

# Eleventh Annual

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## WRITERS on the RIVER BOOK FAIR 2009 featuring AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FROM NOON TO 3:00 P.M.



• Meet many Midwest authors • Buy autographed copies of their books • Special theme baskets will be raffled off by branch Friends groups

### **New York Times Best-Selling Author of *The Pout-Pout Fish* Deborah Diesen** [www.deborahdiesen.com](http://www.deborahdiesen.com)

Deborah Diesen is the author of *The Pout-Pout Fish*, a rhyming children's picture book illustrated by Dan Hanna and published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. *The Pout-Pout Fish*, named by *Time Magazine* as one of the Top Ten Children's Books of 2008, was chosen to be the 2009 Michigan Reads "One Book, One Michigan" book. Debbie has been on a Michigan Reads tour of the state this fall to help promote early childhood literacy ([www.michigan.gov/michiganreads](http://www.michigan.gov/michiganreads)). As a librarian, she currently works for a small nonprofit organization. Her book *The Barefooted, Bad-Tempered Baby Brigade* is forthcoming with her husband and two sons in Grand Ledge, Michigan.



On Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Diesen will be doing "Shout Shout for Pout-Pout!", a program especially for children at the Fremont Branch, 2881 Nadeau Road in Monroe. The same program will be offered at 2:00 p.m. at the Bedford Branch, 8575 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI.

### **2009 Michigan Notable Author Jean Alicia Elster** [www.jeanaliciaelster.com](http://www.jeanaliciaelster.com)

Jean Alicia Elster, B.A., J.D., is the author of the novel *Who's Jim Hines?*—for ages 8 and older—published by Wayne State University Press. Released in August 2008, it is now in its second printing. *Who's Jim Hines?* was selected as one of the Library of Michigan's 2009 Michigan Notable Books. In addition, the Michigan Reading Association has placed *Who's Jim Hines?* on the Great Lakes Great Books Award 2009-2010 ballot for grades 4-5. Elster is also the author of the children's book series *Joe Joe in the City*, published by Judson Press. The first volume in that series, *Just Call Me Joe Joe*, was released in October 2001 and is now in its second printing. The remaining volumes are: *I Have a Dream, Too!* (May 2002), *I'll Fly My Own Plane* (September 2002), and *I'll Do the Right Thing* (January 2003). She was awarded the 2002 Governors' Emerging Artist Award by ArtServe Michigan in recognition of the series. *I'll Do the Right Thing* was awarded the 2004 Atlanta Daily World Atlanta Choice Award in the category of children's books. Elster is the founder and president of Write Word, Inc. (incorporated in 1994). She lives in Detroit, Michigan with her husband, daughter, and son.

### **2009 Michigan Notable Author Margery Krevsky** [www.sirensfchrom.com](http://www.sirensfchrom.com)

Margery Krevsky founded the Productions Plus Talent Agency in 1981, rapidly becoming one of the major players in selecting and training talent for auto shows. The agency is also a leader in providing talent for movies being filmed in Michigan. She has been instrumental in developing the role of Product Specialist for auto shows. At her insistence models became trained as product specialists. Her knowledge of the fashion, auto and talent industries - along with behind the scenes insights and personal anecdotes makes the book, *Sirens of Chrome*, all the more engaging. See her articles on [motorcities.org](http://motorcities.org). The book is a recipient of the 2009 Michigan Notable Book awards. Ms. Krevsky resides in Bloomfield Hills, MI.



### **New York Times Best-Selling Author Maria V. Snyder** [www.mariavsnyder.com](http://www.mariavsnyder.com)

She has had careers from meteorologist to novelist when she began writing the *New York Times* best-selling Study Series (*Poison Study*, *Magic Study* and *Young Woman*) and a young woman who becomes a poison taster. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Maria dreamed of chasing tornados, but lacked the location. Writing, however, lets Maria control the weather. Her new Glass Series (*Storm Glass* and *Sea Glass*) combines two things Maria loves, weather and glass.

### **Sweet Shalom Tea Room - DEMONSTRATION** [www.sweetshalomtearoom.com](http://www.sweetshalomtearoom.com)

Sweet Shalom Tea Room by Vintage Teas was originally a small farmhouse built by Joseph Printup 140 years ago. Over the years the house was saved from demolition by moving it across the street from its original location. Owners and longtime friends Sara Velasquez and Chris Kruse have restored it to facilitate their lifelong dream of owning and operating a tea room. Their cookbook, *Tea at Sweet Shalom*, is a collection of 200 recipes they have prepared over their first nine years of operation.



