

Tucson Festival of Books: Children's Schedule

Saturday, March 14, 2026

College of Education Building							College of Education Mall			Teen Area/UA Mall				
Kiva, Rm 211	Room 353	Room 351	Room 349	Room 437	Parent/Educator Room 333		Children's Stage	Story Blanket Tent	YA Author Stage	YA Workshops Library 254	Teen Interviews Library 250			
10:00 to 11:00	Books Kids Love: Read One, Get 'Em All	The Joy & Wonder of the Natural World	Writing Middle Grade Novels for Today's Readers	Cartooning Rules! A Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Paintings to Pixels	Reading Globally to Build a Better World	Desert Museum Animal Friends	10:00	Meet the Character: Pete the Cat	10:00 to 11:00	Step into the Dark Side of YA	Make It Your Own. Write a Retelling		
	John Patrick Green Megan McDonald R. L. Stine	Ellen Heck Deborah Marcero S.D. Nelson	Erin Entrada Kelly Jasmine Warga	Lars Kenseth	Brittany Cicchese	Jeanne Fain Ruth Lowery		10:30					Saraceia Fennell Cassandra James Sasha Peyton Smith	Katie Bernet
								10:45	Micah Player Itty Bitty Betty Blob					
11:30 to 12:30	Magical Worlds of Mystery and Possibility	WARRIORS Fans Unite for Fun	Researching and Writing Engaging Nonfiction	What's Your Superpower? A Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Seeing Stories Around Us	Honor Disability Voices in Children's Books	11:00 to 11:40	Tucson Girls Chorus: Labybug Singers	11:30	Cynthia Harmony Apapacho Love	11:30 to 12:30	Survival and Action in an Unfair World	Designing Amazing Characters for Video Games	
	Julie Kagawa Mari Mancusi Shannon Messenger	Sara Goetter Natalie Riess	Anne Broyles Cynthia Levinson Kadir Nelson John Parra	Tracey Baptiste	Yuyi Morales	Mary Fahrenbruck Leanna Lucero Angela Owens	12:00	Deborah Diesen & Pout-Pout Pout-Pout Fish	Hailey Alcaraz Carolina Ixta Neal Shusterman	Scott Campbell				11:30-12:30 Angeline Bouley
							Noon to 12:40	Stories that Soar						
1:00 to 2:00	Back to the Future: Traveling through Time	Home Meets Heart: The Gifts of Family	True to Self: Fit in or Stand Out?	Let's Tell a Story: A Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Ink and Watercolor	Outstanding International Books	1:00 to 1:40	Jazz Fly Storytime with Matthew Gollub	12:45	Michael Sampson Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3	1:00 to 2:00	Heart-Stopping Thrillers of Power and Control	Spoken Word Poetry	
	Ernesto Cisneros Margaret Peterson Haddix Erin Entrada Kelly	Cynthia L. Smith Steph Littlebird Cynthia Harmony Pasha Westbrook	Brittany Cicchese Lars Kenseth Micah Player Deborah Diesen	Daniel Nayeri	Deborah Marcero	Susan Polos Suzii Parsons Junko Sakoi		John Parra Viva Valenzuela!	Katie Bernet Angeline Bouley Tiffany Jackson	Idris Goodwin				12:30-1:30 Kat Cho
														1:30-2:20 Adib Khorram
2:30 to 3:30	Journey to the Lost Cities with Shannon Messenger	Animal Tales of Rescue, Courage, and Connection	Selling Your Book: How to Write a Query Letter	Draw a World on Your Head: A Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Meaning in Materials	Award-Winning Books for K-8 Readers	2:00-2:40	Mariachi Los Toritos de White Elementary School	2:30	Deborah Marcero The Great Escape	2:30 to 3:30	Living Our Truths in a Harsh World	Cartooning to Graphic Novels	
	Shannon Messenger	Katherine Applegate Michael Sampson Jasmine Warga	Hailey Alcaraz	Scott Campbell	Ellen Heck	Patrick Andrus Laura Hudock Osha Lynette Smith		Lars Kenseth Call Me Moby	Adib Khorram Sonora Reyes Cynthia Leitich Smith	Brenna Thummler				2:30-3:30 Emiko Jean
							3:00 to 3:40	Chinese Lion Dance and Traditional Music & Dance						
4:00 to 5:00	Middle Grade Carousel	WWII: War and Resistance	Voices of Indigenous History and Representation	Draw an Itty Bitty Story: A Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Oil Painting and Perspective	The Power of Story to Engage Readers	4:00 to 4:40	Ballet Folklorico Los Mextucuz	4:00	Meet the Character: Frog and Toad	4:00 to 5:00	The "Meet Cute" in RomComs	Writing as a Career	
	David Robertson, Mari Mancusi, Sara Goetter/N. Riess	Erin Entrada Kelly Daniel Nayeri Sara Pennypacker	Carole Lindstrom Steph Littlebird S. D. Nelson Pasha Westbrook	Micah Player	Kadir Nelson	Megan McDonald			Kat Cho Emiko Jean Lynn Painter	Neal Shusterman				3:30-4:30 Carolina Ixta
	Tracey Baptiste, Dusti Bowling, Karina Y. Glaser, James Ponti, Julie Kagawa, Margaret Peterson Haddix							5:00						

