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CITY OF
BIG READERS

Summer Reads for Adults



CITY OF CHICAGO, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR

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The Chicago Public Library, in partnership with the Chicago History Museum, presents *City of Big Readers: Summer Reads for Adults*, the first-ever summer reading program designed especially for adult readers. The program features a wide range of reading opportunities, with Chicago, and its powerful and provocative history, as its theme. Chicagoans will also be afforded a lively array of complementary programs designed to enrich their knowledge of our great city, and the people who live, work and write here. Join us as we Read, Learn & Discover all things Chicago!



Dear Friend:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I invite you to participate in the Chicago Public Library's first ever adult summer reading program, *City of Big Readers: Summer Reads for Adults*.

Inspired by the Chicago Public Library's City of Big Readers summer reading program for children, parents, caregivers and families can now join in and connect through reading. You can sign up for *City of Big Readers: Summer Reads for Adults* at your neighborhood branch of the Chicago Public Library. Reading suggestions for every taste, exciting events and prizes are planned throughout the summer.

I hope you will support the Chicago Public Library's summer efforts to promote lifelong reading and learning and participate in the *City of Big Readers: Summer Reads for Adults* program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Daley".

Mayor



WELCOME TO...

City of Big Readers: *Summer Reads for Adults*

What better time to explore our windy city, our second city, our city of big shoulders than in the lazy, hazy days of summer?

City of Big Readers: Summer Reads for Adults is designed to engage Chicagoans from every corner of our great city in reading activities throughout the summer of 2007. The program celebrates Chicago from every literary angle – offering a wide variety of books for a wide variety of tastes. Programs, offered through the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago History Museum and other Chicago cultural institutions, offer a fun and interesting way to enhance your reading experience and expand your knowledge of our city.

The recommended titles presented in this resource guide are only some of the many great books written about Chicago, and the highlighted Chicago authors are only a handful of the many talented writers who have chosen our great city as the place where they live and work. Many of these selections are newer titles, and we invite you to enrich your reading experience by blending some classics and well-known titles, available in an extended online bibliography at www.chicagopubliclibrary.org, with some of the surprisingly fresh reads offered in this guide.

So grab your library card and head to your local branch! Then use your time on the bus, at the beach or in your own backyard reading, learning and discovering this magical place we call Chicago.



BOOK CLUB in a BAG

Calling all book clubs!
Have you heard about
Book Club in a Bag?

Want to spice up your book club this summer?
Read sensational titles? Have a ready-made study guide?
Make it easy – let the Chicago Public Library do the work!

The Chicago Public Library's *Book Club in a Bag* program provides everything your group needs for a great book discussion—a bag filled with 10 books of the same title and a ready-made study guide. All you need to do is use your Chicago Public Library card to check the bag out from one of the Chicago Public Library locations that offers *Book Club in a Bag*, and let the reading begin!

This summer, *Book Club in a Bag* will offer the following five titles from the *City of Big Readers* program:

- *Fort Dearborn: A Novel* by Jerry Crimmins
- *Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads and Magnates Created the Greatest Year in Baseball History* by Cait Murphy
- *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros
- *Free Burning* by Bayo Ojikutu
- *Dream When You're Feeling Blue* by Elizabeth Berg

Author programs have been scheduled in conjunction with these five books, providing your book club with a unique – and free! – opportunity to hear the author discuss his or her work. Also, once you check out a bag, your entire book club becomes automatically eligible to win a prize related to the theme of the title you selected.

So why wait? Call your friends and make your summer book club picks today!

Pick up your Book Club in a Bag at one of these CPL locations or ask your neighborhood library to reserve one for you:

- Archer Heights Branch
- Avalon Branch
- Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch
- Edgebrook Branch
- Mt. Greenwood Branch
- Near North Branch

Join City of Big Readers: *Summer Reads for Adults*

Join our Adult Book Discussion Groups

Don't have your own book club? Don't worry! If you wish to discuss your thoughts and reactions to some of these thoughtful and thought-provoking books with other readers, the Chicago Public Library offers ongoing adult book discussion groups at many of its 79 locations.

This summer, locations throughout the city will be reading and discussing selections from *City of Big Readers: Summer Reads for Adults*. Check with your neighborhood library or at www.chicagopubliclibrary.org for more information about book discussion groups.





FERRIS WHEEL, WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, 1893
Chicago Public Library, Special Collections



WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, 1893
Chicago Public Library, Special Collections

THE NAME "CHICAGO" WAS FIRST RECORDED AS "CHECAGOU," an Algonquin word meaning "onion field." It is said that wild onions and garlic grew heavily in the area that eventually became our great city, incorporated in 1830. Since then, Chicago has grown more wildly than the onions, having been built and rebuilt, industrialized, urbanized, revolutionized and globalized. The following selections provide snapshots into how Chicago has grown and changed through the centuries, and how people have worked, lived, and loved during certain key eras in our history.

