

Bixby Writers Programs

This Program offers multiple weekly writing workshops, a monthly “Table Read” series with local writers, various one-off programs, and has spawned a literary magazine—*Zig Zag Lit Mag*, whose aim is to further deepen the fabric of Addison County storytelling.

Monday Writing Group with Jay Dubberly, MFA Mondays, 6-8pm, Kerr Room

This weekly group is led by screenwriter Jay Dubberly and is structured to benefit writers working on longer projects. Poetry collections, chapbooks, screenplays, serial teleplays, stage plays, novels, novellas, story collections, essay collections have all been represented at times.

Bixby Writing Workshop with Muir Haman Thursday, 6-8pm, Otter Creek Room

This weekly group will go from blank page to book in 8 weeks. They will plan, set project goals, meet those goals, and finish by creating a unique or reproducible book object. For beginning to intermediate writers, those looking to add structure to their writing routine and who don't know where to begin. It will be focused on short forms: essay, poetry, short fiction. Tools and techniques will be discussed, and prompts and feedback provided. The final session will focus on book construction utilizing “zine” forms. Registration is encouraged, and attendance at every meeting is not strictly required.

Tuesday Table Read Series, 6-8pm, Community Room

Co-sponsored by *Zig Zag Lit Mag*, these meetings each focus on a single in-progress work-of-length. The work is introduced by the author, who then must be silent while the work is read and discussed. The fun, organic discussion creates a dynamically instructive experience for the writer. Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute their voice to the discussion, writing experience is not required or even encouraged.

July 25: Trish Dougherty (Cornwall)

Chapbook: *40 poems for 40 pounds*

August 29: Margi Rogal (Hancock)

Chapbook: *Cafe on Vine*

September 24: *Zig Zag Lit Mag Issue.3* Release Party At Stonecutter Spirits Barrel Room, Middlebury

SPECIAL ONE-TIME Writing Workshops

With *Vermont Wild* author Megan Price of Charlotte These two late afternoon sessions will meet from 3 to 5pm and are for ages 16 and up. Each session is a standalone, and attendance at both session is welcome. Limited to 20 people per session. Registration required. Be prepared to ask questions and talk generically about what you wish to publish in order to participate.

Session 1: “I want to write a book - how to begin.” September 14, 3-5pm, Otter Creek Room

Do you have a book concept and don't know where to start? Curious about what it takes to complete a book project? Join Megan Price to learn from an experienced, prolific author how to go about your book project.

Session 2: “How to Publish Your Book - Let me Count the Ways...” September 28, 3-5pm, Otter Creek Room

Are you ready to start thinking about publishing? What are your options? Where do you start? Megan Price has complete numerous book projects and is ready to impart her wisdom to you.

Book Discussion Group Series

The book discussion group meets monthly at 7pm, is entirely volunteer-led, and always open to the public. Titles for discussion are selected once a year, and the library provides copies for the group.

July 10: *The Forgotten Room* by Karen White, Lauren Willig and Beatriz Williams

1945: When critically wounded Captain Cooper Ravenel is brought to a private hospital on Manhattan's Upper East Side, young Dr. Kate Schuyler is drawn into a complex mystery that connects three generations of women in her family to a single extraordinary room in a Gilded Age mansion.

August 14: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. Meet Ove. People call him the bitter neighbor from hell, but must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

September 11: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

A strange, but historically true story of WWII. It reveals the extraordinary efforts of Jan and Antonina Zabinski, Christian zookeepers horrified by Nazi racism, who capitalized on the Nazis' obsession with pureblood animals in order to save over 300 doomed people by hiding them in the bombed-out cages at the Warsaw Zoo. A tale of people, animals, and subversive acts of compassion.

Coffeehouse Series

A monthly program that inspires curiosity, sparks learning, and fosters discussion on topics of interest to you. Designed for an audience with little or no prior knowledge of the topics, you'll get enough information to ignite discussion without being overwhelmed. Questions and discussion are encouraged and the long tradition of coffee- and tea-fueled conversation continues.

MINDFULNESS with Nancy Spencer, July 26, 4pm

“Mindful” is a buzz word in our culture right now, popular enough even to have a magazine launched with that name. What is mindfulness, how can we cultivate that quality and why would we want to? Join yoga and meditation teacher Nancy Spencer as she describes what the concept means and provides interactive exercises for you to experience.

Legalization of Marijuana with Vergennes Chief of Police George Merkel, August 23, 7pm

Legislation concerning the legalization of marijuana has progressed through our state government and Chief Merkel has been a vocal opponent to legalization. What are some of the challenges and health risk concerning legalization? How might it affect law enforcement and public safety? Chief Merkel will discuss some of the issues and provide perspective on this timely issue.

