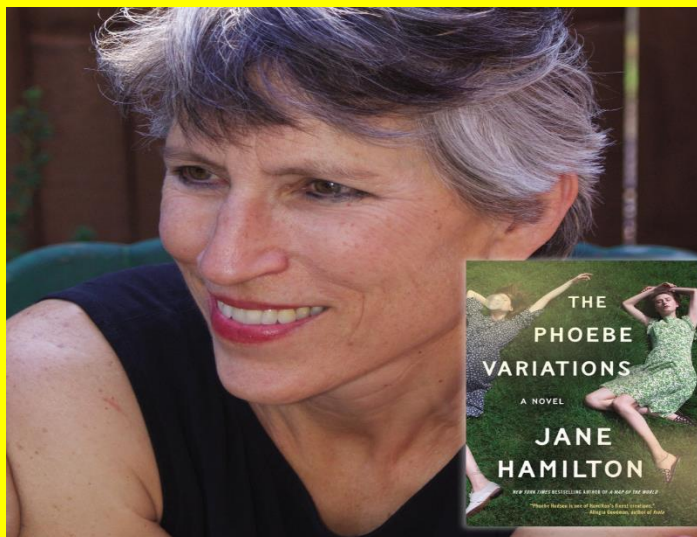
Hosted by the Northfield Public Library in collaboration with Somali community partners and St. Olaf and Carleton College students, faculty, and staff.



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Author Event

Content welcomes Jane Hamilton back to Northfield for a reading from her new novel *THE PHOEBE VARIATIONS*. Join us on Sunday, November 9 at 4 pm when she'll be in conversation with local author Greg Smith.

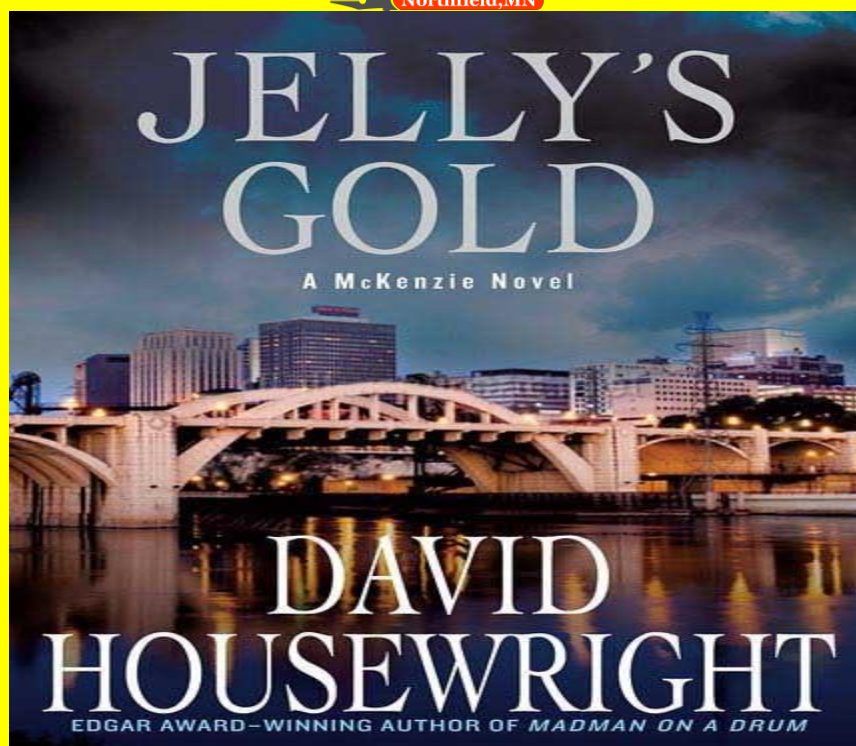
Jane Hamilton is the author of seven critically acclaimed and bestselling novels, including *THE BOOK OF RUTH* and *A MAP OF THE WORLD*, both of which were Oprah's Book Club selections. Her nonfiction has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Allure*, *Elle*, and various anthologies. She's married to an apple farmer and lives in Wisconsin.



Gregory Blake Smith is the author of five books of fiction, including the novel *THE MAZE AT WINDERMERE*, winner of the New England Book Award, and the short story collection *THE LAW OF MIRACLES*, winner of the Minnesota Book Award. He is an emeritus professor of English at Carleton College.