***Encyclopedia of Chicago* – James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, Janice L. Reiff**

While many histories have been written of the city, none can claim the scope and breadth of the *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, whose main alphabetical section comprises more than 1,400 entries and covers the full range of Chicago history.

***City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America* – Donald L. Miller**

Miller traces the development of the city from its founding through the famed World's Columbian Exposition, focusing on major characters in many areas of the city's history including architecture, politics and engineering

***Fort Dearborn: A Novel* – Jerry Crimmins**

This historical novel tells the story of the 1812 Fort Dearborn Massacre from the point of view of two boys and their fathers, one an infantry sergeant and the other a Potawatomi warrior.

***Bridges of Memory. Chicago's First Wave of Black Migration*
Bridges of Memory. Chicago's Second Wave of Black Migration – Timuel D. Black**

These collections of oral histories are moving accounts of African-American life in Chicago during the first half of the 20th century.

***An Unfinished Season* – Ward S. Just**
Prize winning author Ward Just brings to life the Chicago North Shore of the 1950's in this well-crafted coming of age novel set in post-war America.

***Chi Town* – Norbert Blei**
True life stories of Chicagoans, famous and everyday, are the focus of this collection by Norbert Blei, veteran of the City News Bureau of Chicago.

***Spring Comes to Chicago* – Campbell McGrath**
Prize-winning poet McGrath, known for examining American culture, turns his focus on Chicago in this collection of poems.

***City 2000* – Teri Boyd & Gary Comer**
With 199 full-page photos, interspersed with essays by various Chicago authors, this volume is the result of CITY 2000, Gary Comer's project photo-documenting life in Chicago in the year 2000.

{events and programs}

Wait, Wait—Don't Tell Me: The Encyclopedia of Chicago

All Chicago Public Library locations
Think you know everything about Chicago? Find out this summer by trying your hand at this "open book" history quiz, designed to be taken while browsing the *Encyclopedia of Chicago*. The quiz can be obtained at any library location, and completing the quiz and turning it into your local library will enter you in a raffle to win your very own copy of the *Encyclopedia of Chicago*!

Jerry Crimmins: *Fort Dearborn: A Novel*

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark Street
For information: www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194
Free

Chicago Public Library welcomes author Jerry Crimmins as he reads from, discusses and signs copies of his recent novel, set in the earliest days of Chicago's history. Presented in conjunction with the Chicago History Museum, Crimmins will discuss CHM exhibits that relate to this work.



ART SHAY

Chicago History Museum

1601 N. Clark Street
\$12 Adults; \$10 Seniors (65+) and Students (13-22) Free for Children 12 and under
Mondays: Free General Admission!
312.642.4600

The Chicago History Museum stands at the crossroads of America's past and its future. If you live in Chicago or visit here and are curious about the city's past, present, and future, the Museum should be your first stop. Learn more at www.chicagohistory.org and don't miss the following exhibits this summer:

Chicago: Crossroads of America

Discover the city's vast history in *Chicago: Crossroads of America*. Whether you are interested in Chicago's changing economy, challenging crises, diverse neighborhoods, groundbreaking innovations, or lively cultural scene, this permanent exhibition is a must see!

The Essential Art Shay: Selected Photographs

Meet Art Shay, one of Chicago's most prominent and celebrated photojournalists, who has produced some of the most iconic images of the twentieth century. This exhibition features 140 photographic prints and supporting artifacts that range from Shay's collaborative documentation of Nelson Algren in the 1940s to his current chronicling of suburban Northbrook Court Mall.



NELSON ALGREN AT THE CHICAGO RIVER
Stephen Deutch Collection, Chicago History Museum



ADA EVERLEIGH, MADAME OF THE EVERLEIGH CLUB
Chicago Public Library, Special Collections

CHICAGO HAS ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN FOR ITS LEADERS:

some famous, some infamous, some politicians and some pioneers of progress. Some achieved notoriety in their own right, and some contributed to the making of a city legendary for things ranging from theater to thugs, baseball to brothels, literature to “the loop”. The people and institutions embodied in these selections have contributed to making Chicago colorful, vibrant and visible.

Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads, and Magnates Created the Greatest Year in Baseball History – Cait Murphy

Cubs fans, of course, will immediately recognize the significance of the year 1908 as the last year the Cubs won the World Series. *Crazy '08* tells the story of the chaos and characters that gave rise to this unforgettable season, explores the forces that created modern baseball, and the America that produced it.

