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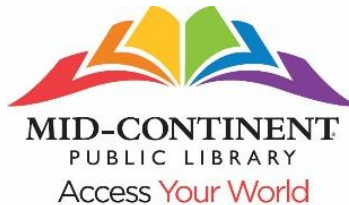
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MCPL Hosts ‘True Crime GenreCon’

Free Library Event Features True Crime Authors, Podcasters, and Journalists

Kansas City, MO – This Saturday, April 11, true crime writers and readers will come together at Mid-Continent Public Library’s Woodneath Library Center (8900 NE Flintlock Road Kansas City, Mo.) for **True Crime GenreCon**, a day dedicated to the exploration of this popular genre. Through panels, workshops, and live podcast recordings, attendees will examine the psychology of crime, discuss the ethics of true-crime storytelling, hear the voices of those with lived experience, and meet the journalists, scholars, and authors who bring these stories to light.

“Similar to our previous Romance GenreCon events, this day will offer readers and listeners a free opportunity to meet some of today’s leading storytellers and provide insights for those who aspire to become writers themselves,” said Colleen Norman, MCPL Programming and Events Manager. “While many tend to think of True Crime as a new phenomenon, we’ve long seen great interest in this genre among our patrons, and society’s fascination with true crime dates far back into history—from Jack the Ripper to notorious thieves Bonnie and Clyde. We look forward to diving into this fascinating subject with our community.”

True Crime GenreCon will offer attendees a look beyond sensational headlines into the human behavior and social systems of the world we live in and why these stories continue to captivate audiences far and wide. The event is currently full with a waitlist, but those interested in attending are encouraged to visit mymcpl.org/GenreCon to see the day’s schedule and add their names to the waitlist.

Featured presenters at True Crime GenreCon 2026 include:

- **Anthony Amore**, author of *The Rembrandt Heist* and Director of Security and Chief Investigator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- **Johnathan Walton**, internationally recognized anti-scam investigator and author of *Anatomy of a Con Artist*
- **Claire St. Amant**, longtime investigative journalist for CBS News’s *60 Minutes* and *48 Hours*, as well as the author of *Killer Story: The Truth Behind True Crime Television*

- **Artis Henderson**, author of *No Ordinary Bird: Drug Smuggling, a Plane Crash, and a Daughter's Quest for the Truth*
- **Coltan Scrivner**, psychologist and author of *Morbidly Curious: A Scientist Explains Why We Can't Look Away*
- The hosts of **Generation Why Podcast**, Aaron Habel and Justin Evans, whose weekly true crime show has over 225 million downloads
- And, the hosts of **Going to Killing City Podcast**, J. Alex Greenwood and Jamie Green, who share about Kansas City's most bizarre and historic murders.

Learn more about True Crime GenreCon at mymcpl.org/GenreCon.

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