EVENTS

Wednesday, September 30th, 7 PM – 8 PM
Collingswood Public Library
Town Book Discussion –
***A Guardian and a Thief* by Megha Majumdar**

Join the Collingswood Reads Book Club in discussing the 2026 Town Book, *A Guardian and a Thief*, by Megha Majumdar. Winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence and a National Book Award finalist, the novel is "a literary gem with the pace of a thriller," according to USA Today. Set over the course of one week in a near-future Kolkata, *A Guardian and a Thief* tells two stories, Ma's frantic attempts to save her family from a collapsing society, and Boomba, whose escalating crimes set him on a collision course with Ma.

On fest day, October 3rd, readers will have an opportunity to talk with Megha Majumdar, author of *A Guardian and a Thief*.





Loompaland Craft Area & Children's Exhibits

On Irvin Ave.

- Collingswood Public Library
- Insectropolis
- New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center
- Perkins Center for the Arts
- Eat Play Learn/mOTivated Kids
- Interactive Kids
- Seriously Addictive Mathematics and English (S.A.M)

AND...

Performances throughout the day by Sara O'Brien of Community Rocks, Miss Michelle of Kids' MusicRound, and other storytellers, authors, and musical performances.





Library
Main Stage
Tent 2
Used Books
Community Center
Main Festival Area
Main Poetry Area
Featured Authors Signing Tent at Inkwood Bookstore
Farmer's Market
Children's Area
Poetry Workshop Tent

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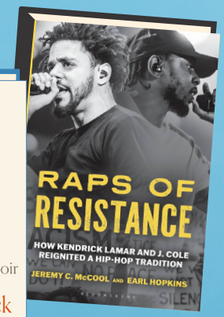
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
DOWNTOWN COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

RAIN OR SHINE
IN CASE OF RAIN, FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD AT COLLINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ON COLLINGS AVENUE

AUTHORS
BOOK SIGNINGS
EXHIBITORS
NEW AND USED BOOK SALES
LOOMPALAND CHILDREN'S AREA
POETRY







Collingswood Book Festival

FEATURED AUTHORS SIGNING TENTS & INKWOOD BOOKSELLER

Children's Authors
Nick Bruel
Carole Lindstrom
Angela De Groot
Rebecca Louick
Rachelle Burk
Berrie Torgan-Randall
Colleen Rowan Kosinski
Kelly Bennett
Jan Zauzmer
Jessica Yoon
Ann Magee
Nancy Viau



Middle Grade & YA
Charlotte Bennardo
Darlene Beck Jacobson
Talia Tucker
N. West Moss
Eric Smith
Cordelia Jensen
Diane Debrovner
Hilda Burgos
Lauren Magaziner
Jamar Nicholas
Alyssa Reynoso-Morris
Timothy Young

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ADULT AUTHORS



Main Stage

10 AM
Emma Copley Eisenberg, *Fat Swim*
Moderated by Laura B. McGrath, literary historian and author of *Middlemen: Literary Agents and the Making of American Fiction*

11 AM
Matthew Quick, *Dad, Love, Me: A Memoir*



12 PM
Megha Majumdar, *A Guardian and a Thief*

1 PM
Jeannine Cook, *Shut Up & Read*
Camille Acker, *A Very Special Episode*

2 PM
Kareem Rosser, *When You're Ready: A Love Story*

3 PM
Kathleen Volk Miller, *Teaching Writing Through Journaling*

Tent 2 - Haddon Ave. across from Revolution Coffee

2 PM
Jeremy C. McCool and Earl Hopkins, *Raps of Resistance: How Kendrick Lamar and J. Cole Reignited a Hip-Hop Tradition*

TWEENS & TEENS AUTHORS & EVENTS



Tent 2

10 AM
Conversation with Author
Diane Debrovner, *Roxie in Color*

11 AM
PANEL DISCUSSION: Finding Family and Fitting In
Cordelia Jensen, *Lilac and the Switchback*
N. West Moss, *Birdy*
Talia Tucker, *Rules for Rule Breaking*

12 PM
PANEL DISCUSSION: Once and Future Heroes: What Does It Take to Change the World?
Hilda Burgos, *Ana María Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle*
Jamar Nicholas, *Leon: Worst Friends Forever*
Charlotte Bennardo, *The Excalibur Vow*

1 PM
PANEL DISCUSSION: Working with a Literary Agent
Eric Smith, Literary Agent
Alyssa Reynoso-Morris, Author Consultant
Lauren Magaziner, International Bestselling Children's Author

POETRY EVENTS

Poetry Workshop Tent

10 AM
Gratitude journaling with Kathleen Volk Miller

10:45 AM
How to Get Published, a panel discussion

11:30 AM
Found Poetry Workshop with Sherrie Yvette Wilkins, sponsored by Perkins Center for the Arts

12:15 PM
Interactive Poetry Workshop with Noel Quiñones

1 PM
Poetry Performance Workshop with Ophelia Hostetter

1:45 PM
Creative discussion with Dreamers' Playlist creator & interstellar storyteller Reet Starwind

2:30 PM
Haiku Workshop led by Nick Virgilio Haiku Association

ALL DAY
Wall of Haiku, poet talks and book signings, Town Poem, refrigerator magnet poetry and more



POETRY EVENTS

Poetry Tent on Washington Ave.

10 AM
Walt Howat Memorial Youth Poetry Contest, hosted by Anna Evans

10:40 AM
Reading: Philadelphia Poet Laureate Raina J. León

11 AM
Haiku Wake Up Call: Nick Virgilio Haiku Association

11:20 AM
TBD

11:35 AM
Convergence: Poetry on Environmental Impacts of War, group reading hosted by J.C. Todd

12:05 PM
Reading: Ophelia Hostetter

12:20 PM
NaPoMo Challenge, group reading sponsored by Perkins Center for the Arts

12:50 PM
Painted Bride Quarterly, group reading hosted by Kathleen Volk Miller

1:20 PM
Reading: James Hoch

1:40 PM
Reading: Blake Kilgore

1:55 PM
Reading: Alison Lubar

2:10 PM
Reading: John Wojtowicz

2:25 PM
Reading: Noel Quiñones

2:45 PM
Reading: Mihaela Diana Moscaliuc

3:05 PM
Reading: Danny Shot

3:25 PM
Open Mic hosted by Reet Starwind