Big Bill of Chicago – Lloyd Wendt and Herman Kogan

This remarkable book paints a picture of early 20th century Chicago and the life of three term mayor William Hale “Big Bill” Thompson, a boisterous, larger-than-life figure and, legendarily, the last Republican to win City Hall.

A Theater of Our Own: A History and a Memoir of 1,001 Nights in Chicago – Richard Christiansen

In the past 40 years, Chicago has grown from a place ragtag touring companies passed through on their way downstate Illinois, into one of the most important theater towns in North America. *A Theater of Our Own* traces the history of the theater

movement from the very beginnings of Chicago until the new millennium.

Black Writing from Chicago: In the World, Not of It? – Richard Guzman

Guzman's collection brings together the rich histories of literary Chicago and black Chicago, celebrating the vital tradition of African American writing in our city.

A Chicago Tavern: A Goat, a Curse and the American Dream – Rick Kogan

What could be more legendary in Chicago than the Cubs, front page newspapermen, and a Billy Goat cheeseburger? In this history of the beloved Billy Goat Tavern, Rick Kogan weaves the tale of Greek immigrant owner Billy Sianis, his goats and how the Cub's curse came about.

Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers, Playboys and the Battle for America's Soul – Karen Abbott

**This title will be available at all CPL locations August 1, 2007*

This well-crafted biography brings to life the Everleigh sisters, Minna and Ada, madams of the most famous brothel in American history, the Everleigh Club, located in Chicago's notorious Levee district.

{events and programs}

Play Ball!

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago History Museum
1601 North Clark St.
for information: www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194

Free

Authors Cait Murphy, Richard Roeper, Jonathan Eig and Rick Kogan join Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey in a lively discussion about the hopes and heartbreaks of Chicago's favorite sport: baseball! A book signing session will immediately follow the discussion.

Tragedy Tomorrow, Comedy Tonight

Monday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. & Monday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.
Tour begins on the east side of Wacker Drive, just south of Lake Street.
www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194

Free

Join the Chicago Public Library and Richard Christiansen, noted theater critic and author of *A Theater of Our Own: A History and a Memoir of 1,001 Nights in Chicago*, on a fun and informative walking tour of the downtown theater district, past and present. Tour will last approximately 2 hours. Space is limited for both tours, and reservations are required. Please call 312.747.8194 to make a reservation.

Rick Kogan's Conversations with Extraordinary People: Karen Abbott

Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.
Maxim's: The Nancy Goldberg International Center
24 E. Goethe Street
www.ci.chi.il.us/culturalaffairs/maxims
For reservations call 312.744.1423 or e-mail reservations@maximschicago
\$20 per ticket

The perfumed parlors of the Everleigh Club, the most famous brothel in American history, are the topic of July's “Rick Kogan's Conversations with Extraordinary People,” a lively salon series presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. Host Rick Kogan welcomes Karen Abbott, author of *Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers,*

Playboys and the Battle for America's Soul. Refreshments, courtesy of Fornetto Mei, are included in the ticket price. Sponsored by The Whitehall Hotel and Fornetto Mei Restaurant.

Nelson Algren's Chicago

Saturday, August 4, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Tour departs from the Chicago History Museum
1601 North Clark Street
www.chicagohistory.org
312.642.4600

\$45 per ticket; \$40 for members

The Chicago History Museum presents this unique tour tracing the footsteps of legendary Chicago writer Nelson Algren. Inspired by the History Museum's current exhibition, *The Essential Art Shay*, and created with help from photographer Art Shay, a close friend of Algren.

Taverns & Tales: A Literary Pub Crawl

Thursday, July 19, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Tour departs from the Chicago History Museum
1601 North Clark Street
www.chicagohistory.org
312.642.4600

\$25 per ticket; \$20 for members

As part of the Chicago History Museum's innovative history pub crawl series, Taverns & Tales highlights Chicago's famed and fabled literary history by visiting various pubs that served as haunts for some of the city's signature scribes. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m., as tours leave promptly at 7:00 p.m. Participants will receive drink specials at each location.



HAYMARKET SQUARE, 1894
Chicago Public Library, Special Collections



CROWN FOUNTAIN, MILLENNIUM PARK, 2004
Chicago Public Library, Special Collections, Courtesy of U.S. Equities Realty and the men and women who built Millennium Park.

FAMED CHICAGO WRITER NELSON ALGREN ONCE

compared loving Chicago to loving a woman with a broken nose: "You may well find lovelier lovelies. But never a lovely so real." Chicago has sizzled and soared, struggled and stumbled. But its grit, determination and indomitable spirit keep it forever real and forever moving forward. The following unexpected selections highlight some of Chicago's greatest feats and darkest failures.

Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago – Eric Klinenberg

On July 13, 1995, the temperature in Chicago soared to 106 beginning a week-long heat wave that ended with over 700 dead. Klinenberg examines how the media treated this disaster and reports on the contemporary urban condition, what went wrong, and how to fix it.

Destination Chicago Jazz – Sandor Demlinger, John Steiner

While jazz, a truly American music, may have been born in New Orleans, Chicagoans are proud to boast that it grew up in this great city. Through photographs and text, this book chronicles the story of jazz music and Chicago's pivotal place in its history.

Sox and the City: A Fan's Love Affair with the White Sox from the Heartbreak of '67 to the Wizards of Oz – Richard Roeper

The Chicago White Sox have had their own share of tragedies and triumphs, from the infamous Black Sox scandal of 1919 to winning the World Series in 2005. In *Sox and the City*, Roeper explores the history of the team, recreates the championship season of 2005 and celebrates his life-long love affair with the White Sox.

Haymarket: A Novel – Martin B. Duberman

This fictional account brings to life the people and events leading up to and following the 1886 Haymarket Square Riot, one of Chicago's darkest moments.

Millennium Park: Creating a Chicago Landmark – Timothy J. Gilfoyle

At its opening on July 16, 2004, Chicago's Millennium Park was hailed as one of the most important millennium projects in the world. Gilfoyle's book traces the history of this parcel of land from under the waters of Lake Michigan to the triumph that is now Millennium Park.

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and the Madness at the Fair that Changed America – Erik Larson

Architect Daniel Burnham struggles to create the dazzling "White City" for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair as serial killer, Dr. H.H. Holmes, takes advantage of the Fair to lure victims to his hotel designed for death.

Defending the Damned: Inside Chicago's Cook County Public Defender's Office – Kevin Davis

The life of a public defender is full of darkness and light. *Defending the Damned* focuses on the complex and emotionally charged trial of 26 year-old Aloysius Oliver, accused of murdering a police officer.

{events and programs}

Destination Chicago Jazz Concerts

Thursday, June 28, 7:00 p.m.
Sulzer Regional Library
4455 N. Lincoln Avenue
312.744.7616

Thursday, August 9, 7:00 p.m.
Woodson Regional Library
9525 S. Halsted St.
312.747.6921

Both Concerts Free

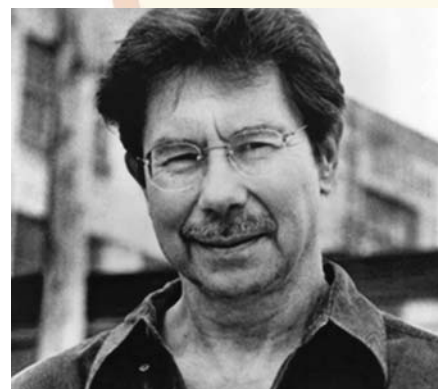
Local jazz greats Spider Saloff and Jeremy Kahn are joined by a host of the city's finest musicians in a celebration of jazz music Chicago-style. Acclaimed writer Stuart Dybek, jazz aficionado and author of *I Sailed with Magellan*, will add dimension to this soulful event with a spoken word performance at the concert held at Sulzer Regional Library.

Defending the Damned

Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.
Harold Washington Library Center
Auditorium, 400 S. State St.
www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194

Free

Veteran journalist Kevin Davis is joined by famed author and lawyer Scott Turow in a discussion moderated by former assistant U.S. attorney Lori Lightfoot about the criminal justice system in Chicago. Book signings will take place immediately following the program.



STUART DYBEK

Devil and the White City Tours

Saturday, July 28, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 11, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Tour departs from the Chicago History Museum

1601 North Clark St.
www.chicagohistory.org
312.642.4600

\$45 per ticket, \$40 for members

The Chicago History Museum offers this fascinating tour that follows the trails of Daniel Burnham and H.H. Holmes. See sites related to Erik Larson's world famous book, from the Midway Plaisance to the Wooded Isle.

Soul Train: An "Elevated" Musical Journey

Sunday, July 29, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tour departs from the Wilson "L" stop
www.chicagohistory.org
312.642.4600

\$40 per ticket; \$30 members

Join the Chicago History Museum for one of its innovative "L" Tours. This tour celebrates Chicago's rich music and transit history while participants enjoy a ride on a private "L" car and listen to soul, jazz and blues music.



SPIDER SALOFF



PALMER HOUSE, 1894
Chicago Public Library, Special Collections



MARINA CITY

PERHAPS NO OTHER AMERICAN CITY IS BETTER KNOWN

for its architecture than Chicago. These selections allow readers to learn about the evolution of a metropolis, from the Great Fire of 1871 to the Burnham Plan to the making of Millennium Park. Celebrate the framework of this great city, lament what has been lost and imagine what may lie ahead.

