

9:15 am – **ROTUNDA – OPENING CEREMONY | PARADE of CHARACTERS (Come as your favorite character or Super S/Hero)**

10 am – 6 pm: **CHILDREN'S SQUARE** [ACTION SUITE] - Author Readings & Youth Activities: Make Your Own Book - Bookcover Puzzles - Origami Bookmarks; Face Painter: Ruth Rodriguez; Poly Printers [3D printer manufacturer]

Reading Corners

10:30 am - Judy Lowe [*The Little White Light*] | 11:30 am - Jasoe Sharpe [*My ABCs of Africa*] | 12:30 pm - Larry Simmons, Jr. [*Flying Above Expectations*] | 1 pm - **V.I.P. Reader**, Hon. Nicole Collier [*Chika Chika Boom Boom*] | 1:45 pm - Jessica Tilley [*Black, Bright, Light, Black*] | 2:15 pm - P.G. Shriver [*Sally the Travelin' Artist* w/Sally the puppet reading] | 2:45 pm - **V.I.P. Reader**, Hon. Kelley Allen Gray [Ron's Big Mission].

CHILDREN'S SQUARE MAIN STAGE

10 am & 1 pm for ages 7-12; 2 pm for ages 13-18 – **Soul Rep Theatre Mini-Theater Boot Camp**: Is Your Child 'Full of Drama'? Put them on our stage! Intro to youth acting. Boost your child's self-confidence and creativity through a few simple exercises.

11 am – **The Science Behind the Story** – George Goldthwaite/*Survival on Mystery Mesa*. Interactive presentation includes experiments relating to air pressure, creating lift, aerodynamic flow, as well as density and its effect on buoyancy. Sure to engage, entertain and enlighten fifth through 8th grade students. Volunteers needed!

12 pm – **Lucho Libro** – derived from Lucha Libre [free fight], Mexican professional wrestling, offers a novel approach to entice youth to read and enjoy it more. The BookFest *Luchadores* – wrestlers – would rather 'read than rumble'! Written for BookFest's younger visitors by Arlington author Richard J. Gonzales, patrons of all ages will be entertained with this fight for literacy!

3 pm – **Writing S.W.A.G.** – Fort Worth ISD Fort Worth After School essayist in Grades 3-5 & 6-8 write about *a unique aspect of their family's culture that is special to them, they annually celebrate, and they invite others to celebrate with them*. Authors Belinda Mays (focusing remarks on grades 3-4), *Storytelling Enhances Your Public Speaking* and Madeline Smoot (focusing remarks on grades 5-8) *Make Your Plots Perk!*, will talk with students from perspectives in their stories.

WIN - 4030

11 am – **Pursuing a People's History in Texas in an Era of White Denial** – E. R. Bills, author of *The 1910 Slocum Massacre: An Act of Genocide in East Texas*. As a result of the work done by decendants and others to never forget, the first (and currently only) Texas historical marker that specifically acknowledges racial violence against African Americans in East Texas, July 29, 1910 was erected.

12 pm – **When Real Work Becomes a Page-Turning Vocation** – Sage Webb/*The Unremarkable Circumstances of Inmate 17656-090*, former federal criminal-defense attorney with the Office of the Federal Public Defender, now in private practice with cases before the Supreme Court & D.M. O'Neal /*Shambles*, former Senior Forensic Scientist for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

1 pm – **Family Scribes: Writing Memories for Your Family Tree** - Linda Jones, The Writing Doula and author of the book by the same name, promotes writing and storytelling for perserving family history will preview the memory-stimulating game activity from her book. Fun and entertaining!

2 pm – **Writing with Voice** – DFWWriters Workshop - In this panel discussion, award-winning authors will discuss how voice is vital to an engaging story : Antonia Williams-Gray; Rosemary Clemet Moore, A. Lee Martinez; Constance Verity

3 pm – **Writing For Way Out Thinking** - Van Allen/*Zombie Outbreak Survival: Make America Zombie Free Again* – Zombie Fantasy; Gregory Morris/*DNA:The Sequel to HNIC – Sci-Fi/Historical Fiction/Mystery*; P.J.Hoover/*Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life* – Science Fiction Fantasy for young people.

CONNECT - 4102

11 am – **Author Spotlight** – Kathy Waller/*Murder on Wheel – Crime Fiction*; Kimberly Packard-Walton/*Prospera Pass – Women’s Fiction*; Tabi Slick/*The Tompkin's School Trilogy* – paranormal/History/fantasy.

2 pm – **Author Spotlight** – Addison Brae/*Becker Circle* – contemporary romance; Shantuan Coleman Taylor, PhD, *I have a PhD, Now What?* - pluses for continuing one’s education, and Blaise Ramsey, *Blessing of Luna* - adult paranormal romance.

POWER - 4012

12 pm – **From the Outside, On the Fringe: Journeys within the American Mosaic** - Stories of the "American Dream" from history, for our contemporary times: From the Outside, quintessential immigrant `documentary`, Ben Amor [*The Urban Shepherd*]; On the Fringe, this tale of historical fiction/reality by J.C. Villegas [*Journey of a Cotton Blossom*] traces decades of a family's experiences among the disaffected and marginalized.

2 pm – **Self Fulfilling: Living a Life of the Spirit's Willing** – Brenda Murphy /*Forgetting Former Things – The Power of Letting Go!*; Kimberly Dewberry/*Three Weeks to Forgiveness*; Charolette Canion/*You Have to Laugh to Keep From Crying, Self-help Spiritual*.

ENERGY AUDITORIUM – 4002

11am – **Nuestros Cuentos/Our Stories** – Culturally contemporary Latinx authors share passages from their published works and entertain audience discussion. The panel is led by Richard J. Gonzales, with Juan Perez, Ofelia Garza Faz, Virginia Alanis, and Sylvana Avila Alonzo.

1 pm – **The Hate U Give: A Community Conversation** MC Mike Guinn, Poets Christopher Michael, Sin, and Tarif will punctuate the conversation on the uneasy balance between the worlds in which our youth live – home and school are often shattered by the realities of life they witness daily, as displayed in the movie.

4 pm – **Movies That Matter** - *American Denial* explores how we assiduously blind ourselves to reconfirming racial injustices and examines the ways in which we deny or rationalize biases and practices that violate our bedrock beliefs; w/45-min Community Conversation.