Don't miss this spectacular line-up of authors at the **Writers on the River Book Fair**  
**Sunday, November 8 from noon to 3:00 p.m.**

at the **Ellis Reference & Information Center**, 3700 South Custer Road, Monroe, MI  
1-800-462-2050 or (734) 241-5277

<http://monroe.lib.mi.us> See our website for a complete Calendar of Events

# Children's, Juvenile, and YA Authors

**Kathryn Madeline Allen** [www.kathrynmadelineallen.com](http://www.kathrynmadelineallen.com)

Kathryn Madeline Allen is a children's author whose works include *This Little Piggy's Book of Manners* and *One Little Bench*, as well as poems, short stories and articles. Ms. Allen teaches Children's Literature and Professional Communication at Oakland Community College and lives near Detroit with her three children.

## Janice Anteau

Janice Anteau, lifelong resident of Michigan and graduate of St. Mary Academy is the mother of 4 boys, grandmother of 2 boys and 2 girls and caregiver to several. She has always enjoyed poetry and children and is inspired by their humor and joy, sharing and affection, honesty and intelligence. She did not begin writing until the early 90's and has other books she would like to have published.

**David Anthony & Charles David (Knightscares)** [www.knightscares.com](http://www.knightscares.com)

Charles David's early passion for Hardy Boys mysteries and chilling tales inspired him to write stories with a spooky twist. He puts the scares in Knightscares. He now lives in Oxford, MI with his wife, daughter, and three cats. When he isn't writing, he's playing guitar, juggling, or working in his garden. David Anthony's early interest in superhero comics led him to try his hand at writing. David lives in West Bloomfield, MI with his wife and three sons in a home no more than a mile from where he grew up. The only thing David does more than write is read, from politics to epic fantasy to books on training his puppy.

**Gloria Barltrop** [www.omataarah.com](http://www.omataarah.com)

Gloria Barltrop has a long history in creative entertainment – singing, dancing, performing in community theater, as past training director for a public access television station, and of course, writing. She puts this creativity and imagination to work on *Omataarah - The Blue Dragon Legacy*, first of a five book series. Gloria lives with her husband, dog and mischievous cat in Northern Virginia, where she enjoys visits by her children and their families in between chapters.

**Martin Brennan** [martinbrennan.net](http://martinbrennan.net)

Martin lives in Howell, Michigan with his wife Jane and their three sons, Joe, John, and Ryan. They raise chickens and pigs, and had a decent garden this year. (He could have used a few more cucumbers.) Martin enjoys taking hikes, riding bikes, and eating ice cream. He also enjoys giving presentations to elementary schools on the joys of reading and writing.

## Suzanne Courtney

Suzanne Gene Courtney is a writer and elementary school teacher. She has taught in the fields of arts and sciences and worked as a travel assistant. Ms. Courtney is currently writing a nonfiction book about bereavement for parents. She lives with her family in Monroe, Michigan.

**Cynthia Furlong-Reynolds** <http://cynthiafurlongreynolds.com>

Cynthia Furlong-Reynolds is the author of a series of adult histories, as well as a dozen picture books. Her first Young Adult novel, the semi-autobiographical *Across the Reach*, was published in the spring of 2007. Her books include: *H is for Hoosier: Indiana Alphabet*, Winner of Young Hoosier Book Award, 2004-05.

## Molly Glad

"*The Night the King Couldn't Sleep* was the night that the scribe had to read him a bedtime story..." And so begins the journey into a land long ago of castles and enchantment that will leave the reader happily awake and wanting more! This is an eLIVE book, meaning each printed copy contains a special code redeemable for the free download of the audio version of the book. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Wayne State University in Fine Arts, Molly has enjoyed writing and reading children's stories.

**Leslie Helakoski** [www.helakoskibooks.com](http://www.helakoskibooks.com)

"Story always comes first, but I get a kick out of inserting fun words and messages in what I write." Leslie Helakoski has a degree in Advertising Design from the University of Louisiana and one in Media Illustration from Northern Michigan University. She lives with her husband and three children near Kalamazoo, Michigan. Her newest books are *Woolbur* and *Big Chickens Fly the Coop* (2007 Michigan Reads!). Coming in 2010 will be *Fair Cow* which she also illustrates, and *Big Chickens Go to Town*. "Working with children's books brings me into a world of art, words and young minds—all of my favorite things. Children have such a wonderful way of thinking and approaching life. Fun books are a great way to interact with them and teach at the same time."