Why Architecture Matters: Lessons from Chicago – Blair Kamin

This collection of witty columns by Pulitzer Prize winning *Chicago Tribune* critic Blair Kamin focuses on Chicago, America's foremost architectural city.

Richard Nickel's Chicago: photographs of a lost city – Richard Cahan

Richard Nickel, who devoted himself to photographing the works of world-renowned architect Louis Sullivan, ironically died in the wreckage of Sullivan's once-magnificent Stock Exchange Building. Cahan and Michael Williams have assembled this stunning collection of never-before-seen photographs by Nickel of what should have been landmark buildings, pictured both whole and in ruins.

Lost Chicago – David Garrard Lowe
Beautifully illustrated with 200 rare photos and prints, Lowe's engaging text documents buildings and landmarks that no longer grace the city of Chicago

The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City – Carl S. Smith

Daniel Burnham's 1909 *Plan of Chicago* remains the most influential document in the history of American urban planning.

Smith's concise and accessible history captures Burnham's belief that cities can and must be remade for the better and illustrates why after almost a century the Plan continues to influence debate.

Frank Lloyd Wright – Ada Louise Huxtable

From the way we build to the way we live, Frank Lloyd Wright's influence on American architecture is visible all around us. This fascinating biography offers an outstanding look at the architect and the man, exploring the sources of his tumultuous and troubled life and his long career as master builder as well as his search for lasting, true love.

Chicago Architecture and Design – Jay Pridmore and George A. Larson

Lavishly illustrated, this book covers historical and contemporary Chicago. Those who love the city's skyline will not be disappointed but *will be* surprised by the rare photos of building interiors.

{events and programs}

Stories & Skyline Tours

Add soul to the sights of our city this summer by taking these two unique historical cruises featuring some of the city's most interesting writers and raconteurs. Beer, wine, soda and snacks are included in the ticket price. Tours meet at Chicago Line Cruises dock at North Pier, 465 N. McClurg Ct. \$42 adults, \$40 seniors, \$18 children (7-18) visit www.chicagoline.com for details 312.527.2002

Rick Kogan and Timuel Black

Saturday, June 30, 4:30 p.m.

Acclaimed historians, authors and storytellers Rick Kogan and Timuel Black climb aboard one of Chicago Line Tours' Historical Cruises to share their favorite Chicago sights and stories.

Steve Edwards and Alex Kotlowitz

Saturday, July 21, 4:30 p.m.

Famed cultural chronicler Alex Kotlowitz joins Chicago Public Radio's Steve Edwards for an afternoon of Chicago architecture and anecdotes.

Chicago Line Boat Tours

Daily, May – September, check schedule for tour times

Tours depart from Chicago Line Cruises dock at North Pier 465 N. McClurg Ct. www.chicagoline.com 312.527.2002

\$32 adults, \$30 seniors, \$18 children (7-18)
Unforgettable Architectural and Historical cruises depart daily from the city's most picturesque, convenient boarding location: the North Pier Docks on Ogden Slip. The Architectural cruises offer a breath-taking vantage point for viewing Chicago's stunning skyline, and the Historical cruises, developed in conjunction with the Chicago History Museum, offer a unique opportunity to embark on a history lesson while taking in the sights on the waters of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River.

Chicago Architectural Foundation: Happy Hour Walking Tours

Monday through Friday, May – September, 5:30 p.m.

Tours depart from CAF's ArchiCenter Shop in the Santa Fe Building 224 South Michigan Avenue www.architecture.org 312.922.3432

\$15 per ticket for adults; \$12 for students & seniors; FREE for CAF members

Chicago's skyscrapers take on an almost magical glow as the sun is setting. CAF wants you to experience it first hand, so they are offering a series of five Happy Hour architectural tours in the Loop area Monday through Friday beginning at 5:30pm. Each tour ends with a free drink at a local restaurant along the route. It's a great way to end the day whether you've been working, shopping or sightseeing. No advance reservations are necessary.

Mondays: Downtown Deco

Tuesdays: Millennium Park

Wednesdays: Historic Skyscrapers

Thursdays: Architecture of Culture & Commerce

Fridays: Modern Skyscrapers

The Chicago Architecture Foundation offers a myriad of other tours and programs that provide fun and innovative ways to explore our city's great tradition of architecture. For more information log onto their website www.architecture.org.



