MCPL Adds Five Authors to Story Center Speaker Series

Story Center Brings Acclaimed Authors to Woodneath Library Center for Free Programs

Kansas City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library’s Story Center is pleased to announce the upcoming lineup of authors in its ongoing Speaker Series, held at the Woodneath Library Center (8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, MO 64157).

Upcoming Story Center Speaker Series presentations include:

Danny Clinkscale, 810 Sports broadcaster
*Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. (Liberty Branch)
*This presentation will be held at MCPL’s Liberty Branch (1000 Kent St., Liberty, MO 64068)

Craig Johnson, New York Times bestselling fiction author
Thursday, September 21 | 7:00 p.m.
Join author Craig Johnson, whose book series inspired the Netflix series Longmire, to hear about his latest book in the series, The Western Star. This time a long-forgotten photograph rekindles interest in a case from early in Sheriff Walt Longmire’s career that unwinds a mystery in which past and present collide. Johnson's presentation, offered in partnership with Rainy Day Books, will be followed by a book sale and signing. Registration is required.
Shanthi Sekaran, acclaimed fiction author
Tuesday, September 26 | 7:00 p.m.
Join author Shanthi Sekaran for a discussion of her latest book, *Lucky Boy*. In the novel, Sekaran examines what defines family as two women experience the joys and despair of motherhood when they are united by their love for one lucky boy. Sekaran's talk, offered in partnership with Rainy Day Books, will be followed by a book sale and signing. Registration is required.

Colleen Hoover, *New York Times* bestselling author
Wednesday, October 4 | 7:00 p.m.
Join *New York Times* bestselling author Colleen Hoover for a discussion of her latest book, *Without Merit*. The novel delivers a powerful look into the lies and secrets that bind together the Voss family and the power of forgiveness, love, and truth. Hoover's presentation, offered in partnership with Rainy Day Books, will be followed by a book sale and signing. In order to have a book signed, you must purchase it at the event. Registration is required.

Wednesday, October 11 | 7:00 p.m.
*New York Times* bestselling author William Kent Krueger will discuss his latest novel, *Sulfur Springs*. In this latest book, Cork O'Connor and his new bride receive a disturbing voicemail that seems to be a confession of murder. Krueger’s talk, offered in partnership with Rainy Day Books, will be followed by a book sale and signing. Registration is required.

The Speaker Series has hosted many esteemed authors and writers since its inception, including Gillian Flynn and Sara Paretsky, among others. For more information about the Speaker Series, or to register for any of the above programs, visit mystorycenter.org.

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