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**Mystery Book Group In-Person**

Wednesday, November 10

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 November we will be discussing JELLY'S GOLD by David Housewright.

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

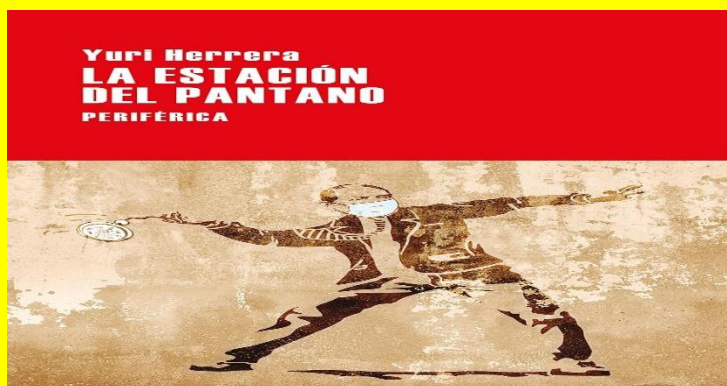
Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

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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**Club de Lectura / Spanish Book Club In-Person**

Libro del mes: *La estación del pantano* de Yuri Herrera. Pida el libro [aquí](#).

Book of the Month: *La estación del pantano* de Yuri Herrera. 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

Content welcomes Northfield author Katie Ruggle back to the store for a reading from her new book, TAKE A HIKE! Join us on Thursday, November 13 at 7 PM to celebrate the release of Katie's latest romance -- and her birthday!

Katie Ruggle has received multiple Best Books of the Month and a Best Book of the Year. Katie now lives in Minnesota with her family.

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We're thrilled to invite you to join us at the Grand Event Center on Sunday, November 16 at 3 pm for a reading and book signing around Kate's new book *LOST EVANGELINE*, from her series *THE NORENDY TALES*. **This captivating original fairy tale set in the world of *THE PUPPETS OF SPELHORST* and *THE HOTEL BALZAAR* features an exclusive color illustration and gilded edges on the first printing.**

THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT.

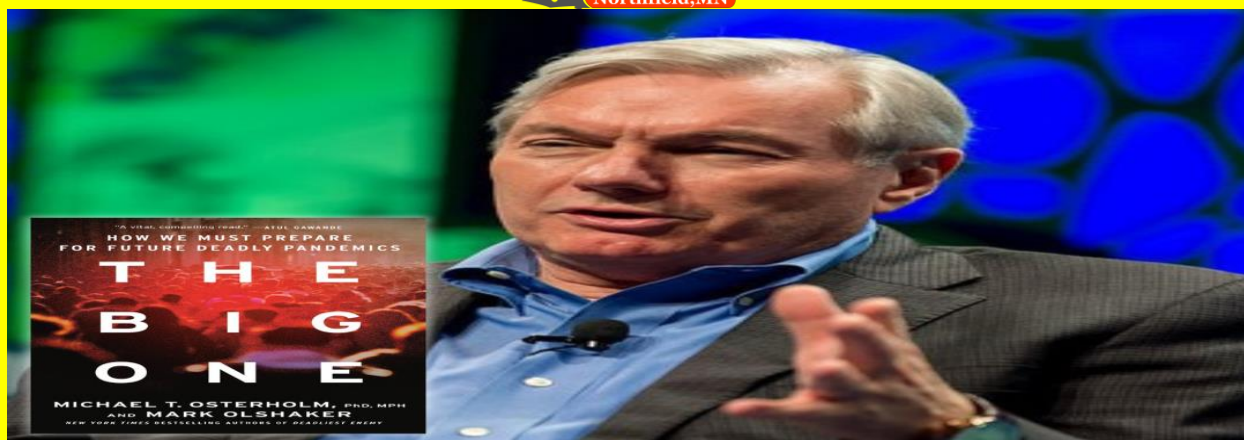
- Tickets are \$19.99 plus tax, and include one copy of *LOST EVANGELINE*.
- Ticket admits one.
- You will receive your book on the day of the event.
- Tickets may be purchased below, in person at Content, or by calling 507-222-9238
- We will also have copies of Kate's titles *BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE* 25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION, *FERRIS* (paperback) and *ORRIS AND TIMBLE: LOST AND FOUND* available for sale and signing at the event. Only books purchased at the event will be eligible for signing.