SANDRA CISNEROS



CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS

CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS IS YET ANOTHER OF CHICAGO'S many monikers. Across this vast city, the neighborhoods embody a rich diversity of cultural and ethnic traditions – a diversity that is reflected in Chicago's long and distinguished literary heritage. Today's authors continue to explore life on the sidestreets, in the shadows, in those other "ordinary" places that give the city not only its backbone, but its soul.

***I Sailed with Magellan* – Stuart Dybek**

These 11 masterfully linked stories revolve around Perry Katzek, a young Polish-American growing up on Chicago's racially diverse South Side in the 1950's and 1960's.

***Caramelo* – Sandra Cisneros**

After leaving Chicago for Mexico, Celaya "Lala" Reyes, now growing up in a family with members on both sides of the Mexican American border, loves weaving intricate stories overflowing with music, food, fantasy and fiesta.

***Hairstyles of the Damned* – Joe Meno**

Meno's story of growing up punk on Chicago's South Side explores racial intolerance, class repression and the pressure of conformity during the late 1980's.

***Muldoon: A True Chicago Ghost Story: Tales of a Forgotten Rectory* – Rocco A. Facchini, Daniel J. Facchini**

The ghost of Bishop Peter Muldoon haunted St. Charles Borromeo on the Near West Side until the entire complex was razed in 1969. Former Roman Catholic priest Rocco Facchini recounts his four years at the parish and the mystery of Muldoon.

***Crossing California* – Adam Langer**

Langer tackles issues of race, class and identity through the storied lives of three Chicago families living in a divided Rogers Park neighborhood in 1979.

***The Logic of a Rose: Chicago Stories* – Billy Lombardo**

These eight short stories center around Lombardo's character Petey Bellapani and his coming of age in 1970's Bridgeport.

***America's Report Card: A Novel* – John McNally**

Set in suburban Chicago and Iowa City, McNally's novel takes a suspicious and sardonic look at standardized testing, weaving a tale of conspiracy peopled with colorful characters.

***Free Burning: A Novel* – Bayo Ojikutu**

Tommie Simms, life spiraling out of control after losing his job, must find a way to dig himself out of a deepening hole as he gets caught up in a world of crime in a poor African-American neighborhood on the south side of Chicago.

***Never a City So Real* – Alex Kotlowitz**

Kotlowitz captures the character of the city in these nine short stories about ordinary Chicagoans that have impacted his life.

{events and programs}

Explore Chicago's neighborhoods with Chicago Neighborhood Tours!

www.chicagoneighborhoodtours.com
312.742.1190

\$25 per ticket; \$20 for Seniors 65+/Students with valid ID/Children 8–18

From the iconic African American experience on the Historic Bronzeville tour, to the Old World flavor of the Ukrainian Village tour, to the exciting and eclectic neighborhoods on the Wicker Park & Bucktown tour, these comfortable bus tours provide an intimate look at the history, traditions and people of Chicago. Neighborhood Tours are approximately 4 hours long and include light refreshments. All tours depart from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street.

An Evening with Sandra Cisneros

Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 p.m.
Harold Washington Library Center Auditorium, 400 S. State St.
www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194

Free

Acclaimed author Sandra Cisneros discusses her career and connections to Chicago, illustrated through her celebrated novels *The House on Mango Street* and *Caramelo*. A book signing will immediately follow the program.



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Muldoon: A True Chicago Ghost Story: Tales of a Forgotten Rectory

Monday, August 6, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago Public Library, Roosevelt Branch
1101 W. Taylor St.

Join co-author Daniel Facchini and historian Ursula Bielski, author of *Chicago Haunts: Ghostlore of the Windy City*, as they discuss the mysterious happenings at St. Charles Borromeo parish as detailed in *Muldoon: A True Chicago Ghost Story: Tales of a Forgotten Rectory*.

Bayo Ojikutu: Free Burning

Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago Public Library, Avalon Branch
8148 S. Stony Island Ave.
312.747.5324

Free

Bayo Ojikutu will discuss and sign his novel *Free Burning*, a gritty and powerful novel about the lure of street life for the down-and-out.

Billy Lombardo: The Logic of a Rose: Chicago Stories

Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Public Library, Austin-Irving Branch
6100 W. Irving Park Rd.
312.744.6222

Thursday, June 28, 7:00 p.m.

Chicago Public Library, McKinley Branch
1915 W. 35th St.

312.747.6082

Both discussions are free

Billy Lombardo will read from and discuss his book, *The Logic of a Rose: Chicago Stories*.