Good Naked: Wit, Wisdom, and a Workshop with Joni B. Cole, September 6, 4pm (and possibly 6:30pm)

Join author and writing instructor Joni B. Cole as she shares insights from her new book *Good Naked: Reflections on How to Write More, Write Better and Be Happier* (included in Poets & Writers list of “Best Books for Writers”). The talk will be followed by an interactive workshop that invites participants to write from a “prompt” and see what happens. Whether you consider yourself a writer, an artist, a wannabe, or an enthusiast for new experiences, this event offers participants a chance to uncover the creative potential within all of us.



Friday Night Movie Series

1st Fri of the Month, 6:30-9pm

Join us for a free showing of a contemporary and acclaimed movie. Comfortable chairs and free popcorn provided! All are welcome; please note the parental ratings.

July 7: *La La Land*, PG-13

Written and directed by Academy Award® nominee Damien Chazelle, *La La Land* tells the story of Mia [Emma Stone], an aspiring actress, and Sebastian [Ryan Gosling], a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams.



August 11: *Get Out*, R

Written and directed by Jordan Peele of comedy duo Key & Peele. Now that Chris (Daniel Kaluuya) and his girlfriend, Rose (Allison Williams), have reached the meet-the-parents milestone of dating, she invites him for a weekend getaway upstate with Missy and Dean. At first, Chris reads the family's overly accommodating behavior as nervous attempts to deal with their daughter's interracial relationship, but as the weekend

progresses, a series of increasingly disturbing discoveries lead him to a truth that he never could have imagined.

September 1: *Rogue One*, PG-13

The 1st of the Star Wars standalone films, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, an all-new epic adventure. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This key event in the Star Wars timeline brings together ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things, and in doing so, become part of something greater than themselves.



Documentary Saturday Movie Series

A series for the summer-time, highlighting a monthly showing of documentary films to inspire, inform, and engage you. The showing takes place once a month on a Saturday morning starting at 10:30am.

July 15th: *Rumi: Poet of the Heart*

Jelaluddin Rumi was born in 1207 and by the age of 37 had become a famous scholar and popular teacher. But his life changed forever when he met the powerful wandering dervish Shams of Tabriz. Rumi said, "What I had thought of before as God, I met today in a human being." An extraordinary esoteric friendship between the two men unfolded, and when Shams mysteriously disappeared, Rumi experienced a transformation from scholar to mystic poet. More than seven hundred years later, Rumi is the bestselling poet in America. How did a Persian mystic poet of the 13th century become the bestselling poet in America? *Rumi: Poet of the Heart* explores how Rumi was discovered in the West and features two of the individuals responsible – Coleman Barks and Robert Bly.

August 12th: *Every War Has Two Losers: A Poet's*

Based on the journals of William Stafford, a conscientious objector in World War II and National Book Award winner. Using Stafford's poetry and prose, the film invites viewers to reflect on their own ideas regarding war and how individual witness can contribute to a more peaceful world. The film features an array of writers and activists including Coleman Barks, Robert Bly, Maxine Hong Kingston, Michael Meade, W.S. Merwin, Naomi Shihab Nye, Kim Stafford, and Alice Walker.

Vergennes Arts Walk

The Bixby will be open from 5-7pm on Friday July 28 and August 25 for the monthly city wide Arts Walk.



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Bixby Library

2017 Adult Summer Programs



July-September

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Cultural Events Series

Wednesday, July 19 at 5pm

ESCAPE Cruise from Basin Harbor

The *Water Witch*, Jahaziel Sherman, and Steamboats built in Vergennes

Join author, professor, and archeologist Kevin Crisman (whose latest book *Coffins of the Brave* is available at the library) for a 90-minute cruise around Lake Champlain. He will discuss the history of steamboats in our area during a 45-minute presentation, including a stop over the wreck of the *Water Witch*, one of Jahaziel Sherman's craft. Expect to be back on dry land by 7pm. This program is free but space is limited and registration is required. This event is part of the Freda Fishman Stroh Cultural Events Series and is made possible through the Vermont Community Foundation.

Saturday, August 19th from 11am-1pm

Genealogy with Ann Watson

Join local genealogist Ann Watson of Family Pictures Genealogy for an information and instructional session on genealogy. Ms. Watson will talk about how to research your family, where to start, what tools are available in our state, answer questions, and use her personal research of her own family to illustrate solutions to common problems. Bring your genealogy questions! The Program is free but a minimum number of participants is required to run the it. Please sign up at bixbylibrary.org/genealogy-ann-watson-registration/ or contact Adult Services Librarian Muir Haman.