## Lisa Himle

Having worked in education for the past 22 years as both a teacher and administrator, Lisa Himle knows all about those first scary days at school. She has taught preschool, kindergarten, and first grade, and currently teaches second grade at Cornerstone Elementary School in Dexter, Michigan. Lisa married her high school sweetheart and lives in Ann Arbor with her daughters, Lauren, and Jennifer. *Hands as Warm as Toast* is her first book.

**Tara Michener** [www.taramichener.com](http://www.taramichener.com)

Tara Michener is the author of the "Who I Am" series. This series includes books that celebrate self-esteem, diversity and inclusion. Children are entertained and educated about the key components that help them to celebrate themselves and others. These books are great gifts and an awesome addition in the classroom!

**Cyd Moore** <http://cydmoore.com>

Cyd Moore has illustrated over 40 children's books, including the best-selling *I Love You Stinky Face* series and her newest, *Willow* and *What Do Parents Do When You're Not Home?*. You might also see her work on McDonald's Happy Meal boxes, games and magazines. "My everyday job is drawing picture books. But, I'm passionate about encouraging kids to love reading and learning, to be playful hard workers, and to believe big things can happen. Look at me—a little girl raised in a crooked farmhouse in the woods of south Georgia grew up to have a tall stack of books with her name on the covers! How great is that?"

**Anita Passon** [www.anitapasson.com](http://www.anitapasson.com)

Anita Passon lives in Monroe, Michigan with her husband, three children, and Yorkshire, Reese. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Education degrees from the University of Toledo. She has taught elementary school for seventeen years. She enjoys watching movies with her family, baking, and singing for her church. Ms. Passon looks forward to writing a sequel to *Family Vacation Malfunction* as told through the eyes of an older and wiser female sibling.

**Nancy Shaw** [www.nancyshawbooks.com](http://www.nancyshawbooks.com)

Nancy Shaw lives in Ann Arbor. Her first picture book began when she read some animal rhymes to her children on a car trip. She made up her own rhymes, which turned into *Sheep in a Jeep*. Six more sheep adventures have followed. Her 2008 Michigan Reads! book, *Raccoon Tune*, was inspired by the can-do spirit of the creatures that raided her garbage cans.

**Rosemary Van Deuren** [www.rosemaryvandeuren.com](http://www.rosemaryvandeuren.com)

Rosemary Van Deuren has worked previously as a freelance illustrator, sculptor and painter. She currently lives in Michigan with her fiancé, Guy. *Basajaun* is her first novel.

**Wong Herbert Yee** [www.herbertyee.com](http://www.herbertyee.com)

"I was born in Detroit, Michigan, one of seven. My first grade teacher tacked a drawing of mine, 'Horse with Feedbag' up on the bulletin board. From there I went on to study art at Wayne State University, graduating in 1975 with a BFA in printmaking. I had my fair share of rejections at the start, but through perseverance my first picture book, *EEK! There's a Mouse in the House* was published by Houghton Mifflin in 1992. To think, Curious George and I under the same roof!"

# Non-Fiction

**Charles Avison** [www.detroitcityofchamps.com](http://www.detroitcityofchamps.com)

Charles Avison's *Detroit: City of Champions* is nostalgia candy, a rich collection of photos and newspaper articles about Detroit's 1935 pro sports teams, all three of which won their championships that year. Detroiters and other sports fans will find *City of Champions* "unputdownable" and worthwhile.

**Anne Brentar** <http://coffeewithanne.blog.com>

Anne Brentar was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the mother of three teenage daughters (what was she thinking?). The Brentars moved to Michigan several years ago and love it here--from the people to the sites to the available activities. Anne has always enjoyed writing, but has spent most of her life in the customer service industry. She'll make you laugh; she'll make you cry; she'll make you smile; she'll show you how to live. She endeavors to inspire everyone she meets to be the very best that they can be. Emails welcome at [sultypep@yahoo.com](mailto:sultypep@yahoo.com).

**Kenneth Dickson**

Kenneth Dickson spent five years researching prohibition and murder on Toledo's mean streets. *Nothing Personal, Just Business* is the fascinating result of that research. It has been awarded the Independent Scholar Award for 2006 by Bowling Green State University and the Center for Archival Collections.

**Doc Fletcher** <http://arbutuspress.com>

Doc Fletcher was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1954, moving with his family to Lambertville, Michigan in 1967. He graduated in 1972 from Bedford High School and from Eastern Michigan University in 1976. Doc married his favorite Huron, Maggie Meeker, on the shores of the Huron River in 1981. They live in Northville. After 30 rewarding years working as an Account Executive at Duracell, Doc retired in 2006 to work full-time paddling rivers and writing books about the experiences: *Weekend Canoeing in Michigan* (2007) and *Michigan Rivers Less Paddled* (2008).

