

# LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage

Aisle 2600 in the Exhibition Hall

Stop by the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage to experience readings by new and favorite authors and poets, learn how to develop author programs, and find new reading recommendations for your patrons.

The 2007 LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage is presented by the ALA Public Programs Office, in cooperation with the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Monday's Stage will feature readings by award-winning young adult authors, in celebration of YALSA's 50th anniversary.

	Saturday, June 23	Sunday, June 24	Monday, June 25
Noon	Sherman Alexie	Lois Lowry	Carolyn Mackler
12:30	Dave Isay	Nina Lindsay	Nick Hornby
1:00	Donna Leon	Steve Almond	Cecil Castellucci
1:30	Anosh Irani	John Shors	Tiffany Trent
2:00	Laura Moriarty	Claire Cook	Barry Lyga
2:30	Tim Farrington	Dinaw Mengestu	Catherine Gilbert Murdock
3:00	Kelly Link	John Clinch	Gene Luen Yang
3:30	Naomi Ayala	Keir Graff	Patrick Jones

Each reading will be followed by an autographing session.

The ALA Public Programs Office and YALSA are proud to present this year's LIVE! Stage emcees:



**Saturday:** Tim Grimes is the Manager of Community Relations at the Ann Arbor District Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Sunday:** Rochelle Hartman is the Information Services Manager at the La Crosse Public Library in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

**Monday:** Past President of YALSA, Pamela Spencer Holley is a former school librarian who writes about young adult literature via Thomson Gale's Online Database *What Do I Read Next?* Originator of the "Audiobooks, It Is!" column for VOYA, she now reviews audiobooks for *Booklist*.

## Authors Appearing on the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage

\* Indicates YA author



Photo: R. Casey

**\*Sherman Alexie** is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian. He earned a 1994 Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Award,

was a citation winner for the PEN/Hemingway Award for the Best First Book of Fiction, and was named one of Granta's Best of the Young American Novelists. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2007) is his first book for young adults.



**Steve Almond** spent seven years as a newspaper reporter, mostly in El Paso and Miami. He has been writing fiction for the last decade. His work can be found in a variety of literary magazines, and a few books. He lives outside Boston and listens to rock and roll at all hours. He is the author of *My Life in Heavy Metal*, *Candyfreak* and the forthcoming (*Not that You Asked*): *Rants, Exploits, and Obsessions* (Random House, 2007).

**Naomi Ayala's** poetry has appeared in numerous journals and in several anthologies of contemporary Latino writing, including *Boriquén to Diasporican: Puerto Rican Poetry from Aboriginal Times to the New Millennium* and *First Flight: 24 Latino Poets*. She is the author of the book of poetry, *Wild Animals on the Moon* (Curbstone Press, 1997). She lives in Washington D.C. and works as an education consultant, freelance writer and teacher.



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**\*Cecil Castellucci** has published four novels for young adults: *Boy Proof*, which is on YALSA's 2006 Best Books for Young

Adults and Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Reader lists; *The Queen of Cool*; *Beige* (Candlewick, 2007), a 2008 Best Books for Young Adults nominee; and *The Plain Janes* (DC Comics, 2007), a nominee for YALSA's 2008 Great Graphic Novels for Teens list. In addition to writing books, she writes plays, makes movies and occasionally rocks out. She lives in Los Angeles, California.



Photo: Michael O'Neill

**Jon Clinch**, a native of upstate New York and a graduate of Syracuse University, has taught American literature, been creative director for a Philadelphia ad agency, and run his own agency in the Philadelphia suburbs. His stories have appeared in John Gardner's *MSS. magazine*. *Finn: A Novel* (Random House, 2007) is his first book.



Photo: Diane Dillon

**Claire Cook** is the author of *Must Love Dogs*, *Multiple Choice* and *Ready to Fall*. Her newest book *Life's a Beach* (Hyperion)

will be released in June 2007. She lives in Scituate, Massachusetts with her husband, where they are occasionally visited by their borderline adult children and their laundry.

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**Tim Farrington** is the author of *Lizzie's War* and *The Monk Downstairs* – a *New York Times* Notable Book of 2002 – as well as the critically acclaimed novels *The California Book of the Dead* and *Blues for Hannah*. *The Monk Upstairs: A Novel* (Harper San Francisco, 2007) is his latest work. He lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



**Keir Graff** is the author of *My Fellow Americans* (Severn House, 2007) and, writing as Michael McCulloch, *Cold Lessons* (Five Star Mystery, 2007). His short stories have been published in the *Chicago Reader* and the *Portland Review*. He is the senior editor of *Booklist Online*, where he writes the popular blog, "Likely Stories." A native of Missoula, Montana, he now lives in Chicago.



**\*Nick Hornby**, *New York Times* best-selling author of such internationally acclaimed books as *High Fidelity*, *About a Boy*, *How To Be Good* and *A Long Way Down*, will publish his first novel for young adults, *Slam* (Penguin Young Readers Group) in October 2007. The recipient of the American Academy of Arts and Letters E. M. Forster Award as well as the Orange Word International Writers' London Award, Hornby lives in North London with his wife and three sons.



**Dave Isay** is the founder of StoryCorps and its parent company Sound Portraits. Over the past two decades his radio documentary work has won four Peabody Awards, two Robert F. Kennedy Awards and two Livingston Awards for young journalists. He is the author (or co-author) of four books including *Our America: Life and Death on the South Side of Chicago*, *Flophouse: Life on the Bowery*, and the forthcoming *Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Lives from the StoryCorps Project* (Penguin Group USA, 2007).



