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April 2022 Events

Northeast Kingdom Authors: Class of 2022



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This year we have a great group of 16 authors to add to the growing collection at the Athenæum. Some of the authors are native-born and others spent a significant amount of time in the Kingdom - by birth or by choice, we're happy to have them all! The "Class of 2022" is:

William J. Lederer
Virginia Bentley
Ted Hoagland
Garret Keiser
Bill Mares
Nat Tripp

Leland Kinsey
David Martin
Kate Daloz
Adrienne Raphel
Irwin Gelber
Richard Brown

Daisy Dopp
Joan Alexander
Loudon Young
Virginia Downs

We have already found or been given many of the books they wrote, but there are a couple of holes that are difficult to fill. We would really appreciate it if anyone has hard cover versions of the books they would be willing to donate to the cause. In some cases, paperbacks are also useful. Please contact Bob Joly at the Athenæum if you have William Lederer Books--we have The Ugly American and the Guide to Cross Country Skiing, but we need all of his other titles.

You can reach Bob Joly at bjoly@stjathenaeum.org or 802-745-1389. Thank you for supporting this

project!

**Up from the Roots:
A Community Poem Project**

PoemTown

ST. JOHNSBURY | 2022

Catamount Arts has announced a community poem project in celebration of PoemTown St. Johnsbury. Community members of all ages are invited to participate in a poem project inspired by the magnetic poetry game popularized on household refrigerators.

For more information about the PoemTown St. Johnsbury community poem project, contact Anne Campbell at acampbell@catamountarts.org or 802-748-2600 ext. 109. PoemTown St. Johnsbury is a satellite site for Montpelier's PoemCity, a month-long celebration of National Poetry Month in April, and is presented by Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum and St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce.

More information [HERE](#).

You can find the list of words and phrases [HERE](#).

Submit your phrase or line using this [FORM](#).

**Wednesday, April 6, 7 pm
First Wednesdays via Zoom:
Walt Whitman: American Poet**



Note: due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this talk will only be offered online via Zoom. Advance registration is required for this event.

Register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).

Huck Gutman will be discussing elements of Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself." You can view sections of the poem [HERE](#).

Walt Whitman was a great poetic innovator, the poet who best sums up what it is to be an American, and his Song of Myself is the most majestic poem written in our nation. And yet, for all this, UVM professor emeritus Huck Gutman finds Whitman to be wonderfully approachable.

About Huck Gutman

Huck Gutman is Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Vermont, where he taught American literature for close to fifty years and won both of the University's major teaching awards. A former Chief of Staff to Sen. Bernie Sanders, he has also twice been a Fulbright Scholar, in Portugal and in India. The author of four books, he sends out a regular poetry letter to subscribers, which can be accessed from www.huckgutman.com.

This is a [Vermont Humanities](#) presentation.

Underwriter: University of Vermont Center for Community Engagement

Statewide Underwriters: Vermont Dept. of Libraries; Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Arts & Culture Series via Zoom:
So You Have a Manuscript,
Now What?
David Martin on
Children's Picture Books
Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm**



Join one or more of our online presentations via Zoom to hear from published authors who will help you think about:

- Who you are writing for,
- What resources you need to move your project along,
- What the publishing world looks like today.

These are not manuscript workshops: they are focused on your next steps to getting your work published.

April 13: David Martin on Children's Picture Books Register [HERE](#).

May 18: Archer/Margot Mayor on Mystery Register [HERE](#).

June 8: Rachel Hadas on Poetry Register [HERE](#).

David Martin

If I'd known as a child that I was going to be a picture book writer, I certainly would have wanted to live in the Northeast Kingdom. It sounds so right. But I never had a clue about that growing up in Queens. I tell classes of students I visit, writing wasn't on the bottom of my *When I grow up I want to be a ...* list. It wasn't on the list.

As for picture books, I didn't know much about them until I was reading to my own children. Then in 1979, while working at the Community College of VT in St Johnsbury, I told Mary, a colleague, about a vacation trip my family and I made to NYC. She said that she and her husband couldn't leave their

place because they had farm animals to take care of. From that came “Gator and Mary’s Traveling Band.”

When I showed it to my friend and mentor, June Elliott, she said, “I hope you’re not going to be a one book author.” I hoped so too, but it was ten years before the Lizzie Books came out. And now I’ve published many. Honestly it’s all still a surprise to me. How I came to live in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, that’s a whole other story.

For more information, contact Bob Joly at bjoly@stjathenaeum.org or 802-745-1389.

