

## BOOKS

## BOOK IT

Book it lists author signings, and other bookish events. Send e-mail or fax announcements to Keely Kaleski Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail (text file only, or copy and paste into e-mail) kwygonik@ec.hann.com.net.

**VISITING AUTHORS**  
Dr. Laura Schlessinger: Will discuss and sign copies of *Ten Stupid Things Couples Do*, a book for contemporary couples whether married, living together or dating 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.  
Nan Willard Cappel: A resident of Farmington Hills, Cappel will read from and sign copies of her first novel, *Cheating Lessons*, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at Borders, Orchard Lake Road at 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at BookBeat, 26010 Greenfield Road, Oak Park. *Cheating Lessons* "is a novel for teens about a high school quiz bowl team from Michigan whose ambitious captain discovers someone has cheated them into a statewide televised championship match."  
Candy Stevens: Local author - *Eight O'Clock Blues* - based on a true story about a young woman, Sophia, who challenges her supervisors, and brings to light the mental and emotional cruelty imposed on automotive employees during the late 70s. Book

signings 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at A Woman's Prerogative book store, 175 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20 at Barnes and Noble, 2800 South Rochester Road.

Anna M. Curren: Will be visiting the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 6800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 to promote her novel *Love, above the reach of time: Two Stories of The Ladies of Langellen*. After reading from her novel, she'll be available to answer questions and sign books. Based on a true story, the book is a love story about two Anglo-Irish noblemen that takes place in the 1700s.

**LIBRARIES**  
Canton Public Library: Lunch and book discussion noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 11 features staff librarian Lisa Davis-Craig who will share her knowledge of authors and trends in romance publishing. Bring and sandwich and find out what's new. Friends of the Canton Public Library will preview their bag full of book sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 26. Memberships will be available at the door. The sale - a bag full of books for \$5 - opens to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Call (734) 397-0999.  
West Bloomfield Township Public

Library: Start National Library Week on a high note with the Stefan Kukuruga Jazz Trio, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Energetic, educational show includes traditional and contemporary jazz, 4800 Walnut Lake Road. The Friends of the Library host monthly book reviews. The public is welcome and there is no cost.

Ann Arbor District Library: Bats@Your Library, the opening program for National Library Week, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Loving Branch Library, 3042 Creek Dr., Ann Arbor, will feature live bats in a program conducted by the Organization for Bat Conservation. A giant fruit bat will also make a special guest appearance. For more information, call (734) 994-2353. Local comedian O.J. Anderson will present *Comedy@Your Library*, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, Call (734) 327-4560 for details.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Far Field Retreat for Writers:** Features four days of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction workshops, readings by Oakland University faculty and students, panel discussions on publishing and creative writing programs, craft lectures, social and recreational activities, Thursday-Sunday, May 16-19 on Oakland University's Rochester Hills campus. Visit the Web site

www2.oakland.edu/english/farfield or contact conference director Mary Ann Samyn at farfield@oakland.edu for information.

## BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

**Barnes & Noble** - 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield - Poetry Night, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12; Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club discusses Terry Garry's *Illusion*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18; Mystery Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, (248) 626-6804.  
**Borders Beverly Hills** - 31150 Southfield Road, Mother-Daughter Book Group (grades 4-6) meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 15; French Conversation Group 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18; 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20; Poetry Storytime featuring Shel Silverstein, (248) 644-1515.  
**Borders Birmingham** - 34300 Woodward Ave., French

Conversation Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11; Be a Tree Earth Day Storytime 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13; Rabbi Hal Greenwald leads the Eliu v Eliu book group, (248) 203-0005.  
**Borders Farmington Hills** - 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Crafters Corner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17; Be a Tree Earth Day Storytime 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24; local jazz musician Christa Grix performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, (248) 737-0110.

## LOCAL AUTHORS

Nancy Groves: Talks about *Faith & Illness: Reflections on God's Sustaining Love*, Patient Press, 2002, \$9.95, a book that will help you live with the challenges of a chronic illness or the uncertainty facing a serious illness. Thoughtful, well-written, a comforting bedside companion for those in need. Available from Amazon.com, or www.patient-

press.com

**Robert William McCutcheon Sr.:** Don't let the title, *The Frozen Dead Lady - Michigan Memories*, scare you. Robert William McCutcheon's book is a delightful autobiography that will warm your heart. The former Birmingham resident shares his adventures growing up with his parents, grandparents, older sister Kay (Dill) and brother Ted in Birmingham and Bellair, Mich., from the early 1920s through the 1950s. Each chapter is a short story, a family snapshot of a simpler more innocent time. The book is \$16.95 and available via Amazon.com and Borders.com, and at Borders in Ann Arbor and Novi Town Center.

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