**Mitch Garwolinski**

Mitch Garwolinski was seven when the Nazis invaded his village of Baranowo in Poland. Over the next six years, his experiences stretch far beyond what any of us might imagine one child could survive. Mitch's story is an authentic documentation of what happened in the most heinous of facilities. Through a child's eyes and a man's indelible memories, the devastating impact of the Third Reich on Poland is exposed in the pages of *Silent Screams of a Survivor*.

**Jay Hemdal**

Jay Hemdal has kept aquariums for over 40 years. After graduating from college, he managed the aquarium department of a large retail pet store until 1985, when he was hired as an aquarist for The Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. In 1989, he accepted a position as curator of fishes and invertebrates for the Toledo Zoo aquarium where he still works today. Jay has written over 140 articles for a dozen different magazines and scientific publications since his first article about sharks was published in *Freshwater and Marine Aquarium Magazine* in 1981. He has written five books: *Aquarium Careers*, *Aquarium Fish Breeding*, *Advanced Marine Aquarium Techniques*, *Bugs as Pets*, and *Miniature Aquariums*.

**Sharon Kegerreis and Lorri Hathaway** [www.michiganvine.com](http://www.michiganvine.com)

Sharon Kegerreis and Lorri Hathaway grew up in northern Michigan and earned degrees at Central Michigan University before traveling extensively to other parts of the country and world. A new appreciation for "all things Michigan" was ignited with the discovery of Michigan wine country. Together, they launched [www.michiganvine.com](http://www.michiganvine.com) in 2003 to exclusively promote Michigan wine and their Great Lake state. Their passion for writing and photography led them to write their 2008 Michigan Notable Book *From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries*.

**Carol McCloud**

Author of *Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids* and *Fill a Bucket: A Guide to Daily Happiness for Young Children*, Carol McCloud is known to thousands of fans as the "Bucket Lady." A graduate of Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services, Carol has been a preschool teacher, crisis counselor, youth mentor and early education director. As Adjunct Professor for the Florida Keys Community College in the 1990's, Carol taught numerous early childhood development courses.

**Marcel Poupard**

An author of three books on the history of Monroe County, he is presently researching book number four. He graduated from MCCC in 1969 and EMU in 1971. He also retired from the Ford Monroe plant and has collected over (23) 3-ring binders on history of that mill and the research continues.

**Jay Simson**

Former journalist Jay W. Simson is a member of the Western Ohio Civil War Round Table, and has written three books. They include *Naval Strategies of the Civil War*, *Crisis of Command in the Army of the Potomac*, and *Custer and the Front Royal Executions of 1864*.

**Chip St. Clair** [www.chipstclair.com](http://www.chipstclair.com)

*The Butterfly Garden* is the taunting, true story of Chip St. Clair who, after a childhood of abuse, discovered a dark family secret; his father was a child murderer who escaped from prison with the help of his mother and had been on the run ever since. St. Clair is the founder of the Michigan Chapter of Justice for Children and helped to pass Jessica's Law in three states.

**Tom Weschler** [www.backstagegallery.com](http://www.backstagegallery.com)

Thomas Weschler has been photographing musicians since February 9, 1964, when as a tenth-grader he set up a camera in front of his TV to take pictures of the Beatles' debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." His subjects since then have been live and in the flesh, however, and his library of shots -- onstage and off -- include legends such as the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Iggy Pop, Rod Stewart, KISS, Bruce Springsteen, and Bob Seger. Weschler's work has been published in *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, *CREEM*, and many books such as *Rock Lives* by Timothy White, and *1000 Album Covers* by Michael Ochs. Weschler also worked as Bob Seger's road manager resulting in his photos being used in the VH1 television presentation of Bob Seger's induction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2004. Thomas Weschler currently photographs musicians, models, and architecture.

**Donald A. Wilhelm** [www.thistimesacharm.com](http://www.thistimesacharm.com)

Donald Wilhelm, a four-time cancer survivor (Hodgkin's Lymphoma), grew up in Northern Michigan and has lived in the greater Detroit area for more than 14 years. He is happily married to his beautiful, intelligent and humorous wife, Amy. He loves to live life and experience its endless opportunities for growth.

**Karen Wilhelm** [www.ajsmusiccafe.com](http://www.ajsmusiccafe.com)

"I look for stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. I find them often in places where lean manufacturing--continuous process improvement--are being practiced, but really you see them everywhere. It's a joy to have the opportunity to write about them. My knowledge of manufacturing stems from 20 years in the publishing area of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, where I launched and edited the popular e-newsletter *Lean Directions*. Sometimes stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things are found far outside my usual beat in manufacturing. Last year, AJ O'Neil asked me about writing a book about a crazy and beautiful happening at his coffee house. That resulted in my book, *In Sunlight or in Shadow*."