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Shanta Lee Gander Poetry Reading via Zoom Wednesday, April 20, 2022

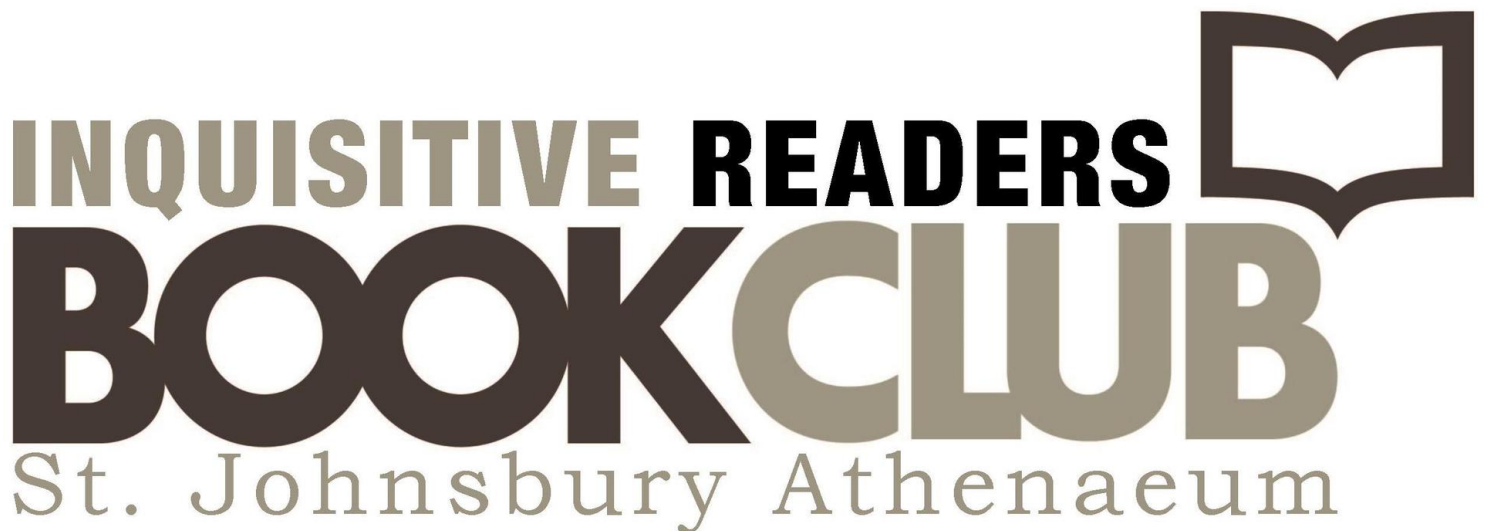


Registration required to attend this Zoom event.

Register [HERE](#).

Shanta Lee Gander is an artist who works in different mediums and a public intellectual whose work has been featured in many publications. Her book GHETTOCLAUSTROPHOBIA: Dreamin of Mama While Trying to Speak Woman in Woke Tongues (Diode Editions) was just named a finalist for the [Vermont Book Award](#) in poetry. Her forthcoming collection is Black Metamorphoses (Etruscan Press, 2023). She is a Vermont Public Radio producer and reporter, and a regular contributor to Art New England and Ms. Magazine. To learn more about her visual art and written work, visit: Shantaleegander.com.

Thursday, April 21, 6 pm
Inquisitive Readers
Book Club



Looking for an in-person Book Club? Inquisitive Readers Book Club will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month. For more information click [HERE](#).

Contact the Book Club facilitator Maurine Hennings at Henningsmh@yahoo.com to indicate your interest.

Athenaeum Open Mic Poetry Reading
via Zoom
Friday, April 22, 7 pm

Poem Town

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Join us in celebrating Poem Town and National Poetry Month. Share your original poetry or poetry from a favorite poet. Participation in Open Mic is on a first come, first served basis. Sign up at this link by Monday, April 18 if you want to be an Open Mic poet.

There are limited slots, so don't wait!

Poet sign-up [HERE](#).

You do not need to be a participating poet to attend. Come and sit back and enjoy. Everyone welcome!

Registration required to attend this Zoom event.

Register [HERE](#).

Youth Events

**Storytime by Appointment:
A Personal Storytime Experience**



Join us in the Athenaeum for one-on-one family storytimes. Each program will offer 30 minutes of stories, songs and play. Each child will receive a take-home art activity.

For ages up to 5 years old with caregiver. Older siblings welcome.

To schedule your storytime, contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Service Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Acorn Storytime Event **Wednesdays and Fridays @ 10:00 am**



Join us on the Athenaeum's 2nd floor for 30 minutes of stories, songs and play. Each child will receive a take-home art activity.

For ages up to 6 years old with caregiver. Registration Required. Limit 5 Families per Event.

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StoryTime Backpacks

Nature Trail

Bug





Tree

Bird

BOOKS SONGS FINGERPLAYS & MORE

Our Bags are Packed and Ready to Read!

Visit the Children's Library to check out one of our storytime backpacks. All kits includes 6 thematic books, activity guides and a manipulative toy. For ages birth to five.

Current themes include:

Mindfulness
Family

Emotions
Food

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