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

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Kiva Room 211		Room 353	Room 351	Room 349	Illustrator Studio	Parent/Educator Strand Room 333	Children's Stage		Story Blanket Tent	YA Author Stage	YA Workshops Library 254	Teen Interviews Library 250	
10:00 to 11:00	YA Author Carousel Kat Cho, Susan Dennard, Tiffany Jackson Emiko Jean	High-Stakes Action: Saving What Matters	So You Want to Write a Picturebook	Design a Dragon: Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Acrylic Techniques	Award-Winning Verse Novels and Poetry	10:30	Warriors for Justice African Dance	Meet the Character: Pete the Cat	10:00 to 11:00	Kiva - YA Author Carousel	Cartooning & Graphic Novels: YA Workshop Sara Goetter Natalie Riess	
	Cassandra James, Autumn Krause, Sunya Mara, Sasha Peyton Smith, Alexander Greengard	Tracey Baptiste James Ponti David Robertson	Monica Brown Deborah Marcero Pasha Westbrook	Mari Mancusi	John Parra	Willeena Booker April H. Wayland Junko Sakoi Jongsun Wee		Ariel Strobel Niko's Noisy Neighborhood					
11:30 to 12:30	Celebrating 100 Years of HarperCollins	Loss and Resistance: A Call to Action	A Conversation with Ruchira Gupta about Freedom Seekers	Drawing with InvestiGators: Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Unusual Materials and Mold Making	Outstanding Books about the Middle East	11:00 to 11:40	Zin! Zin! Suzuki Violin		11:30 to 12:30	Fake Dating and Second Chances: YA Rom Com	Building Worlds and Magic Systems: YA Workshop	
	Katherine Applegate, Erin Entrada Kelly, Tiffany Jackson, Raul the Third, Cynthia L. Smith	Yuyi Morales Carole Lindstrom David Roberston Monica Brown	Ruchira Gupta	John Patrick Green	Brian Lies	Abby Limmer		Deborah Diesen & Pout-Pout Pout-Pout Fish					
								Cuerdas Guitar Ensemble			Lynn Painter	Julie Kagawa	11:00-12:00 Stacey Lee
1:00 to 2:00	Journey to the House of Shivers	Facing Adversity through Courage & Connection	Creativity in the Writing Middle Grade Novels	Fun with Riddles: Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Playing with Shape and Color	Teaching with Award-Winning Nonfiction	Noon to 12:40	1:15	Yuyi Morales Little Rebels	1:00 to 2:00	Nothing is Certain: Thrill of the Unknown	Creating a Meet Cute: YA Workshop	
	R. L. Stine	Karina Yan Glaser Ruchira Gupta Dusti Bowling Ernesto Cisneros	Tracey Baptiste Sara Pennypacker Mari Mancusi	Megan McDonald	Zeke Peña	Caryl Crowell	1:00 to 1:40		Capoeira Mandinga				
							2:00		Adam Rex Echo				
2:30 to 3:30	Laugh-Out-Loud Fun in Graphic Novels	Flights of Imagination and Discovery	Tohono O'odham Culture and Life	Create a Luchador with Raul the Third: Workshop for Children	Illustrator Studio: Drawing Humans + Nature	Fostering Hope and Persistence through Story	2:00 to 2:40	Drachman Montessori Music Groups		2:30 to 3:30	Romantasy: Love, Secrets, and Betrayal	Commit to the Story: YA Workshop	
	Scott Campbell, John Patrick Green, Brenna Thummler	Brian Lies Bruce Handy Zeke Peña	Husi Cazares Kerrie Ann Cazares Linda Laird	Raul the Third	Steph Littlebird	Rosalinda Rodriguez		2:45					Leia Barrett The Odd Dog
								Illusionist Michael Howell			Autumn Krause Sunya Mara Sasah Peyton Smith	Kat Cho	1:30-2:30 Friends Tent - Angeline Boulley & Daniel Nayeri
4:00 to 5:00	On Your Mark, Get Set, Draw: Illustrator Draw-Off with Adam Rex		Alternative Routes to Publication: Tips for Authors	SCBWI: Local Resources for Aspiring Authors and Illustrators			3:00 to 3:40		Meet the Character: Bluey & Bingo	4:00 to 5:00	Golden Hour: Showcase of Youth Poets	Writing and Selling Your YA Novel: YA Workshop	
	Raul the Third Scott Campbell Steph Littlebird Brenna Thummler John Patrtek Green		Leia Barrett Antonio Farias Ariel Strobel Niki Tilicki	Lori Alexander Tanja Bauerle Sharon Skinner					4:30				Celtic Steps Irish Dance
									5:00			Susan Dennard Cassandra James Stacey Lee	