



BOOKFEST PA 2022



The Costume Contest 1pm-2pm

Show off your creative flair in the annual BookFest PA Costume Contest sponsored by Setsucon. Celebrate favorite fandoms by showing off costumes of the characters you love. Check in at the BookFest tent at 1pm in character for your number. Mingle around the author tents for the hour. Our judges will evaluate the costumes within the hour and announce the winners at 2pm.

Categories are:

Best In Show | Best Kids | Most Creative

Prizes include complimentary badges to Setsucon 2023, gift cards to comic/game shops, or your pick from new books and graphics novels courtesy of Schlow Library.



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BOOKS!



BookFest PA 2022

Saturday, July 16, 10am-4pm

211 S. Allen St., State College, PA

bookfestpa.schlowlibrary.org



ADULT, YA, AND COMIC AUTHORS

Kara Ballenger

Kara Ballenger is a graphic designer and illustrator. Firesphere Media is a self published graphic novel and media company that represents the LGBTQA+ community with inclusive stories and characters. We also create fan art and other commissions on all sorts of items.

Elaine Brzycki, Ed.M. and Henry G. Brzycki, Ph.D.

The Brzyckis' body of work focuses on the human condition. By exploring their lives' purposes for the past 40 years, they have created possibilities for people to create happy, healthy, and flourishing lives. They are the authors of three best-selling books, numerous articles, and coordinate personal and professional development workshops.

St. Clair Detrick-Jules

Detrick-Jules is a filmmaker, photographer, author, and activist. Her work captures personal stories and intimate moments centering on immigrant justice, women's rights and Black liberation. St. Clair is an Afro-Caribbean artist rooted in her community with work grounded in radical love, joy, and the knowledge that a more just world is possible.

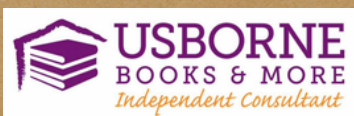
Hilary Hauck

Hilary Hauck is an Italian-speaking Brit living in the US. Called 'an extraordinary novel' by *The Midwest Book Review*, her debut novel, *From Ashes to Song*, was inspired by the true story of three Italians who immigrated to Pennsylvania 90 years before she did.

James Stein

Jame's passion for tales that transport readers to extraordinary realms began under the covers reading until 3am each night, a towel stuffed beneath his door to avoid parental censure. His writing spans speculative fiction, embraces protagonists with strong moral fiber, and advocates for the underdog.

VENDORS



CHILDREN'S AUTHORS

Cathy Breisacher

Cathy is a librarian and STEM teacher in the Hollidaysburg Area School District. She is the author of three picture books and lives in Central Pennsylvania with her husband. Together, they enjoy hiking, kayaking, and traveling.

Denise Kaminsky

Denise is a Penn State alumna, a retired Reading Specialist, and third grade teacher. She began writing to help her students with difficult words and continues to this day with the Nittany Lion as the star of her books. It is her hope to entice young and reluctant readers to improve their reading skills.

Gail Cimino-Krause

A Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators member, Gail taught Children's Literature at conferences and festivals. She served on Clear Fork's YA Advisory Board and The Rhyme Revolution Committee. *Rock Star Santa* has an international following and *RATGIRL: Song of the Viper*, was nominated for the International Reading Award and the Horn Book/Boston Globe Award.

Jacqueline Matera Nardune

Jacqueline attended Penn State University ('05) and enjoyed spending all four years as a member of the Blue Band. As a piccolo player, Jacqueline served as the Blue Band Historian. She lives with her husband, Thomas, daughter, Penelope, and dog, Daisy.

Eva Pell

Dr. Pell is a former Professor of Plant Pathology, Penn State University (1973-1999), internationally known for research on air pollution effects on vegetation. She is a member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and Board Chair of Discovery Space in State College, PA. Her children's books focus on the rescue of endangered species.

Kristen Taylor

Kristin is a lifelong horse lover, dabbling artist, and children's literature enthusiast. She lives with her husband and horses in Centre County, PA. She competes in endurance rides and competitive trail rides with her Arabian horse, Denzel, the inspiration for writing and illustrating her first children's book, *Sweet Marcel*.