**Anosh Irani** was born and raised in Bombay, and moved to Vancouver in 1998. He is the author of the acclaimed novel *The Cripple and His Talismans*. His first play, *The Matka King*, premiered at the Art Club Theatre Company, Vancouver, in 2003. His new play, *Bombay Black*, commissioned and developed by Nightswimming, was produced by Cahoots Theatre Projects, Toronto, in 2006. *The Song of Kahunsha* (Milkweed, 2007) is his latest novel.



**\*Patrick Jones** is the author of three teen novels, the most current *Chasing Tail Lights* (Walker Books for Young Readers) will be released in July 2007. His first novel *Things Change* was a YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, and his second novel *Nailed* was compared to the YA classic *Rats Saw God*. A former librarian, Patrick used to talk and write about services to teens.



**Donna Leon** was born in New Jersey and lived in Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Iran and China, before settling in Venice 25 years ago. She is the author of sixteen novels featuring Guido Brunetti, all of which have been highly acclaimed, and has been awarded the CWA Macallan Silver Dagger for Fiction. *Suffer the Little Children: A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2007) is her latest book.



**Nina Lindsay** was born and raised in Oakland, California, and lives and works there today as a librarian at the Children's Room of the Oakland Public Library. She has published poems in many journals, including *Shenandoah*, *Green Mountains Review*, *Northwest Review*, *Rattle*, *Pool* and *Gastronomica*. *Today's Special Dish* (Sixteen Rivers Press, 2007) is her first book of poetry.



**Kelly Link** is the author of two collections, *Stranger Things Happen* and *Magic for Beginners* (Small Beer Press, 2006). Her stories have appeared in such publications as *McSweeney's*, *One Story*, *A Public Space*, *Noisy Outlaws* and *Conjunctions*. Link is an editor for the Online Writing Workshop, *The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror*, the anthology *Trampoline*, and the zine "Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet." She lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.



**\*Lois Lowry** was born in Honolulu and grew up all over the world. She attended Brown University, married young and finished college in Maine in her thirties as the mother of four. Her first book for young people, *A Summer to Die*, was published in 1977 and won the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award. Since then she has published 34 books and been awarded the Newbery Medal twice. Lowry was recently named YALSA's 2007 Margaret A. Edwards Award winner for lifetime contribution in writing for young adults for her novel, *The Giver*.



**\*Barry Lyga** attended Yale University and then worked in the comic book industry before returning to his first love, writing. He is the author of *The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl* (Houghton Mifflin, 2006). *Boy Toy*, his second book set in South Brook High School, will be released in September 2007.



**\*Carolyn Mackler** is the award-winning author of *Vegan Virgin Valentine*, *Love and Other Four-Letter Words* and *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things*, which won a 2004 Michael L. Printz Honor and, according to ALA, was the fourth most frequently challenged book in America in 2006. Her latest novel, *Guyaholic: A Story of Finding, Flirting, Forgetting... and the Boy Who Changes Everything* (Candlewick) will be published in September 2007.



**Dinaw Mengestu** was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1978 and immigrated to the United States in 1980. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and of Columbia University's MFA program in fiction. A former intern at *The New Yorker*, he is the recipient of a 2006 fellowship in fiction from the New York Foundation for the Arts. He has also recently reported for *Jane*, profiling a young woman who was kidnapped and forced to become a soldier in the brutal war in Uganda, and for *Rolling Stone* on the tragedy in Darfur. *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* (Riverhead Books, 2007) is his first novel. He lives in New York City.



**Laura Moriarty**, author of *The Rest of Her Life* (Hyperion, 2007), received her master's degree from the University of Kansas and was awarded the George Bennett Fellowship for Creative Writing at Phillips Exeter Academy. Her first novel, *The Center of Everything* was published in 2003. She lives in Lawrence, Kansas.



**\*Catherine Gilbert Murdock** grew up on a tiny farm (two goats and honeybees) in Connecticut, and attended Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania. Her first novel, *Dairy Queen*, is on YALSA's 2007 Best Books for Young Adults list. Her newest work is *The Off Season* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007). Murdock lives in suburban Philadelphia with her husband, two children, and Sparky the cat.



**John Shors** graduated from Colorado College in 1991, and then began pursuing his dream of living in Asia. He taught English in Kyoto, Japan and later backpacked across Asia visiting ten countries over several years. Upon returning to America, Shors became a newspaper reporter in his home state of Iowa. He is now a public relations executive. *Beneath A Marble Sky* (NAL, 2006) is his first novel.



**\*Tiffany Trent** lives in Virginia, teaches English at Virginia Tech and is a member of the Class of 2K7, a group of authors with first novels debuting in 2007 who have banded together to promote their books. To feed the muse, she has lived and worked in Hong Kong, mainland China, Oregon, Montana, and North Carolina. *In the Serpent's Coils* (Mirrorstone, 2007), the debut novel in the Hallowmere series, is Trent's first young adult book.



**\*Gene Luen Yang** began drawing comic books in the fifth grade. In 1997, he received the Xeric Grant, a prestigious comics industry grant, for *Gordon Yamamoto and the King of the Geeks*, his first comics work as an adult. He has since written and drawn a number of titles, including *Duncan's Kingdom* (with art by Derek Kirk Kim) and *The Rosary Comic Book*. In 2007, he won the Michael L. Printz Award for his graphic novel *American Born Chinese* (First Second, 2006). He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his family.

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