

Summer **READING**



Kick-Off & Local Authors Festival

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Join us for a special event celebrating local authors from Gig Harbor and the Puget Sound region.



10:30 a.m. **Charlie the Noise Guy and additional children's activities**

1 p.m. **Selected readings by local authors**

2 p.m. **How to Write an Award Winning Book by E.C. Murray**

3 p.m. **Meet local authors - Learn about their books, have them signed!**



Light lunch at noon provided while supplies last.

Donations from Friends of Gig Harbor Library help support library services.

Gig Harbor Pierce County Library

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While at the library, participate in the all-ages **Read-A-Thon** from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For every hour read, your library will earn a new book!



Author Reading Schedule

1. D.L. Gardner
2. Colleen Slater
3. Jonathan Ander
4. Delphine Boswell
5. Lori Whaley
6. Lori Forrest
7. Karen Robbins
8. Linda Dawson
9. Sheri Medford
10. Michael Kemp

Each author will read for five minutes. Please hold all questions until the end. Following E.C. Murray's "How to Write an Award-Winning Book" presentation, the following authors will join us at tables around the room for book purchases, questions and signings.

Jan Walker
Albert Barlett
Mary Ann Young

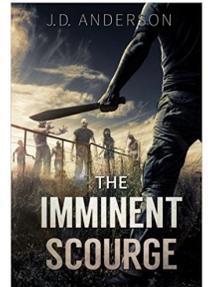


Alphabetical Listing of Authors



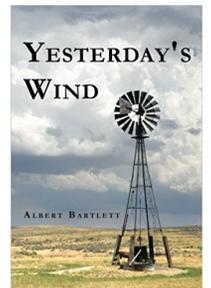
J.D. Anderson lives in the Pacific Northwest with his wife and two children, and works as a public school teacher. He has taught classes in creative writing and advanced composition, and has worked as a freelance tutor. He holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in teaching.

The Imminent Scourge: A renowned scientist's experiments in anti-aging technology produce a terrifying, unexpected result, and unleashes a contagious reanimation of the dead. A schoolteacher finds her world shattered as she defends herself at the onset of the zombie outbreak. A reformed criminal finds his religious faith challenged when he must shelter two unexpected visitors. A brother and a sister seek refuge at an army base after their father has gone missing, desperately in search of a last remnant of civilization. And a pair of gravediggers make a horrific discovery that subverts everything they thought they knew about zombies.



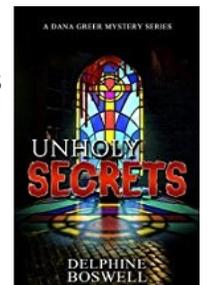
Albert Bartlett grew up on a small farm in Eastern Colorado. After graduating from the University of Colorado, Bartlett served in the Korean Conflict, returning to Colorado to teach English and coach football. After serving four years as an educator, he returned to farming, eventually relocating to Gig Harbor Washington. Albert Bartlett has written articles for several magazines. His other books include Schmidt's Legacy and McCaulley's Monster.

Yesterday's Wind: Andrew Hubbard is athletic, handsome, and intelligent. Andy's childhood is a balancing act between the academic world he loves so dearly and the farming culture surrounding him. He is on track to fulfilling his dream of becoming a doctor and marrying his high school sweetheart. World War II put the plans of a generation on hold, and Andy was no exception. After joining the United States Marines and facing a long and bloody war, Andy fights not only for his country but also for his ability to make it home to the life he treas-



Delphine Boswell

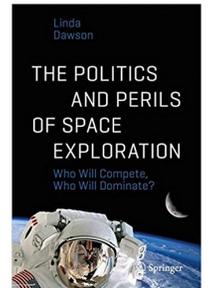
Unholy Secrets: Dana Greer, P.I. is called to a small island off the coast of Maine to solve the murder of a Holy Name Academy student whose body is found in a shallow grave. The only woman in the 1950s involved in private investigator work, Dana is running from a cold case and a failed marriage. She arrives on Cape Peril immediately immersed in the dark secrets of the island, including a woman's self-inflicted abortion, an illicit love affair between a young nun and a teacher, and a baby marketing scheme.





