



Rock the 'Ville presents

The Spoken Word

Short presentations by fiction authors and poets

Sat., August 10, 12:30-6pm at Java Central, 20 S. State St., Uptown Westerville



Julie O'Keefe McGhee 12:30-12:50

Julie is the co-author of *Transplanted Shamrocks*, a collection short stories about the lives of Irish immigrants in Central Ohio.



Mark Hersman 4:00-4:15

Poet and avid archeologist Mark emcees at poetry venues throughout north central Ohio. Mark serves as President of the Ohio Poetry Association.



Matt Betts 1:00-1:20

A former radio personality, Matt is releasing this month his novel *Odd Men Out*, a brilliant blend of steampunk, alternate history and zombies.



Jennifer Hambrick 4:15-4:30

This year, Jennifer won the Ohio Poetry Association's 2013 Ides of March contest. A classical musician, Jennifer also is a radio producer, broadcaster and blogger.



Robin Yocum 1:30-1:50

Author of *Favorite Sons* and *The Essay*, Robin writes mystery, suspense fiction and true crime from years spent as an award-winning investigative journalist for the *Dispatch*.



Nicole Nicholson 4:30-4:45

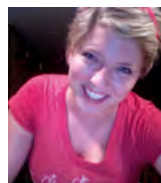
Nicole has written three chapbooks and blogs at Raven's Wing Poetry and at Woman with Asperger's. She placed 1st in the Worthington Libraries Poetry Contest.



Belinda Nicholl 2:00-2:20

Originally from South Africa, Belinda is the author of *Out of Sync*, her expat memoir about marital endurance for those who have felt at odds with themselves or the world.

Poet Meet and Greet & Book Signing 4:45-5:00



Meg Freado 5:00-5:15

Meg is a Columbus slam poet, as well as an Otterbein University grad and published author in psychology. She hosts the poetry open mic Pen & Palette.

Children's Authors



Davide Cuccia 2:30-2:50

In *There's a Crazy Dog Under the Palace*, Davide tells the story of two dogs and a mouse who teach about friendship, second chances, and just being yourself!



Joan Moos 5:15-5:30

Joan's poems about life's pathways have appeared in publications locally as well as nationally and internationally. She taught dance and gymnastics for 30 years.



Michele Jakubowski 3:00-3:20

Michele writes the Sidney & Sydney and Perfectly Poppy children's book series. *Sidney & Sydney Book Two: Dodgeball, Drama, and other Dilemmas* was released August 1.



Betty Bleen 5:30-5:45

Betty is a frequent performer at the Columbus Arts Festival and ComFest. Her published collection is *Bad Red Shoes* and her work appears in the *Short North Gazette*.



Karen Meyer 3:30-3:50

Karen has penned four novels for middle grade readers set in Ohio's pioneer period. *Missing at Marietta* and *Whispers at Marietta* follow settlers battling Indians and illness.

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