Kate DiCamillo is a former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and a two-time Newbery Medalist. Born in Philadelphia. She lives in Minneapolis.

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Content welcomes Michael Osterholm to Northfield for a reading from his book *THE BIG ONE*. Join us on Monday, November 17 at 7 pm at the Grand Event Center, when he'll be in conversation with Debby Walser-Kuntz, Professor of Biology at Carleton College.

As founding director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) and head of the newly-founded Vaccine Integrity Project, Dr. Osterholm has been on the global front lines of some of the worst public health crises of our time, advising multiple administrations on critical responses to disease outbreaks such as Ebola, HIV, SARS, Covid-19, and more. But his principal concern remains: we have failed to fully acknowledge the threat that viral outbreaks pose to the global population – and are woefully underprepared to manage through what may lie ahead.

An internationally renowned epidemiologist and bestselling author, **Dr. Michael Osterholm** is Regents Professor, McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Public Health, the founding director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota.



Debby Walser-Kuntz is the Herman and Gertrude Mosier Stark Professor of Biology and the Natural Sciences in the biology department at Carleton College.

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Tuesday, November 18, 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 November we will be reading *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. For further information please contact Joan Ennis at jcennisbooks@gmail.com.

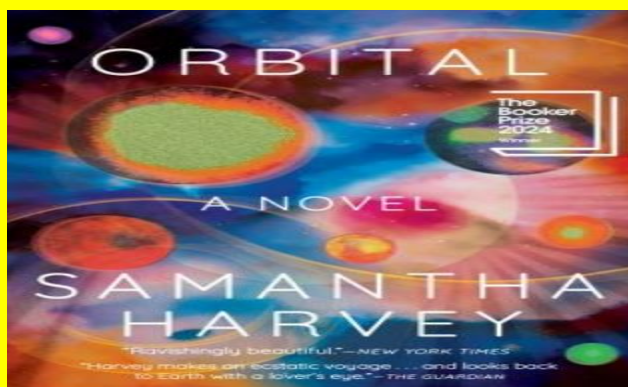
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**The New Romantics Book Club****Wednesday, November 19, 7-8:30 PM**

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 November pick is GRACELING by Kristin Cashore.

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For November we will be reading ORBITAL by Samantha Harvey. The meeting will take place Monday, November 24, 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.

Order the book ---> [Orbital](#)

Our Sci-fi Book Club page ---> mynpl.org/bookgroups/scifi

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Wednesday, November 19, 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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Storytime is an in-person event. Let's talk, sing, read, write, and play as we have fun building early literacy skills. Siblings always welcome.

Baby Storytime

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

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

Evening Storytime In-Person

Mondays, 5:30 - 6:00 PM in the Children's Area of the Northfield Library.

For ages 2-5 with their caregivers.

Family Storytime In-Person

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

For ages 2-5 yrs and their caregivers.

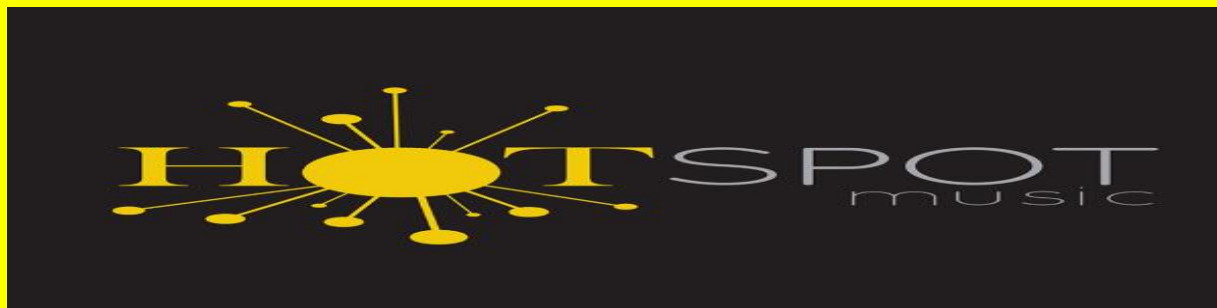
Oasis Storytime In-Person

For ages 2-5 with their caregivers.

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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*.)