**D. Harlan Wilson** [www.dharlanwilson.com](http://www.dharlanwilson.com)

D. Harlan Wilson is an award-winning novelist, short story writer, literary critic, screenwriter, and associate professor of English at Wright State University. His most recent works include two novels, *Peckinpah: An Ultraviolet Romance* (Shroud 2009) and *Blankety Blank: A Memoir of Vulgaria* (Raw Dog Screaming Press 2008), and a book of cultural theory, *Technologized Desire: Selfhood & the Body in Postcapitalist Science Fiction* (Guide Dog Books 2009).

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### Schedule of Events for the Eleventh Annual

## WRITERS on the RIVER BOOK FAIR 2009

Sunday, November 8  
from noon to 3:00 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. until noon** - Friends' Author Luncheon sponsored by the Friends of the Monroe County Library System. Tickets required and available at branch libraries to members of Friends groups.

**Noon to 3:00 p.m.** - Book purchases and author signings

**Drawings at 3:00 p.m.** - Special basket raffles sponsored by branch Friends of the Library groups

**On Saturday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Dorsch Memorial Branch Library, 18 East First Street in Monroe, **MARIA V. SNYDER**, author of the Study Series, will be presenting "Storms and Magic: Controlling the Forces of... Fiction?" She will discuss the aspects of creating a unique magical system to tame storms and regulate magic in a fictional world, and how to let the unpredictable nature of both storms and magic be a guiding force in writing.

## Fiction

**Barry Brickey** [www.barrybrickey.com](http://www.barrybrickey.com)

Barry Brickey is a resident of Carleton and a 2001 Monroe Community College graduate, employed by Michigan Works! as a Career Development Facilitator. In his spare time, Barry is a published author, poet and musician. *The Silence*, his first novel, is a horror story based on paranormal incidents that have occurred in a speculated haunted farmhouse in the Monroe area.

**Lori & Tony Carrington** [www.toricarrington.net](http://www.toricarrington.net)

The dynamic duo of Lori and Tony Karayianni are best-selling, multi-award-winning authors with over 40 published titles and three million copies in print worldwide. They are the proud recipients of The Romantic Times Career Achievement Award and The Reviewers International Organization's Award of Excellence.

**Dean Di Ciacca**

**Paul Harrington** [www.paulharrington.com](http://www.paulharrington.com)

*Light Speed Struggle for the Stars* is Paul's second science fiction novel. Paul lives in Michigan with his wife and daughter and enjoys his family, great vacations, computers, football and writing.

**Tracy Madison** [www.tracymadison.com](http://www.tracymadison.com)

Tracy Madison grew up far more interested in the world of the make-believe than the real world right outside her door. Almost from the moment she learned to read, she discovered the magic of books. With Nancy Drew, C.S. Lewis, or J.R.R. Tolkien as her guide, she traveled to different worlds, solved mysteries, and had breathtaking, spine-tingling adventures. Then, as a teenager, she picked up one of her mother's romances, and fell in love all over again. It was around this time she realized she was destined to be a writer. Getting completely lost in a story is still one of Tracy's favorite things to do. As an avid reader across many different genres, her to-be-read pile grows at an alarming rate, because no matter how many books she has—it's never quite enough. She's active in her local RWA chapter, plays a variety of computer games, and is seriously addicted to reality television.

**Gail Gaymer Martin** <http://www.gailmartin.com>

Multi-award-winning author Gail Gaymer Martin writes fiction for Steeple Hill and Barbour Publishing, where she was recently honored by Heartsong readers as their Favorite Author of 2008. She has forty-four contracted novels with three million books in print. Gail is the author of *Writing the Christian Romance*, a Writers Digest Books release. Her novels have received eight national and sixteen finalist awards. Gail has Bachelor and Masters degrees and post-master's classes from Wayne State University in Detroit as an educator and licensed counselor. She is a lifelong resident of Michigan and lives in Lathrup Village with her husband. Her latest novel, *Dad in Training*, will be followed by two more books in the Man's Best Friend series in February and July.

**Savannah Meade** [www.savannahmeade.com](http://www.savannahmeade.com)

Savannah Meade was born in Ohio and attended various public schools in Ohio and Michigan before graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Her first inspirations to write surfaced early in the form of poetry and short stories. Her interest in history led her to research great moments of unheralded history and fueled her desire to write about events never before developed in historical novel form.