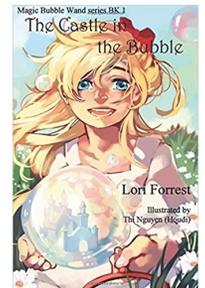
Linda Dawson has over ten years experience as an engineer in industry, having worked as an Aeronautical Flight Controller on the Space Shuttle Program at NASA in Houston and then as a Navigation and Guidance Engineer for the Boeing Space Center in Kent, Washington. She left engineering several years ago to start a new career in education. She taught and developed curriculum for mathematics, engineering and computer related courses at several colleges in the Puget Sound area including the University of Washington Seattle and the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma.

The Politics and Perils of Space Exploration: This book provides a complete overview of the “new” U. S. space program, which has changed considerably over the past 50 years. The future of space exploration has become increasingly dependent on other countries and private enterprise. Can private enterprise fill NASA's shoes and provide the same expertise, safety measures and lessons learned?



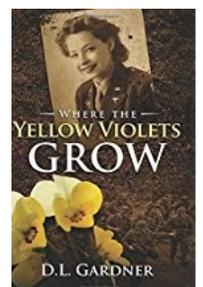
Lori Forrest has a BA in English from the University of Puget Sound. She is owner of Pencil Point Arts and Design, specializing in graphic design, photography and writing. She served for a year as president of UP for Arts, a local nonprofit that promotes public art and local artists. She lives in University Place, Washington with her four amazing children that keep her inspired day after day, and on her toes!

The Magic Bubble Wand Series: On a beautiful summer day, Erin finds herself cleaning the old attic in her grandmother's house. Amid the broken toys and dusty furniture, she finds an old bubble wand. When the bubble wand turns out to more than just an ordinary old toy, Erin is transported to new, exciting worlds.



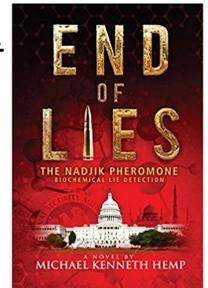
D.L. Gardner artist, author and screenwriter. She lives in Olalla and primarily writes fantasy novels including all sub genres, with a love for historical fantasy. Gardner has eight books published and has won numerous award, including the Book Excellence Award, Best Urban fantasy at Imaginarium Convention, and a host of screenings and trophies for her historical fiction screenplay Cassandra's Castle.

Where the Yellow Violets Grow: Petworth, England 1944. First Lieutenant Janet Castner is assigned to a small hospital unit when Operation Overload begins. Amid the turbulence of nursing the critically wounded GIs, her arrogant commanding officer takes her aside and asserts his love for her. Unbeknown to the major, Janet has instead sworn her love to a seriously injured infantry man, Sergeant Lou Morrissey. When the major discovers their clandestine romance, he wields his authority in order to destroy their lives forever.





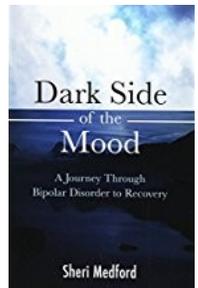
Michael Hemp was born and raised in Berkeley, California. His military career includes USAF Special Intelligence and he is a veteran of Special Operations in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnams. Hemp is the author/publisher of two books, including Cannery Row, The History of John Steinbeck's Old Ocean View Avenue. Michael now resides in Gig Harbor, Washington, with his wife, interior designer Terri Adrienne Wolfson, and his staff of two standard poodles, Devin and Sheba.



End of Lies, the Nadjik Pheromone: War correspondent Michael Wolfson's passion to end crimes against humanity leads to a scientific revolution in lie detection technology that must survive attempted destruction by powerful



Sheri Medford is a 68 year old widow and artist living in Gig Harbor. She has a masters in Psychology and Physical Education, and 20 years experience in graphic arts. She recently started a business to explore unity in diversity and community building through the arts.



Dark Side of the Mood is a creative non-fiction of the author's experience with bipolar disorder. She wrote short evocative vignettes of my emotional, mental and spiritual journey over a span of 4 decades.

It is more than one woman's story about recurrent episodic illness, but addresses the obstacles in 20th century America for those living with an invisible disability.