Adam Langer: Crossing California

Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Public Library, Beverly Branch
2121 W. 95th St.
312.747.9673

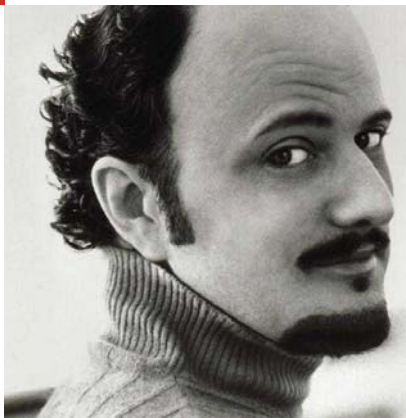
Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 p.m.

Chicago Public Library, Northtown Branch
6435 North California Ave.

312.744.2292

Both discussions are free

Adam Langer will read from and discuss his book, *Crossing California*.



JEFFREY EUGENIDES



RONNE HARTFIELD



AUDREY NIFFENEGGER

LONG KNOWN FOR THE LITERARY RENAISSANCE

that produced the likes of Theodore Dreiser, Carl Sandburg, Harriet Monroe and Ben Hecht, Chicago remains one of the most vital, prolific and exuberant hubs of the literary world. The contemporary authors that are featured in this section are some of the many deft and diverse writers who choose to live and work and write here, thereby giving our city a voice and allowing Chicago to inform their vision.

Nowhere Man: The Pronek Fantasies – Aleksandar Hemon

This unconventional novel tells the story of Jozef Pronek who gets stranded in Chicago in 1992 when war breaks out back home in Sarajevo.

When the Messenger is Hot: Stories – Elizabeth Crane

The women in this collection of humorous and incisive short stories are both fierce and kind, damaged and optimistic, and experience love and loss in a way that is both uniquely theirs and universal.

YellowBlack: the First Twenty-One Years of a Poet's Life: a memoir – Haki R. Madhubuti

Powerful prose, poetry, and jazz riffs chronicle the first 21 years of the life of Haki R. Madhubuti, formerly Don L. Lee: poet, publisher, editor, and activist.

Crashing Through: A True Story of Risk, Adventure, and the Man Who Dared to See – Robert Kurson

Mike May, blinded at age three, has defied expectations both personal and professional when he discovers a revolutionary stem cell transplant surgery that could restore his vision in this stunningly

true story of one man's heroic odyssey from blindness into sight.

Lucky in the Corner – Carol Anshaw

Twenty-one year old Fern tries to keep her family together, despite her mother's lesbian love affairs, an abandoned baby and a transvestite uncle.

Reversible Errors – Scott Turow

Attorney Arthur Raven must investigate new evidence that may exonerate death row inmate Rommy "Squirrel" Gandolph in this story of how law and life interact.

The City in Which I Love You – Li-Young Lee

Lee, an insightful storyteller, explores love and grief while emphasizing the immigrant sensibility in these poignant and complex poems.

Middlesex – Jeffrey Eugenides

Calliope Stephanides, daughter of Greek immigrants, transforms into Cal when a genetic abnormality is discovered in this provocative coming of age novel.

Writing in an Age of Silence – Sara Paretsky

In this brief, potent memoir, bestselling

Chicago novelist Paretsky explores the traditions of political and literary dissent that have informed her life and work.

Opening Day: The Story of Jackie Robinson's First Season – Jonathan Eig

April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson steps onto the field and history to become the first African American Major League baseball player. Eig breathes life into familiar legends as he interviews surviving players and sports writers and investigates newly discovered archival material.

The Time Traveler's Wife: A novel – Audrey Niffenegger

Henry, a Chicago librarian, and Claire, his wife, take turns telling an unconventional love story in which Henry involuntarily travels through time.

The Hummingbird's Daughter – Luis Alberto Urrea

The Hummingbird's Daughter is an epic mystical drama based on the life of Urrea's great-aunt Terisita, and tells the story of a young woman's sudden sainthood in revolutionary-era Mexico in the late 19th century.

Sharp Objects: A Novel – Gillian Flynn

Camille Preaker, a novice reporter with a history of self-mutilation, is sent to her hometown in Missouri to cover the murder of two girls, but finds herself coping with her own troubled childhood in this psychological thriller.

Another Way Home: The Tangled Roots of Race in One Chicago Family – Ronne Hartfield

After journeying from the South to Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, Hartfield follows her

mother's mixed-race family in this intimate and compelling true encounter of one family's response to our racially charged culture.

The Visible World – Mark Slouka

In this novel-within-a-novel, an unnamed American, son of Czech parents who emigrated after WWII, struggles to understand his mother's tragic past and travels to Prague in search of answers.

Dream When You're Feeling Blue: A Novel – Elizabeth Berg

Set in Chicago, three Irish Catholic sisters keep the home fires burning for young men going off to fight WWII in Berg's nostalgic tale of wartime romance and family sacrifice.

