

Tucson Festival of Books: Children's Schedule

Saturday, March 14, 2026

								College of Education Building			College of Education Mall			Teen Area/UA Mall		
								Kiva	Room 353	Room 351	Room 349	Room 437	Parent/Educator Room 333	Story Children's Stage	Story Blanket Tent	YA Author Stage
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				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					10:00 to 11:00	Saraceia Fennell Cassandra James Sasha Peyton Smith	Katie Bernet	
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	Tucson Girls Chorus: Labybug Singers	11:30	Cynthia Harmony Apapacho Love				Survival and Action in an Unfair World	Designing Amazing Characters for Video Games	11:30-12:30	Angeline Boulley
	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				11:30 to 12:30	Hailey Alcaraz Carolina Ixta Neal Shusterman	Scott Campbell	
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	Stories that Soar	12:45	Michael Sampson Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3				Heart-Stopping Thrillers of Power and Control	Spoken Word Poetry	12:30-1:30	Kat Cho
	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		1:00 to 1:40	Jazz Fly Storytime with Matthew Gollub	1:30	John Parra Viva Valenzuela!		1:00 to 2:00	Katie Bernet Angeline Boulley Tiffany Jackson	Idris Goodwin	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	Mariachi Los Toritos de White Elementary School	2:30	Deborah Marcero The Great Escape				Living Our Truths in a Harsh World	Cartooning to Graphic Novels	2:30-3:30	Emiko Jean
	Shannon Messenger	Katherine Applegate Michael Sampson Jasmine Warga	Hailey Alcaraz	Scott Campbell	Ellen Heck	Patrick Andrus Laura Hudock Osha Lynette Smith		3:00 to 3:40	Chinese Lion Dance and Traditional Music & Dance					Brenna Thummel		
4:00 to 5:00	Middle Grade Carousel David Robertson, Mari Mancusi, Sara Goetter/N. Riess Tracey Baptiste, Dusti Bowling, Karina Y. Glaser, James Ponti, Julie Kagawa, Margaret Peterson Haddix	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	Meet the Character: Frog and Toad				The "Meet Cute" in RomComs	Writing as a Career	3:30-4:30	Carolina Ixta
		Erin Entrada Kelly Daniel Nayeri Sara Pennypacker	Carole Lindstrom Steph Littlebird S. D. Nelson Pasha Westbrook	Micah Player	Kadir Nelson	Megan McDonald		4:00 to 4:40	Ballet Folklorico Los Mextucaz	4:30				Kat Cho Emiko Jean Lynn Painter	Neal Shusterman	4:30-5:30 Saraceia Fennell

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

College of Education Building									College of Education Mall				Main Mall/Teens							
Kiva Room 211			Room 353		Room 351		Room 349		Illustrator Studio		Parent/Educator Strand Room 333		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 Cassandra James, Autumn Krause, Sunya Mara, Sasha Peyton Smith, Alexander Greengaard	High-Stakes Action: Saving What Matters Tracey Baptiste James Ponti David Robertson	So You Want to Write a Picturebook Monica Brown Deborah Marcero Pasha Westbrook	Design a Dragon: Workshop for Children Mari Mancusi	Illustrator Studio: Acrylic Techniques John Parra	Award-Winning Verse Novels and Poetry Willeena Booker April H. Wayland Junko Sakoi Jongsun Wee	Warriors for Justice African Dance	10:30 11:30	Meet the Character: Pete the Cat Ariel Strobel Niko's Noisy Neighborhood	10:00 to 11:00	Kiva - YA Author Carousel Sara Goetter Natalie Riess	Cartooning & Graphic Novels: YA Workshop Sara Goetter Natalie Riess								
11:30 to 12:30	Celebrating 100 Years of HarperCollins Katherine Applegate, Erin Entrada Kelly, Tiffany Jackson, Raul the Third, Cynthia L. Smith	Loss and Resistance: A Call to Action Yuyi Morales Carole Lindstrom David Robertson Monica Brown	A Conversation with Ruchira Gupta about Freedom Seekers Ruchira Gupta	Drawing with InvestiGators: Workshop for Children John Patrick Green	Illustrator Studio: Unusual Materials and Mold Making Brian Lies	Outstanding Books about the Middle East Abby Limmer	11:00 to 11:40 12:00 Noon to 12:40	Zin! Zin! Suzuki Violin Deborah Diesen & Pout-Pout Pout-Pout Fish Cuerdas Guitar Ensemble	1:15 1:30 to 12:30	Fake Dating and Second Chances: YA Rom Com Lynn Painter	Building Worlds and Magic Systems: YA Workshop Julie Kagawa	11:00-12:00 Stacey Lee								
1:00 to 2:00	Journey to the House of Shivers R. L. Stine	Facing Adversity through Courage & Connection Karina Yan Glaser Ruchira Gupta Dusti Bowling Ernesto Cisneros	Creativity in the Writing Middle Grade Novels Tracey Baptiste Sara Pennypacke	Fun with Riddles: Workshop for Children Megan McDonald	Illustrator Studio: Playing with Shape and Color Zeke Peña	Teaching with Award-Winning Nonfiction Caryl Crowell	1:00 to 1:40 2:00 to 2:40	Yuyi Morales Little Rebels Capoeira Mandinga	1:15 2:00	Nothing is Certain: Thrill of the Unknown Susan Dennard Stacey Lee Neal Shusterman	Creating a Meet Cute: YA Workshop Emiko Jean	12:00-12:50 Susan Dennard 1:00-2:00 Autumn Krause								
2:30 to 3:30	Laugh-Out-Loud Fun in Graphic Novels Scott Campbell, John Patrick Green, Brenna Thummel	Flights of Imagination and Discovery Brian Lies Bruce Handy Zeke Peña	Tohono O'odham Culture and Life Husi Cazares Karri Ann Cazares Linda Laird	Create a Luchador with Raul the Third: Workshop for Children Raul the Third	Illustrator Studio: Drawing Humans + Nature Steph Littlebird	Fostering Hope and Persistence through Story Rosalinda Rodriguez	2:00 to 2:40 3:00 to 3:40	Drachman Montessori Music Groups Leia Barrett The Odd Dog Illusionist Michael Howell	2:45 3:30 4:30	Romantasy: Love, Secrets, and Betrayal Autumn Krause Sunya Mara Sasah Peyton Smith	Commit to the Story: YA Workshop 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 Raul the Third Scott Campbell Steph Littlebird Brenna Thummel John Patrick Green		Alternative Routes to Publication: Tips for Authors Leia Barrett Antonio Farias Ariel Strobel Niki Tilicki	SCBWI: Local Resources for Aspiring Authors and Illustrators Lori Alexander Tanja Bauerle Sharon Skinner			4:00 to 5:00	Meet the Character: Bluey & Bingo Celtic Steps Irish Dance	4:30 5:00	Golden Hour: Showcase of Youth Poets Susan Dennard Cassandra James Stacey Lee	Writing and Selling Your YA Novel: YA Workshop Susan Dennard Cassandra James Stacey Lee									