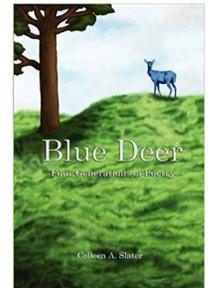
Karen S. Robbins has devoted her life to educating and entertaining children as an elementary school teacher, Romper Room television show teacher, author, publisher, book/toy designer, and inventor with a US patent. She's a right brain creator whose passion is creating books and toys for children. Her most recent publications are Think Circles (Indies Foreword Finalist), Think Triangles, Think Squares, and Flags Across America, all by Schiffer Books in PA. Karen is the award-winning author of Care For Our World and Shoe Print Art. Karen has a ME degree from UPS and BA from the UW. She loves living in "The Maritime City" of Gig Harbor.



Flags Across America: Co-authored by Dale Baskin and Karen Robbins. Published by Schiffer Books in PA. This visually rich book celebrates the U.S. flag as seen through the eyes of Americans from all walks of life including artists, athletes, aviators, former POW's, Tuskegee Airmen, Doolittle Raiders, and outer space, within the 208 pages. Packed with inspiration, history and beauty of Old Glory. Photos and author's stories from Gig Harbor are represented in the book. Endorsed by General George Babbitt of Gig Harbor.



Colleen Slater, local author, columnist and editor, has written since she could form words with a pencil in hand. Publications include a poem composed as a child, a poem sandblasted into Pt. Defiance promenade, four books, stories and poetry in anthologies and national magazines, articles and columns in The Gateway and Key Peninsula News.

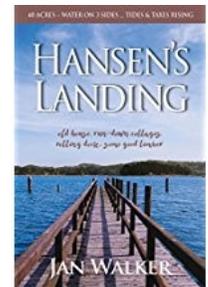


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Blue Deer: Four generations of poetry from author, a son, her mother and three grandchildren.



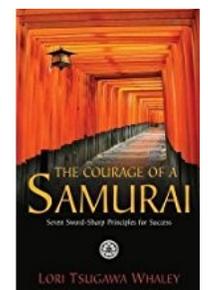
Jan Walker, long-time Gig Harbor author, is the editorial director at Plicate Press—publisher of 16 books by 11 authors. She is the author of 6 novels and 4 works of nonfiction based on her 18-year career teaching inside women’s and men’s prisons. Her prison teacher’s memoir, Dancing to the Concertina’s Tune, was named a ‘Washington Reads’ book by the State Librarian several years ago.



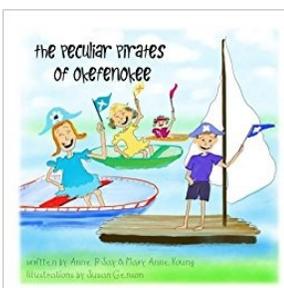
Hansen’s Landing: One woman's struggle to save family waterfront acreage from upscale development, and to save her family in the bargain. Mainstream Fiction set near Poulsbo, WA. Norwegian family and Suquamish Indian friendship.



Lori Tsugawa Whaley is an author, professional keynote speaker, and life coach. She is a third generation Japanese American baby boomer. and a descendant of the samurai warrior on a mission to empower others by applying the samurai principles to their lives.



The Courage of a Samurai: Japanese American's journey into *bushido*, the samurai's code of ethics. Each chapter features a timeless message about Japanese and Japanese Americans who applied the principles of courage, integrity, benevolence, respect, honesty, honor, and loyalty to overcome life's challenges, and emerge stronger individuals.



Mary Anne Young and Anne Say Living 2,667 miles apart can't stop this creative Grandmother-Granddaughter writing team! Mary Anne Young and her grandmother, Anne Say, had fun and adventure while exploring the world of and writing *The Peculiar Pirates of Okefenokee*. A

The Peculiar Pirates of Okefenokee: The pirate life in Okefenokee was a good life... that is until the crocodile problem showed up. Will Dock and Tixie figure out the cure in time for the annual River Festival boat race? Join the pirate kids of the Okefenokee swamp as they learn to discover the magic of kindness and forgiveness.