Bitch Goddess – Robert Rodi

Rodi's novel is the hilarious account of the on-again, off-again career of Viola Chute, a B-grade sex symbol who slept her way to the middle--and slid downward from there.

Before and After: A Novel – Rosellen Brown

This heart-wrenching novel follows the struggles of the Reiser family after son Jacob sets into motion a string of events following a brutal crime of passion.

Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth – Chris Ware

Jimmy Corrigan "Smartest Kid on Earth" is really a middle aged loser who, at age 36, meets his father for the first time. Ware brilliantly uses the graphic novel format to trace the lives of four generations of the Corrigan family.



KEVIN GUILFOILE

The Outfit Collective:

These seven heavy-hitting Chicago crime writers have come together to form *The Outfit: A Collective of Chicago Crime Writers*. To learn more about them and read their incisive blogs, log onto www.theoutfitcollective.com. Here's a sampling of their work:

Big City, Bad Blood – Sean Chercover

Real-life Chicago PI Chercover introduces Ray Dudgeon, a former Chicago reporter disillusioned with the newspaper business and now turned private detective, who finds himself in the middle of an organized crime war.

Death of a Thousand Cuts – Barbara D'Amato

Hawthorne House, a mansion that was once home to a now defunct residential school for autistic children, is the setting for murder during Chicago's heat wave of 1995.

Death in West Wheeling – Michael Dymmoch

Homer Deters, acting sheriff of West Wheeling, portrays himself as "deputy Redneck" when big-city investigators come to town investigating a rash of murders and disappearances.



SARA PARETSKY

A Shot to Die For – Libby Fischer Hellman

Returning from a video shoot, amateur sleuth Ellie Foreman assists a woman abandoned at a rest stop only to witness her murder moments later and then launch an investigation of her own.

Cast of Shadows – Kevin Guilfoile

Davis Moore, a Chicago fertility doctor specializing in helping infertile couples achieve pregnancy through cloning, extracts DNA from the scene of his daughter's death to create a copy of her unknown killer.

Deadlock – Sara Paretsky

V.I. Warshawski investigates the death of her cousin, a former pro-hockey player of the Chicago Blackhawks, and finds herself uncovering scandal in Chicago's shipping industry.

The Blade Itself – Marcus Sakey

After a botched pawnshop robbery in Chicago by childhood friends Evan and Danny, Evan goes to jail and Danny reforms himself, until seven years later, when Evan gets out of jail and tries to drag Danny back into a life of crime.

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The Outfit Collective

Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.
Harold Washington Library Center
Auditorium, 400 S. State St.
www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194

Free

Join Sara Paretsky, Sean Chercover, Barbara D'Amato, Michael Dymmoch, Libby Hellman, Kevin Guilfoile and Marcus Sakey - the seven powerhouse authors that comprise *The Outfit: A Collective of Chicago Crime Writers*, as they discuss their work and how Chicago informs their writing. A book signing will immediately follow the discussion.

Elizabeth Berg: Dream When You're Blue: A Novel

Thursday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago Public Library, Sulzer Regional Library
4455 N. Lincoln Ave.
312.747.7616

Free

Elizabeth Berg discusses her new book *Dream When You're Feeling Blue: A Novel*. Berg transports readers back to the World War II era, touching on the lives and changing roles of women.

Elizabeth Crane: When the Messenger is Hot

Tuesday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.
Silver Cloud Bar & Grill
1700 N. Damen Ave.
for information: www.chicagopubliclibrary.org
312.747.8194

Admission Free; Cash Bar

The Chicago Public Library presents author Elizabeth Crane for drinks and a discussion of her collection of short stories *When the Messenger is Hot*. Crane offers a rousing collection of stories that reveal the lives of women who are funny, funky, wounded and real.

The Time Traveler's Wife

The Chicago History Museum presents two unique programs that explore Audrey Niffenegger's compelling novel *The Time Traveler's Wife*.

The Time Traveler's Wife: Trolley Tour

Saturday, July 21, 1:00 -5:00 p.m.
Tour departs from the Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark St.
www.chicagohistory.org
312.642.4600

\$45 per ticket; \$40 for members

Visit the sites that inspired the best-selling novel *The Time Traveler's Wife* on this trolley tour endorsed by and created in conjunction with author Audrey Niffenegger. Join Ron Falzone, Columbia College professor and one of the first readers of Niffenegger's manuscript, as he reveals the settings that shaped this timeless tale.

The Time Traveler's Wife: Meet the Author

Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark St.
www.chicagohistory.org
312.642.4600

Free

Author Audrey Niffenegger visits the Chicago History Museum to discuss the inspirations, pitfalls, and ultimate success of her book, *The Time Traveler's Wife*. A book signing session will immediately follow the discussion.



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